

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**BRIGHTON PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
(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 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

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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
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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
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(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
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.

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Dated: 11th December 2024