

BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1125002

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06166971](#)

Registered 2008-07-15

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

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY:A) THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRUDENT USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA,B) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, ANDC) THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REGENERATION, PARTICULARLY IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN SUBJECTS RELATED TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROTECTION, ENHANCEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROMOTE STUDY AND RESEARCH IN SUCH SUBJECTS PROVIDED THAT THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH STUDY ARE DISSEMINATED TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.3) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN SUBJECTS RELATED TO PEACE MOVEMENTS, THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF WAR, AND THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICTS."SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" MEANS "DEVELOPMENT THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS".

Activities: BPEC is an Education Centre focusing on peace and environmental issues. We work with community groups, schools, local businesses & other organisations. We run courses for teachers on integrating global citizenship into the curriculum. Our comprehensive library has over 2,000 books and teaching packs. We provide information on local, national and international campaigns, projects and organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Brighton And Hove
- East Sussex
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,897	£54,190	-	-
2024-03-31	£62,427	£41,013	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,890	£41,013	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,024	£20,063	-	-
2021-03-31	£42,890	£25,383	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hayley Christine Franco		2018-12-03
Krishnan Vaidyanathan		2023-10-17
Linda Margaret Austin		
MICHAEL JOHN BUTLER		2014-01-15

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No. 1125022

COMPANY REGISTRATION No. 06166971

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1125002
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	6166971
LEGAL STATUS	Incorporated Charity
DATE OF INCORPORATION	19th March 2007
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2024
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2025
DIRECTORS AT 31ST MARCH 2025	Linda Austin Michael Butler Hayley Franco Krishnan Vaidyanathan
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Memorandum & Articles of Association Dated 19th March 2007

OBJECTS

1) to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

- a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area,
- b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area, and
- c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area.

2) to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.

3) to advance the education of the public in subjects related to peace movements, the causes and effects of war and the peaceful settlement of conflicts.

Note: "Sustainable development" means "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

REGISTERED ADDRESS	Brighton Eco Centre 39-41 Surrey Street Brighton, BN1 3PB
PRIMARY BANKERS	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling, ME19 4JQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Robin Headlam ACPA Partners In Enterprise Ltd 9 St Georges Place Brighton, BN1 4GB

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

The Trustees of the Brighton Peace and Environment Centre (BPEC) are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

1. Organisational Structure and Management

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee; it was incorporated on 19th March 2007 and registered as a charity on 15th July 2008.

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre was established under a Memorandum of Association, which describes the objects and powers of the charitable company; it is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the Trustees are elected by quorum at the annual general meeting. The quorum consists of at least two Members entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting or one tenth of the total membership, whichever is the greater.

The Members have guaranteed to contribute a maximum of £1 each in the event of the company being wound up.

All members of the Trustee Board give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 2 to the accounts.

1.1 Governance and decision-making

The Board of Trustees governs Brighton Peace and Environment Centre and meets at least 6 times a year to discuss and review strategy, planning, development and financial matters. Additional working groups and committees are convened for specific purposes between meetings. Day-to-day management of the organisation is delegated to the staff.

1.2 Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of trustees

Skills audits of the existing Trustees are undertaken to identify whether there are any skill gaps. When vacancies arise, the Trustees look to individuals who have expressed an interest in our work.

1.3 Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the duties set out in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit. In particular the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to the overall aims and objectives that they have set.

The Trustees believe that the following paragraphs, specifically on the "Objectives and Activities" and "Achievement and Performance" for the year, relate in detail to the benefit that the charity provides to the public.

2. Objectives and Activities

2.1 Objects

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2.2 Main activities

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre aims are to work towards a just, peaceful and sustainable world. Our programme activities fall into two main areas:

- 1) Working with community groups to raise awareness about climate change and provide practical support to reduce carbon emissions, make sustainable choices and engage in dialogue about global concerns;
- 2) Providing information for local residents about peace and environment issues, to empower them to have a positive impact at local and global levels;

3. Achievements and Performance in 2024/25

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre delivers a number of projects to realise its objects fostering peace and engaging the local community around climate change and other environmental issues. These projects are supported mostly through the efforts of trained volunteers and grant funding from trusts..

3.1 Reforest in Brighton

The aim of Reforest Brighton is to support the development of long-term climate action in the city. The focus is to support initiatives so that the natural landscape can more readily absorb or sequester CO2 from the atmosphere. We offer free training to local groups to identify, assess and agree restoration and planting projects including how to raise funds to resource and sustain initiatives.

There are 3,160 acres of green space within the city's boundaries including Downland farms, parks and green open spaces, eight nature reserves plus gardens and allotments. Reforest Brighton celebrates the importance of community-led climate action and encourages people to get directly involved with practical projects in their communities.

3.2 Sustainable Fashion Week

In 2024 Brighton Fashion Collective, a project group backed by BPEC, developed out of Sustainable Fashion Week 2023 and has expanded into its current form. Delivering a varied programme of sustainable fashion activities throughout the year. The project collaborated with One Garden Brighton to deliver a panel event at the Sustainability Festival in April 2024 and launched the Brighton Fashion Collective website in July to support year-round public engagement. In August, the project secured funding from LUSH Charity Pot and partnered with LUSH Hair Lab to host a community clothes swap.

Sustainable Fashion Week 2024, delivered under the Brighton Fashion Collective project, built on the success of the previous year and further established Brighton as a leading hub for the sustainable fashion movement. The week-long programme included a sold-out launch party, two panel talks and a flagship day at the Brighton Dome. New initiatives included a styling corner at the clothes swap, where a local sustainable stylist supported attendees to restyle their wardrobes, and a beach clean that removed five bags of rubbish while promoting a local designer's sustainable swimwear launch. A major development was the strengthened collaboration with Brighton MET College, which has formally embedded

Sustainable Fashion Week into the curriculum of several of its fashion courses. The event engaged more than 2,000 attendees, amplified the work of over 50 local designers and makers and was sponsored by LUSH, Janome and Small Batch Coffee, alongside media coverage from ITV News.

Further activity included a Christmas Clothes Swap run by BPEC volunteers in December 2024, a public clothes swap delivered in partnership with Churchill Square Shopping Centre in February 2025, and a commissioned clothes swap for a corporate away-day in March 2025, demonstrating the project's capacity for external collaboration. Supported by BPEC in collaboration with Sew Fabulous CIC, and strengthened by partnerships with local organisations and stakeholders, the project continued to expand public engagement with sustainable and circular fashion, contributing to environmental awareness, waste reduction, community education and the visibility of local makers.

3.3 Energywise

Energywise continued to address fuel poverty across Brighton & Hove during 2024/25. Work focused on supporting households on low incomes particularly those accessing food banks, social supermarkets and school holiday lunch clubs in Moulsecoomb, Bevendean and Coldean. The project produced and distributed an energy-saving information leaflet, providing guidance on reducing household bills, accessing benefits and applying for schemes such as Southern Water's Social Tariff and LEAP home-energy advice visits.

Through partner organisations, BPEC distributed free LED lightbulbs and energy-efficient kitchen appliances, including slow cookers and air fryers, enabling households to reduce energy use and prepare meals more affordably. 450 residents benefited from the project during the year, supported by eight volunteers, seven of whom were new to the charity.

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Households reported improved ability to manage energy costs and, in some cases, increased income resulting from better awareness of benefits and debt-management options. BPEC intends to seek further funding to continue Energywise into the future.

3.4 Out of Gas

Out of Gas is a collaboration between Brighton Peace & Environment Centre and Low Carbon Trust. The project continued developing a community lead plan to guide the transition from natural gas to renewable electricity for heating homes and workplaces. The focus is on helping Brighton & Hove achieve its net zero goals by providing up-to-date information and practical advice around alternatives to gas boilers such as heat pumps and finance. Gas is a major contributor to global emissions with the added problem of methane leaks. In the years ahead the sale of gas boilers will end and everyone needs independent advice to make the right choices.

During the year we continued to engage with local experts, utilities and the Council to identify the likely pathways to a greener future. The Out of Gas plan will involve web based and other digital communications about how the city can transition away from gas in the years ahead.

3.5 Peace Activities

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre has a strong history of supporting peace initiatives and our library includes a comprehensive collection of books addressing peace and conflict resolution issues. We have covered the anti war protests at Wild Park in our blogs and social media posts and will continue to develop this important area of our work in the years to come.

3.6 Breathe in Brighton

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre is leading this campaign to improve air quality in Brighton & Hove. We are working with a range of partners including the Council, Sustrans and Brighton University to achieve measurable reductions in air pollution. Evidence has shown that air pollution at even low levels exacerbates the symptoms of underlying illnesses such as respiratory disease and asthma, making poor air quality specifically dangerous to sensitive populations. So far we have organised public meetings to raise awareness and continued to engage with the Council on specific issues such as changes to the Low Emission Zone in the centre of the city.

3.7 Refill Brighton

Refill targets cafes, pubs and other publicly accessible venues to promote reusable water bottle refills. Brighton Peace & Environment Centre commenced the delivery of Refill Brighton & Hove in collaboration with City to Sea. Each outlet receives a window sticker and poster to show their involvement and is placed on the national City to Sea Refill app by Brighton Peace & Environment Centre volunteers. People can download then access the national Refill app and find their closest Refill station where they can obtain free tap water without making a purchase.

3.8 Volunteering Programme

Volunteering continued to play a central role in our work throughout 2024/25, with BPEC supported by a committed group of around 70 volunteers across our projects and events. Their contribution strengthened the organisation's capacity, expanded its reach, and enabled us to deliver activities that would not otherwise be possible. The largest volunteering commitment remained our partnership at the Glastonbury Festival, where BPEC forms part of a long-standing collaboration with Friends of the Earth, CND and other environmental organisations to staff secure property lockups across the festival site. In 2024 our volunteers operated two and a half lockups, assisted with the volunteer kitchen and supported a donations-based phone-charging point, as well as providing coach travel from Brighton and London for several hundred passengers. Volunteers contributed more than 2,100 hours during the festival itself, with many giving further time beforehand to prepare food, manage equipment, coordinate logistics and support volunteer administration. The Glastonbury partnership remains the charity's most important source of unrestricted income, contributing around 70% of BPEC's total incoming resources for the year and helping to sustain our core operations.

Volunteers also played an important role in Sustainable Fashion Week 2024 providing practical support across multiple venues and roles. Their contribution amounted to approximately 1,460 volunteer hours, helping to engage more than 2,000 attendees and support over 50 local designers and makers. While not a fundraising activity, Sustainable Fashion Week advances BPEC's wider charitable purpose to promote sustainable and ethical practices, with any proceeds retained specifically for future sustainable fashion initiatives undertaken under the Brighton Fashion Collective umbrella.

Across all activities, volunteers continue to underpin BPEC's work, contributing time, skills and energy with generosity

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and commitment. Their involvement enables the charity to maintain its core operations and deliver a diverse programme of community-focused environmental initiatives.

4. Financial Review

The accounts declared in this report have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities (SORP2005) and with relevant companies and charities legislation and regulations. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 11 shows BPEC's income from all sources and how this was expended, and the split of activity between restricted and unrestricted funds.

4.1 Overview

The year ended 31st March 2025 ended with a surplus of £1,863. Reserves stood at £23,205 of un-restricted funds.

Total incoming resources for 2024/25 amounted to £55,897 compared to £62,427 in the previous year. Total expenditure for 2024/25 was £54,190 compared to £53,561 in 2023/24.

In line with SORP 2005, expenditure is analysed into three main categories; charitable activities, governance of the charity and costs of generating funds. Charitable activities comprise the main work of the charity. Expenditure on charitable activities was £51,204 compared to £50,800 in 2023/24.

4.2 Reserves Policy

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed however to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of BPEC's operations. BPEC's policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves, which equate to three months expenditure of the charity. At 31st March 2025 there were reserves of £23,205.

The Board of Trustees continues to monitor the level of reserves quarterly and takes appropriate action if reserves fall outside the desired range.

5. Plans for the future

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre continues to operate in a challenging funding environment with the cost of living crisis making it difficult to secure donations and grants. Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is a founding member and is based in the Brighton Eco Centre located opposite Brighton Station. During the year we have provided deskspace to Sussex Prisoners' Families and have recently opened a free hotdesk for small and emerging environmental organisations.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

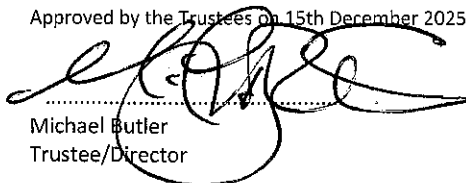
Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently and observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 15th December 2025 and signed on their behalf by :


Michael Butler
Trustee/Director

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/25 £	TOTAL 2023/24 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources From Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	3a	7,367	4,140	11,507	10,495
Charitable Activities	3b	44,343	-	44,343	51,891
Investment Income	3c	47	-	47	41
Other Incoming Resources	3d	-	-	-	-
		51,757	4,140	55,897	62,427
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	51,205	-	51,205	50,800
Cost of Generating Funds	4b	994	-	994	1,044
Governance Costs	4c	1,991	-	1,991	1,717
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		54,190	-	54,190	53,561
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(2,433)	4,140	1,707	8,866
Total Funds Brought Forward		21,342	-	21,342	12,476
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		18,909	4,140	23,049	21,342

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the charity's operations are classed as ongoing.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL Mar-25 £	31- TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	701	-	701	525
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	7	4,429	-	4,429	10,313
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6	24,492	-	24,492	25,398
Total Current Assets		28,921	-	28,921	35,711
Creditors: due within one year	8	6572.00	-	6572.00	14,894
NET CURRENT ASSETS		22,349	-	22,349	20,817
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		23,050	-	23,050	21,342
NET ASSETS		23,050	-	23,050	21,342
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		18,909	-	18,909	12,476
Restricted Funds	5	4,140	-	4,140	-
		23,049	-	23,049	12,476

Directors Responsibilities

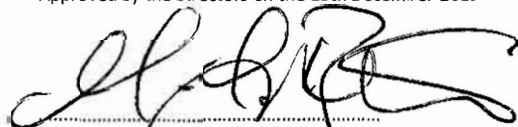
The directors are satisfied that for the year ended 31st March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 16.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards.

The director acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on the 15th December 2025


Signed on their behalf by Michael Butler

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

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. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Legal Status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (Valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation has been calculated on a reducing balance basis. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Equipment	25%
Computer Equipment	25%

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Unrestricted Equipment £	Restricted Equipment £	Total 2024/25 £
Cost	01-Apr-24	4,563	-	4,563
Additions		410	-	410
Cost at	31-Mar-25	4,973	-	4,973
Depreciation	01-Apr-24	4,038	-	4,038
Charge		234	-	234
Depreciation at	31-Mar-25	4,272	-	4,272
Net Book Value	31-Mar-25	701	-	701
Net Book Value	31-Mar-24	525	-	525

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases, capital commitments, contingent liabilities are nil.

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-25 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £
a) Donations & Legacies				
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	7,367	-	7,367	10,495
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	4,140	4,140	-
	7,367	4,140	11,507	10,495
b) Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising Events	41,795	-	41,795	49,099
Membership Subscriptions	548	-	548	622
Room Hire	2,000	-	2,000	2,170
Training Events	-	-	-	-
	44,343	-	44,343	51,891
c) Investment Income				
Interest	47	-	47	41
	47	-	47	41
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 31-Mar-25	TOTAL 31-Mar-24
	£	£	£	£
a) Costs of Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	30,444	-	30,444	32,073
Cleaning Costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance Costs	1,836	-	1,836	718
Office Costs	1,330	-	1,330	1,065
Printing, Postage and Stationery	93	-	93	82
Rent & Rates	9,556	-	9,556	7,251
Salaries & Wages	7,919	-	7,919	9,172
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	-
Telephone Costs	20	-	20	157
Volunteers Expenses	7	-	7	282
	51,205	-	51,205	50,800
b) Cost of Generating Funds				
Fundraising Event Costs	994	-	994	1,044
	994	-	994	1,044
c) Governance Costs				
Bank Charges	591	-	591	497
Depreciation	234	-	234	135
Legal & Professional Fees	1,166	-	1,166	1,085
	1,991	-	1,991	1,717

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR	Balance 01-Apr-24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-25 £
National Lottery	-	-	-	-	-
Brighton & Hove Council	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR	Balance 01-Apr-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-24 £
National Lottery	-	-	-	-	-
Brighton & Hove Council	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

The restricted funds of the charity are wholly represented by cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Cash at Bank and in hand	24,647	-	24,647	25,398
	24,647	-	24,647	25,398

7. DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Prepayments	-	-	-	8,400
Sundry Debtors	4,429	-	4,429	1,913
	4,429	-	4,429	10,313

8. CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
Deferred Income	6,880	-	6,880	6,997
PAYE & NI	-1	0	-1	9
Sundry Creditors	-307	0	-307	7,888
	6572	0	6572	14,894

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9. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	7,919	9,172
Employers National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	<u>7,919</u>	<u>9,172</u>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	2024/25	2023/24
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects	1	1

The charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 pa (2019/20: None)

10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT ON CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The company is Limited by Guarantee and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1125002. The Charity does not have a share capital and has no income subject to Corporation Tax.

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Surplus / Deficit for the period	1,707	8,866
Balance Brought Forward	21,342	12,476
Closing Funds at 31st March 2025	<u>23,049</u>	<u>21,342</u>

11. PAYMENTS TO DIRECTORS & RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to Directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the charity and the Directors or any person connected with them.

12. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

13. RESERVES POLICY

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed however to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of Brighton Peace and Environment Centre's operations. Brighton Peace and Environment Centre's policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves which equate to three months expenditure of the charity. As at 31st March 2020 there was more than three months of reserves at current spending levels.

14. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
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Report to the trustees/ members of Brighton Peace and Environment Centre on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees are satisfied that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

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.

Robin E Headlam ACPA
Partners In Enterprise Ltd
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Dated: 15th December 2025

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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CHARITY REGISTRATION No. 1125022

COMPANY REGISTRATION No. 06166971

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1125002
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	6166971
LEGAL STATUS	Incorporated Charity
DATE OF INCORPORATION	19th March 2007
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2023
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2024
DIRECTORS AT 31ST MARCH 2023	Linda Austin Michael Butler Hayley Franco Krishnan Vaidyanathan (appointed 17th October 2023) David Fielder (resigned 26th February 2024)
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Memorandum & Articles of Association Dated 19th March 2007

OBJECTS

1) to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

- a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area,
- b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area, and
- c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area.

2) to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.

3) to advance the education of the public in subjects related to peace movements, the causes and effects of war and the peaceful settlement of conflicts.

Note: "Sustainable development" means "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

REGISTERED ADDRESS	Brighton Eco Centre 39-41 Surrey Street Brighton, BN1 3PB
PRIMARY BANKERS	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling, ME19 4JQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Robin Headlam ACPA Partners In Enterprise Ltd 9 St Georges Place Brighton, BN1 4GB

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

The Trustees of the Brighton Peace and Environment Centre (BPEC) are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

1. Organisational Structure and Management

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee; it was incorporated on 19th March 2007 and registered as a charity on 15th July 2008.

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre was established under a Memorandum of Association, which describes the objects and powers of the charitable company; it is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the Trustees are elected by quorum at the annual general meeting. The quorum consists of at least two Members entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting or one tenth of the total membership, whichever is the greater.

The Members have guaranteed to contribute a maximum of £1 each in the event of the company being wound up.

All members of the Trustee Board give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 2 to the accounts.

1.1 Governance and decision-making

The Board of Trustees governs Brighton Peace and Environment Centre and meets at least 6 times a year to discuss and review strategy, planning, development and financial matters. Additional working groups and committees are convened for specific purposes between meetings. Day-to-day management of the organisation is delegated to the staff.

1.2 Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of trustees

Skills audits of the existing Trustees are undertaken to identify whether there are any skill gaps. When vacancies arise, the Trustees look to individuals who have expressed an interest in our work.

1.3 Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the duties set out in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit. In particular the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to the overall aims and objectives that they have set.

The Trustees believe that the following paragraphs, specifically on the "Objectives and Activities" and "Achievement and Performance" for the year, relate in detail to the benefit that the charity provides to the public.

2. Objectives and Activities

2.1 Objects

1) to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

- a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area,
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2.2 Main activities

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre aims are to support Sussex residents to understand the links between their own lives and actions and those of others, and contribute to a just, peaceful and sustainable world. Our programme activities fall into two main areas:

- 1) Working with community groups to raise awareness about climate change and provide practical support to reduce carbon emissions, make sustainable choices and to engage in dialogue about global concerns;
- 2) Providing information for local residents about peace and environment issues, to enable them to have a positive impact at local and global levels;

3. Achievements and Performance in 2023/24

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre delivers a number of projects to realise its objects fostering peace and engaging the local community around climate change and other environmental concerns. These projects are supported mostly through the efforts of trained volunteers and grant funding from trusts.

3.1 Reforest in Brighton

The aim of Reforest Brighton is to support climate action in the city. The focus is to support initiatives so that the natural landscape can more readily absorb or sequester CO² from the atmosphere. Over the year we delivered training to local groups to identify, assess and agree restoration and planting projects including how to raise funds to resource and sustain initiatives. Reforest Brighton celebrates the importance of community-led climate action and encourages people to get directly involved with practical projects in their communities.

3.2 Sustainable Fashion Week

Sustainable Fashion Week (SFW) 2023 marked a significant milestone as Brighton hosted its first hub for this international movement promoting sustainable fashion practices. The week-long event featured a diverse programme, including workshops, panel talks, a vibrant pop-up market, and a revolutionary runway show at the Brighton Dome, drawing over 2,500 attendees. Highlights included over 700 garments swapped in the clothes swap, the *Rewear, Relearn, and Remake* runway segments showcasing vintage, student, and sustainable designs, and hands-on workshops that taught valuable skills like mending and upcycling. Collaborations with organisations like Brighton MET College and Sew Fabulous enhanced community involvement and education, embedding sustainability into local initiatives. Media coverage from outlets such as *The Independent* and ITV Meridian helped amplify the event's message, while the participation of local designers, makers, and charities further strengthened Brighton's role as a hub for sustainable fashion. SFW 2023 successfully inspired the community to embrace more ethical and conscious consumption practices.

3.3 Energywise

Energywise addresses fuel poverty in Brighton and Hove. We empower vulnerable residents to manage their energy use and reduce bills. During the year we worked with food banks to provide energy efficient appliances to those at the highest risk of fuel poverty. In the midst of a cost of living crisis the work of Energywise is more important than ever.

3.4 Out of Gas

Out of Gas involves developing a city-wide community lead plan to guide the transition from natural gas to renewable electricity for heating homes and workplaces. The focus is on helping Brighton & Hove achieve its net zero goals by providing up-to-date information and practical advice around alternatives to gas boilers such as heat pumps and finance. Gas is a major contributor to global emissions with the added problem of methane leaks. In the years ahead gas boilers will be banned and everyone needs independent advice to make the right choices.

During the year we engaged with local experts, utilities and the Council to identify the likely pathways to a greener future. The Out of Gas plan will involve web based and other digital communications about how the city can transition away from gas in the years ahead.

3.5 Breathe in Brighton

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre is leading a campaign to improve air quality in Brighton & Hove. We are working with partners including the Council, Sustrans and Brighton University to achieve measurable reductions in air pollution. Evidence has shown that air pollution at even low levels exacerbates the symptoms of underlying illnesses such as respiratory disease and asthma, making poor air quality specifically dangerous to sensitive populations. So far we have organised public meetings to raise awareness and continued to engage with the Council on specific issues such as changes to the Low Emission Zone in the centre of the city.

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3.6 Refill Brighton

Refill works with cafes, pubs and other publicly accessible venues to promote reusable water bottle refills. Brighton Peace & Environment Centre commenced the delivery of Refill Brighton & Hove in collaboration with City to Sea. Each outlet receives a window sticker and poster to show their involvement and is placed on the national City to Sea Refill app by Brighton Peace & Environment Centre volunteers. People can download then access the national Refill app and find their closest Refill station where they can obtain free tap water without making a purchase.

3.7 Volunteering Programme

Over the year we recruited volunteers to support our fundraising efforts especially around Glastonbury Festival and our projects. Brighton Peace & Environment Centre benefits from the efforts of over 75 dedicated volunteers. They play key roles in activities including managing social media campaigns to boost our projects. Their efforts provided thousands of hours of valuable volunteer time to further our mission.

Volunteers managed three property lockups at Glastonbury Festival generating nearly £2K in donations.

They also helped to organise coach services to and from the event from both Brighton and London. They established and managed a kitchen providing vegetarian meals to 120 people three times a day. These fundraising efforts resulted in £14K that supported our work in 2023-2024. These volunteering experiences are valuable on a personal level and help people achieve jobs in the environmental and voluntary sectors.

4. Financial Review

The accounts declared in this report have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities (SORP, 2005) and with relevant companies and charities legislation and regulations. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 11 shows BPEC's income from all sources and how this was expended, and the split of activity between restricted and unrestricted funds.

4.1 Overview

The year ended 31st March 2024 ended with a surplus of £8,866. Reserves stood at £21,342 of un-restricted funds.

Total incoming resources for 2023/24 amounted to £62,427 compared to £30,890 in the previous year. Total expenditure for 2023/24 was £53,561 compared to £41,013 in 2022/23.

In line with SORP 2005, expenditure is analysed into three main categories; charitable activities, governance of the charity and costs of generating funds. Charitable activities comprise the main work of the charity. Expenditure on charitable activities was £50,800 compared to £37,919 in 2022/23.

4.2 Reserves Policy

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed however to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of BPEC's operations. BPEC's policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves, which equate to three months expenditure of the charity. At 31st March 2024 there were reserves of £21,342.

The Board of Trustees continues to monitor the level of reserves quarterly and takes appropriate action if reserves fall outside the desired range.

5. Plans for the future

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre continues to operate in a challenging funding environment. Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is a founding member and is based in the Brighton Eco Centre located opposite Brighton Station. During the year we have provided desk space to Sussex Prisoners' Families and have recently opened a free hotdesk for small and emerging environmental organisations.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently and observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 11th December 2024 and signed on their behalf by :

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Michael Butler
Trustee/Director

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/24 £	TOTAL 2022/23 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources From Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	3a	10,495	-	10,495	2,845
Charitable Activities	3b	51,891	-	51,891	28,020
Investment Income	3c	41	-	41	25
Other Incoming Resources	3d	-	-	-	-
		62,427	-	62,427	30,890
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	50,800	-	50,800	37,919
Cost of Generating Funds	4b	1,044	-	1,044	1,959
Governance Costs	4c	1,717	-	1,717	1,135
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		53,561	-	53,561	41,013
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		8,866	-	8,866	(10,123)
Total Funds Brought Forward		12,476	-	12,476	22,599
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		21,342	-	21,342	12,476

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the charity's operations are classed as ongoing.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL Mar-24	31- TOTAL 31-Mar-23
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	525	-	525	540
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	7	10,313	-	10,313	6,315
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6	25,398	-	25,398	22,740
Total Current Assets		35,711	-	35,711	29,055
Creditors: due within one year	8	14,894	-	14,894	17,119
NET CURRENT ASSETS		20,817	-	20,817	11,936
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		21,342	-	21,342	12,476
NET ASSETS		21,342	-	21,342	12,476
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		21,342	-	21,342	12,476
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	-
		21,342	-	21,342	12,476

Directors Responsibilities

The directors are satisfied that for the year ended 31st March 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 16.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards.

The director acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on the 11th December 2024

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Signed on their behalf by Michael Butler

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

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. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Gifts in Kind Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Legal Status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (Valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation has been calculated on a reducing balance basis. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Equipment	25%
Computer Equipment	25%

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Unrestricted Equipment £	Restricted Equipment £	Total 2023/24 £
Cost	01-Apr-23	4,443	-	4,443
Additions		120	-	120
Cost at	31-Mar-24	4,563	-	4,563
Depreciation	01-Apr-23	3,903	-	3,903
Charge		135	-	135
Depreciation at	31-Mar-24	4,038	-	4,038
Net Book Value	31-Mar-24	525	-	525
Net Book Value	31-Mar-23	540	-	540

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases, capital commitments, contingent liabilities are nil.

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-24 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-23 £
a) Donations & Legacies				
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	10,495	-	10,495	2,845
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
	10,495	-	10,495	2,845
b) Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising Events	49,099	-	49,099	23,039
Membership Subscriptions	622	-	622	511
Room Hire	2,170	-	2,170	4,470
Training Events	-	-	-	-
	51,891	-	51,891	28,020
c) Investment Income				
Interest	41		41	25
	41	-	41	25
d) Other Incomming Resources				
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 31-Mar-24	TOTAL 31-Mar-23
	£	£	£	£
a) Costs of Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	32,073	-	32,073	16,313
Cleaning Costs	-	-	-	-
Insurance Costs	718	-	718	670
Office Costs	1,065	-	1,065	51
Printing, Postage and Stationery	82	-	82	174
Rent & Rates	7,251	-	7,251	8,137
Salaries & Wages	9,172	-	9,172	12,000
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	80
Telephone Costs	157	-	157	186
Volunteers Expenses	282	-	282	308
	50,800	-	50,800	37,919
b) Cost of Generating Funds				
Fundraising Event Costs	1,044	-	1,044	1,959
	1,044	-	1,044	1,959
c) Governance Costs				
Bank Charges	497	-	497	120
Depreciation	135	-	135	180
Legal & Professional Fees	1,085	-	1,085	835
	1,717	-	1,717	1,135

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-24 £
National Lottery	-	-	-	-	-
Brighton & Hove Council	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-23 £
National Lottery	-	-	-	-	-
Brighton & Hove Council	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
	6,000	-	-	6,000	-

The restricted funds of the charity are wholly represented by cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
Cash at Bank and in hand	25,398	-	25,398	22,740
	25,398	-	25,398	22,740

7. DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
Prepayments	8,400	-	8,400	5,350
Sundry Debtors	1,913	-	1,913	965
	10,313	-	10,313	6,315

8. CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
Deferred Income	6,997	-	6,997	11,890
PAYE & NI	9	-	9	14
Sundry Creditors	7,888	-	7,888	5,215
	14,894	-	14,894	17,119

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9. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	9,172	12,000
Employers National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	<u>9,172</u>	<u>12,000</u>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	2023/24	2022/23
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects	1	1

The charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 pa (2019/20: None)

10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT ON CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The company is Limited by Guarantee and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1125002. The Charity does not have a share capital and has no income subject to Corporation Tax.

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Surplus / Deficit for the period	8,866	- 10,123
Balance Brought Forward	<u>12,476</u>	<u>22,599</u>
Closing Funds at 31st March 2021	<u>21,342</u>	<u>12,476</u>

11. PAYMENTS TO DIRECTORS & RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to Directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the charity and the Directors or any person connected with them.

12. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

13. RESERVES POLICY

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed however to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of Brighton Peace and Environment Centre 's operations. Brighton Peace and Environment Centre 's policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves which equate to three months expenditure of the charity. As at 31st March 2020 there was more than three months of reserves at current spending levels.

14. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Report to the trustees/ members of Brighton Peace and Environment Centre on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees are satisfied that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.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.

Robin E Headlam ACPA
Partners In Enterprise Ltd
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Dated: 11th December 2024

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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CHARITY REGISTRATION No. 1125022

COMPANY REGISTRATION No. 06166971

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1125002
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	6166971
LEGAL STATUS	Incorporated Charity
DATE OF INCORPORATION	19th March 2007
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2022
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2023
DIRECTORS AT 31ST MARCH 2023	Linda Austin Michael Butler David Fielder Hayley Franco
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Memorandum & Articles of Association Dated 19th March 2007

OBJECTS

1) to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

- a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area,
- b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area, and
- c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area.

2) to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.

3) to advance the education of the public in subjects related to peace movements, the causes and effects of war and the peaceful settlement of conflicts.

Note: "Sustainable development" means "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

REGISTERED ADDRESS	Brighton Eco Centre 39-41 Surrey Street Brighton, BN1 3PB
PRIMARY BANKERS	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling, ME19 4JQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Robin Headlam ACPA Partners In Enterprise Ltd 5 Bartholomews Brighton, BN1 1HG

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

The Trustees of the Brighton Peace and Environment Centre (BPEC) are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

1. Organisational Structure and Management

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee; it was incorporated on 19th March 2007 and registered as a charity on 15th July 2008.

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre was established under a Memorandum of Association, which describes the objects and powers of the charitable company; it is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the Trustees are elected by quorum at the annual general meeting. The quorum consists of at least two Members entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting or one tenth of the total membership, whichever is the greater.

The Members have guaranteed to contribute a maximum of £1 each in the event of the company being wound up.

All members of the Trustee Board give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 2 to the accounts.

1.1 Governance and decision-making

The Board of Trustees governs Brighton Peace and Environment Centre and meets at least 6 times a year to discuss and review strategy, planning, development and financial matters. Additional working groups and committees are convened for specific purposes between meetings. Day-to-day management of the organisation is delegated to the staff.

1.2 Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of trustees

Skills audits of the existing Trustees are undertaken to identify whether there are any skill gaps. When vacancies arise, the Trustees look to individuals who have expressed an interest in our work.

1.3 Public Benefit

In shaping our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the duties set out in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit. In particular the trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to the overall aims and objectives that they have set.

The Trustees believe that the following paragraphs, specifically on the "Objectives and Activities" and "Achievement and Performance" for the year, relate in detail to the benefit that the charity provides to the public.

2. Objectives and Activities

2.1 Objects

1) to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

- a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area,
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2.2 Main activities

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre aims are to support Sussex residents to understand the links between their own lives and actions and those of others, and contribute to a just, peaceful and sustainable world. Our programme activities fall into two main areas:

- 1) Working with community groups to raise awareness about climate change and provide practical support to reduce carbon emissions, make sustainable choices and to engage in dialogue about global concerns;
- 2) Providing information for local residents about peace and environment issues, to enable them to have a positive impact at local and global levels;

3. Achievements and Performance in 2022/23

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre delivers a number of projects to realise its objects fostering peace and engaging the local community around climate change and other environmental concerns. These projects are supported mostly through the efforts of trained volunteers and grant funding from trusts.

3.1 Reforest in Brighton

The aim of Reforest Brighton is to support the development of long-term climate action in the city. The focus is to support initiatives so that the natural landscape can more readily absorb or sequester CO² from the atmosphere.

Over the year we delivered training to eight local groups to identify, assess and agree restoration and planting projects including how to raise funds to resource and sustain initiatives.

There are 3,160 acres of green space within the city's boundaries including Downland farms, parks and green open spaces, eight nature reserves plus gardens and allotments. Reforest Brighton celebrates the importance of community-led climate action and encourages many more people to get directly involved with practical projects in their communities.

3.2 Sustainable Fashion Week

We developed a partnership with Sew Fabulous to plan the first Brighton Sustainable Fashion Week. This is linked to a national Sustainable Fashion Week and took place in September and October 2023. Here the plan has been to develop a range of actions to highlight the negative impacts of fast fashion with workshops, alternative fashion shows and ways to repurpose clothing. This initiative has enabled Brighton Peace & Environment Centre to forge many new links with partners throughout Brighton & Hove including voluntary groups and fairtrade retailers.

3.3 Energywise

Energywise addresses fuel poverty in Brighton and Hove. We empower vulnerable residents to manage their energy use and reduce bills. During the year we worked closely with food banks and organisations to provide free insulation and support those at the highest risk of fuel poverty. A grant from East Brighton Trust enabled us to distribute hundreds of low energy lightbulbs to hundreds of people to help drive down their bills amidst the worst energy crisis in a generation.

3.4 Out of Gas

Out of Gas is a collaboration between Brighton Peace & Environment Centre and Low Carbon Trust. The project involves a developing a community lead plan to guide the transition from natural gas to renewable electricity for heating homes and workplaces. The focus is on helping Brighton & Hove achieve its net zero goals by providing up-to-date information and practical advice around alternatives to gas boilers such as heat pumps and finance. Gas is a major contributor to global emissions with the added problem of methane leaks. In the years ahead gas boilers will be banned and everyone needs independent advice to make the right choices.

During the year we engaged with local experts, utilities and the Council to identify the likely pathways to a greener future. The Out of Gas plan will involve web based and other digital communications about how the city can transition away from gas in the years ahead.

3.5 Peace Activities

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre responded to the start of the war in Ukraine by linking with a local group Brighton Together with Ukraine on a march and vigil at the Peace Statue on Hove seafront. This received a high level of media coverage and reflected the anguish of local residents to this new war in Europe. We also participated in an event to highlight the links between conflict and climate change and we plan to further develop this work over the next year.

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3.6 Breathe in Brighton

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre is leading this campaign to improve air quality in Brighton & Hove. We are working with a range of partners including the Council, Sustrans and Brighton University to achieve measurable reductions in air pollution. Evidence has shown that air pollution at even low levels exacerbates the symptoms of underlying illnesses such as respiratory disease and asthma, making poor air quality specifically dangerous to sensitive populations. So far we have organised public meetings to raise awareness and continued to engage with the Council on specific issues such as changes to the Low Emission Zone in the centre of the city.

3.7 Refill Brighton

Refill targets cafes, pubs and other publicly accessible venues to promote reusable water bottle refills. Brighton Peace & Environment Centre commenced the delivery of Refill Brighton & Hove in collaboration with City to Sea. Each outlet receives a window sticker and poster to show their involvement and is placed on the national City to Sea Refill app by Brighton Peace & Environment Centre volunteers. People can download then access the national Refill app and find their closest Refill station where they can obtain free tap water without making a purchase.

3.8 Volunteering Programme

Over the year we recruited dozens of volunteers supporting both our fundraising efforts especially around Glastonbury Festival and our projects. Initiatives such as creating a new volunteer page on the website and working closely with partners across the city has boosted our impact in many ways. Brighton Peace & Environment Centre thrived with the collaborative efforts of 75 dedicated volunteers. These individuals played key roles in various activities including organizing a Brighton Festival Fringe event, various activities at Glastonbury Festival and managing social media campaigns to boost our projects. Their efforts provided at least 7,280 hours of valuable volunteer time to further the charity's objectives. In addition to several interns from University of Sussex we applied to John Lewis Partnership and were successful in securing a six-month internship from one of their staff. Rebecca Sawyer joined us to work on our Reforest Brighton project and was an invaluable member of the team helping to organise events and develop our 'Net Zero Fact Checker' initiative. We wish her well in her new role at the Meteorological Office. Volunteers managed three property lockups at Glastonbury Festival generating nearly £2K in donations. They also helped to organise coach services to and from the event from both Brighton and London. They established and managed a kitchen providing vegetarian meals to 120 people three times a day. These combined fundraising efforts resulted in £14K that underpinned all of our work during 2022-2023. These volunteering experiences are valuable on a personal level as well as and strengthening links with other peace and environmental organisations across the UK. The funds raised through our involvement in Glastonbury Festival sustain the charity's core operations such as the rent on our centre, Center Manager and administrative costs.

4. Financial Review

The accounts declared in this report have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities (SORP,2005) and with relevant companies and charities legislation and regulations. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 11 shows BPEC's income from all sources and how this was expended, and the split of activity between restricted and unrestricted funds.

4.1 Overview

The year ended 31st March 2023 ended with a deficit of £10,123. Reserves stood at £12,476 of un-restricted funds.

Total incoming resources for 2022/23 amounted to £30,890 compared to £21,024 in the previous year. Total expenditure for 2022/23 was £ 41,013 compared to £20,063 in 2021/22.

In line with SORP 2005, expenditure is analysed into three main categories; charitable activities, governance of the charity and costs of generating funds. Charitable activities comprise the main work of the charity. Expenditure on charitable activities was £37,919 compared to £19,538 in 2021/22.

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4.2 Reserves Policy

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed however to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of BPEC's operations. BPEC's policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves, which equate to three months expenditure of the charity. At 31st March 2023 there were reserves of £12,476.

The Board of Trustees continues to monitor the level of reserves quarterly and takes appropriate action if reserves fall outside the desired range.

5. Plans for the future

Brighton Peace & Environment Centre continues to operate in a challenging funding environment with the cost of living crisis making it difficult to secure donations and grants. Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is a founding member and is based in the Brighton Eco Centre located opposite Brighton Station. During the year we have provided desk space to Sussex Prisoners' Families and have recently opened a free hotdesk for small and emerging environmental organisations.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently and observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 16th December 2023 and signed on their behalf by :

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Michael Butler
Trustee/Director

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources From Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	3a	2,845	-	2,845	13,234
Charitable Activities	3b	28,020	-	28,020	7,790
Investment Income	3c	25	-	25	-
Other Incoming Resources	3d	-	-	-	-
		30,890	-	30,890	21,024
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	37,919	-	37,919	19,538
Cost of Generating Funds	4b	1,959	-	1,959	-
Governance Costs	4c	1,135	-	1,135	525
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		41,013	-	41,013	20,063
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(10,123)	-	(10,123)	961
Total Funds Brought Forward		22,599	-	22,599	21,638
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		12,476	-	12,476	22,599

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the charity's operations are classed as ongoing.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL Mar-23 £	31- TOTAL 31-Mar-22 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	540	-	540	720
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	7	6,315	-	6,315	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6	22,740	-	22,740	23,182
Total Current Assets		29,055	-	29,055	23,182
Creditors: due within one year	8	17,119	-	17,119	1,303
NET CURRENT ASSETS		11,936	-	11,936	21,879
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		12,476	-	12,476	22,599
NET ASSETS		12,476	-	12,476	22,599
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		12,476	-	12,476	16,599
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	6,000
		12,476	-	12,476	22,599

Directors Responsibilities

The directors are satisfied that for the year ended 31st March 2023 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 16.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards.

The director acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on the 16th December 2023

.....
Signed on their behalf by Michael Butler

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

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. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Gifts in Kind Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Legal Status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (Valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation has been calculated on a reducing balance basis. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Equipment	25%
Computer Equipment	25%

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Unrestricted Equipment £	Restricted Equipment £	Total 2022/23 £
Cost	01-Apr-22	4,443	-	4,443
Additions		-	-	-
Cost at	31-Mar-23	4,443	-	4,443
Depreciation	01-Apr-22	3,723	-	3,723
Charge		180	-	180
Depreciation at	31-Mar-23	3,903	-	3,903
Net Book Value	31-Mar-23	540	-	540
Net Book Value	31-Mar-22	720	-	720

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases, capital commitments, contingent liabilities are nil.

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-23 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-22 £
a) Donations & Legacies				
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	2,845	-	2,845	1,384
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	11,850
	2,845	-	2,845	13,234
b) Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising Events	23,039	-	23,039	4,342
Membership Subscriptions	511	-	511	518
Room Hire	4,470	-	4,470	2,930
Training Events	-	-	-	-
	28,020	-	28,020	7,790
c) Investment Income				
Interest	25		25	-
	25	-	25	-
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 31-Mar-23	TOTAL 31-Mar-22
	£	£	£	£
a) Costs of Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	16,313	-	16,313	2,253
Cleaning Costs	-	-	-	1,377
Insurance Costs	670	-	670	641
Office Costs	51	-	51	123
Printing, Postage and Stationery	174	-	174	25
Rent & Rates	8,137	-	8,137	5,783
Salaries & Wages	12,000	-	12,000	7,866
Sundry Expenses	80	-	80	61
Telephone Costs	186	-	186	989
Volunteers Expenses	308	-	308	420
	37,919	-	37,919	19,538
b) Cost of Generating Funds				
Fundraising Event Costs	1,959	-	1,959	-
	1,959	-	1,959	-
c) Governance Costs				
Bank Charges	120	-	120	135
Depreciation	180	-	180	240
Legal & Professional Fees	835	-	835	150
	1,135	-	1,135	525

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-23 £
National Lottery	-	-	-	-	-
Brighton & Hove Council	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
	6,000	-	-	6,000	-

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-22 £
National Lottery	-	-	-	-	-
Brighton & Hove Council	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
	6,000	-	-	-	6,000

The restricted funds of the charity are wholly represented by cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Cash at Bank and in hand	22,740	-	22,740	23,182
	22,740	-	22,740	23,182

7. DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Prepayments	5,350	-	5,350	-
Sundry Debtors	965	-	965	-
	6,315	-	6,315	-

8. CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-22 £	Total 31-Mar-21 £
Deferred Income	11,890	-	11,890	253
PAYE & NI	14	-	14	-
Sundry Creditors	5,215	-	5,215	1,050
	17,119	-	17,119	1,303

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9. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	12,000	7,866
Employers National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>7,866</u>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	2022/23	2021/22
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects	1	1

The charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 pa (2019/20: None)

10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT ON CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The company is Limited by Guarantee and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1125002. The Charity does not have a share capital and has no income subject to Corporation Tax.

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Surplus / Deficit for the period	(10,123)	961
Balance Brought Forward	22,599	21,638
Closing Funds at 31st March 2021	<u>12,476</u>	<u>22,599</u>

11. PAYMENTS TO DIRECTORS & RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to Directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the charity and the Directors or any person connected with them.

12. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

13. RESERVES POLICY

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed however to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of Brighton Peace and Environment Centre 's operations. Brighton Peace and Environment Centre 's policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves which equate to three months expenditure of the charity. As at 31st March 2020 there was more than three months of reserves at current spending levels.

14. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Report to the trustees/ members of Brighton Peace and Environment Centre on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees are satisfied that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.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.

Robin E Headlam ACPA
Partners In Enterprise Ltd
First Floor Offices
5 Bartholomews
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Dated: 14th December 2023

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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CHARITY REGISTRATION No. 1125022

COMPANY REGISTRATION No. 06166971

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**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1125002
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	6166971
LEGAL STATUS	Incorporated Charity
DATE OF INCORPORATION	19th March 2007
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2020
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2021
DIRECTORS AT 31ST MARCH 2020	Linda Austin Michael Butler David Fielder Hayley Franco
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Memorandum & Articles of Association Dated 19th March 2007

OBJECTS

- 1) to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:
 - a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area,
 - b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area, and
 - c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration, particularly in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area.
- 2) to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.
- 3) to advance the education of the public in subjects related to peace movements, the causes and effects of war and the peaceful settlement of conflicts.

Note: "Sustainable development" means "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

REGISTERED ADDRESS	Brighton Eco Centre 39-41 Surrey Street Brighton, BN1 3PB
PRIMARY BANKERS	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling, ME19 4JQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Robin Headlam ACPA Partners In Enterprise Ltd 5 Bartholomews Brighton, BN1 1HG

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

2.2 Main activities

BPEC's aims are to support Sussex residents to understand the links between their own lives and actions and those of others, and contribute to a just, peaceful and sustainable world. Our programme activities fall into two main areas:

- 1) Working with community groups to raise awareness about climate change and provide practical support to reduce carbon emissions, make sustainable choices and to engage in dialogue about global concerns;
- 2) Providing information for local residents about peace and environment issues, to enable them to have a positive impact at local and global levels;

3. Achievements and Performance in 2020/21

The Covid19 pandemic had a big impact on BPEC. At 1st April 2020, we had to close our offices and place our three part-time staff on furlough. Our main source of funding relates to activities around Glastonbury Festival and this was cancelled. As our activities involve engagement with local communities these were put on hold. In September 2020 we began a gradual resumption of activity. Our administrator returned and planning and development activities resumed on our various projects. In addition to the support of the furlough scheme, we received resilience funding from the National Lottery and a Government grant via Brighton & Hove City Council. The Trustees met online on a frequent basis.

Three projects ran during 2020-2021:-

3.1.1 Breathe in Brighton

Breathe in Brighton is the charity's air quality campaign and during the year we continued working with the Council to combat pollution from vehicles and other sources. Through the project we continued to raise awareness around the source of poor air quality and target actions where local communities can make the greatest impact.

3.1.2 Energywise

The Energywise project provides advice and support to low income individuals and families who are most at risk of fuel poverty i.e. unable to afford to keep their homes adequately heated. The project continued to work with BHESCo (Brighton & Hove Energy Services Co-operative) through referrals for households needing insulation and other measures. An Energywise Worker has engaged people mostly through project food poverty schemes in the city such as food banks. Through information and outreach Energywise has sought to reach those most at risk of hypothermia and fuel debt. This has included helping residents to monitor their energy use, how to switch utility providers and strategies for energy reduction.

3.1.3 Reforest Brighton

Thanks to a grant from Brighton & Hove Council work began on a new project – Reforest Brighton. The project has been established to work with landowners of gardens, parks and other green spaces to encourage planting that can absorb more CO2 as we all work together to combat climate change. The project also includes developing an app that will show in real time where the city is on its journey to carbon neutrality, gathering information about our green spaces and documenting the challenges of reducing fossil fuel emissions. Reforest Brighton's key focus is to mobilise residents to be 'Carbon Champions' actively working to help every green space sequester more greenhouse gasses through tree planting and other actions.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

3.2 Information for local residents on peace, environment and global concerns

BPEC's information role is changing as people access information in different ways. Over the year we re-launched our website and stepped up our online and social media activities. In addition to Facebook our volunteers also assist with Twitter and the BPEC website www.bpec.org

4. Financial Review

The accounts declared in this report have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Charities (SORP,2005) and with relevant companies and charities legislation and regulations. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 11 shows BPEC's income from all sources and how this was expended, and the split of activity between restricted and unrestricted funds.

4.1 Overview

The year ended 31st March 2021 ended with a surplus of £17,537. Reserves stood at £21,638 of un-restricted funds.

Total incoming resources for 2020/21 amounted to £42,890 compared to £32,093 in the previous year. A breakdown of grants received is shown in Note 4 to the accounts. Total expenditure for 2020/21 was £25,353 compared to £31,578 in 2019/20.

In line with SORP 2005, expenditure is analysed into three main categories; charitable activities, governance of the charity and costs of generating funds. Charitable activities comprise the main work of the charity. Expenditure on charitable activities was £25,287 compared to £28,759 in 2019/20.

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Continued)
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4.2 Reserves Policy

BPEC is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed however to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of BPEC's operations. BPEC's policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves, which equate to three months expenditure of the charity. At 31st March 2020 there were reserves of £4,616.

The Board of Trustees continues to monitor the level of reserves quarterly and takes appropriate action if reserves fall outside the desired range.

5. Plans for the future

BPEC continues to operate in a challenging context, with project funding ever harder to obtain and government cutbacks, at both a national and a local level, having an impact.

The charity's main fundraiser Glastonbury Festival was cancelled in both 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. However, BPEC benefited from some of the Government funding that was made available to organisations impacted by Covid-19.

BPEC is a founding member and is based in the Brighton Eco Centre located opposite Brighton Station. During the year we have provided deskpace to Sussex Prisoners' Families. More recently we have welcomed Friends of the Earth who have also taken deskpace. These organisations provide valuable income to the charity as well as offer opportunities for partnership working.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

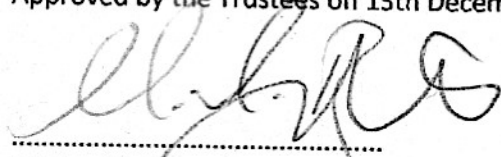
Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently and observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 13th December 2021 and signed on their behalf by :


Michael Butler
Trustee/Director

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £	TOTAL 2019/20 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources From Generated Funds					
Donations & Legacies	3a	19,712	16,000	35,712	14,473
Charitable Activities	3b	3,171	-	3,171	16,797
Investment Income	3c	-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources	3d	4,007	-	4,007	823
		26,890	16,000	42,890	32,093
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of Charitable Activities	4a	15,287	10,000	25,287	28,759
Cost of Generating Funds	4b	-	-	-	2,759
Governance Costs	4c	66	-	66	60
		15,353	10,000	25,353	31,578
TOTAL RESOURCES USED					
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES					
		11,537	6,000	17,537	515
Total Funds Brought Forward		4,101	-	4,101	4,101
		15,638	6,000	21,638	4,616
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD					

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the charity's operations are classed as ongoing.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL Mar-21 £	31- TOTAL 31-Mar-20 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	7	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6	22,340	-	22,340	4,869
Total Current Assets		22,340	-	22,340	4,869
Creditors: due within one year	8	702	-	702	253
NET CURRENT ASSETS		21,638	-	21,638	4,616
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		21,638	-	21,638	4,616
NET ASSETS		21,638	-	21,638	4,616
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		15,638	-	15,638	4,616
Restricted Funds	5	-	6,000	6,000	-
		15,638	6,000	21,638	4,616

Directors Responsibilities

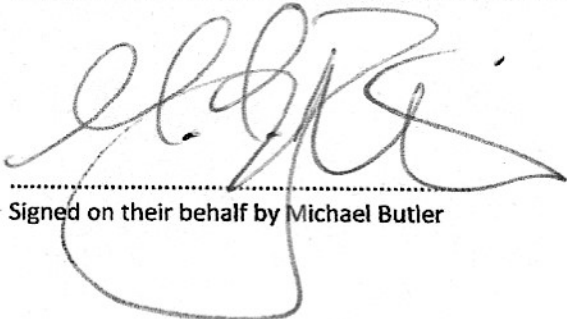
The directors are satisfied that for the year ended 31st March 2021 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 16.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards.

The director acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on the 13th December 2021



Signed on their behalf by Michael Butler

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

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. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Gifts in Kind Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Legal Status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (Valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation has been calculated on a reducing balance basis. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Equipment	25%
Computer Equipment	25%

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Unrestricted Equipment £	Restricted Equipment £	Total 2019/20 £
Cost	01-Apr-20	3,483	-	3,483
Additions		-	-	-
Cost at	31-Mar-21	<u>3,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,483</u>
Depreciation	01-Apr-20	3,483	-	3,483
Charge		-	-	-
Depreciation at	31-Mar-21	<u>3,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,483</u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-21	-	-	-
Net Book Value	31-Mar-20	-	-	-

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases, capital commitments, contingent liabilities are nil.

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-21 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-20 £
a) Donations & Legacies				
Gifts, Tithes & Offerings	2,212	-	2,212	5,973
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	-	-	-	-
Grants	17,500	16,000	33,500	8,500
	19,712	16,000	35,712	14,473
b) Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	14,410
Membership Subscriptions	451	-	451	419
Room Hire	2,720	-	2,720	1,968
Training Events	-	-	-	-
	3,171	-	3,171	16,797
c) Investment Income				
Interest	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	4,007	-	4,007	823
	4,007	-	4,007	823

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Mar-21 £	TOTAL 31-Mar-20 £
a) Costs of Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	1,532	-	1,532	9,436
Cleaning Costs	826	-	826	689
Insurance Costs	448	-	448	865
Office Costs	64	-	64	40
Printing, Postage and Stationery	-	-	-	141
Rent & Rates	4,760	-	4,760	6,133
Salaries & Wages	5,708	9,580	15,288	8,504
Sundry Expenses	775	-	775	1,862
Telephone Costs	1,174	-	1,174	965
Training Costs	-	-	-	-
Volunteers Expenses	-	420	420	124
	15,287	10,000	25,287	28,759
b) Cost of Generating Funds				
Fundraising Event Costs	-	-	-	2,759
	-	-	-	2,759
c) Governance Costs				
Bank Charges	66	-	66	60
Independent Examiners Fee	-	-	-	-
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
	66	-	66	60

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

National Lottery
Brighton & Hove Council

Balance 01-Apr-20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-21 £
-	10,000	10,000	-	-
-	6,000	-	-	6,000
-	16,000	10,000	-	6,000

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

Chalk Cliff Trust
Exeter University

Balance 01-Apr-19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-20 £
-	4,200	4,200	-	-
-	1,300	1,300	-	-
-	5,500	5,500	-	-

The restricted funds of the charity are wholly represented by cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at Bank and in hand

Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-21 £	Total 31-Mar-20 £
22,340	-	22,340	4,869
22,340	-	22,340	4,869

7. DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS

Prepayments
Sundry Debtors

Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-21 £	Total 31-Mar-20 £
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-

8. CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Deferred Income
PAYE & NI
Sundry Creditors

Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-20 £	Total 31-Mar-19 £
253	-	253	253
-	-	-	-
449	-	449	-
702	-	702	253

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9. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Gross Wages & Salaries	15,288	8,504
Employers National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	<u>15,288</u>	<u>8,504</u>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	2020/21 TOTAL	2019/20 TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects	3	3

The charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000 pa (2019/20: None)

10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT ON CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The company is Limited by Guarantee and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1125002. The Charity does not have a share capital and has no income subject to Corporation Tax.

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Surplus / Deficit for the period	17,537	515
Balance Brought Forward	4,101	4,101
Closing Funds at 31st March 2021	<u>21,638</u>	<u>4,616</u>

11. PAYMENTS TO DIRECTORS & RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to Directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the charity and the Directors or any person connected with them.

12. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

13. RESERVES POLICY

BPEC is committed to using its resources in pursuit of its charitable objectives. It is also committed however to maintaining a level of reserves that is prudent to meeting ongoing liabilities, sufficient to ensure that all delivery commitments can be met and to protect the long-term future of BPEC's operations. BPEC's policy seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves which equate to three months expenditure of the charity. As at 31st March 2020 there was more than three months of reserves at current spending levels.

14. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS
BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

Report to the trustees/ members of Brighton Peace and Environment Centre on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees are satisfied that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.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.

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Dated: 13th December 2021