SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1132386

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06822217
Registered	2009-10-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: Sussex Nightstop's purpose is to relieve the need, hardship or distress of those in housing need by enabling a community led response to homelessness for the public benefit of individuals across Sussex - in particular, but not exclusively, through the provision of safe night-by-night accommodation, longer term accommodation and support.

Activities: Sussex Nightstop Plus recruit, train and coordinate a body of volunteer hosts from the local community to provide emergency short-term accommodation for those aged 16 years and above who are at risk of rough-sleeping, with a current emphasis on the 16-25 age group. Working with trusted local referral agencies and partners we offer a safe place to stay whilst a safer longer-term home is found.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£194,335	£202,782	-	-
2024-06-30	£250,907	£167,142	-	-
2023-06-30	£143,765	£140,047	-	-
2022-06-30	£68,227	£125,145	-	-
2021-06-30	£171,464	£123,209	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Tim Williamson	Chair	2020-07-14
Ann Hickey		2020-07-14
Chris Storey		2018-01-23
Denise McSween		2023-04-26
Gareth Anderson		2023-01-26
James Kilmartin		2023-01-26
Jenny Moore		2020-07-14

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Accounts

Chair's Report

July 2024 - June 2025

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP
A community response to youth homelessness

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Moving forwards

A home provides the foundation, stability and security from which to pursue life's opportunities. It is the ability to move forwards with your life with purpose, providing the roots from which to enjoy and contribute to your community.

This year, the number of young people who approached our service because they were either worried about their housing or were experiencing homelessness rose by 55%. The percentage who were rough-sleeping at the point of finding us has risen again from 31% to 33% over the year. Whatever their situation, these are all young people for whom day-to-day life can not only be dangerous but devoid of the growth, development and fun that is so important at this age.

The latest 2023-2024 Centrepoint research is stark, reporting a 12% increase in youth homelessness in this period. This, along with reported shortfalls in Council support (nearly one third of young people not being given the assessment they are entitled to), has resulted in increasing levels of mistrust of services which young people describe as scary and re-traumatising.

Ensuring that the city moves forward in its response to youth homelessness has been an important priority for Sussex Nightstop over the year. We have continued to invest significant time and resources adapting our work to fit changes to the local housing support system, where young people now access help through the universally-aged Council housing service. Building on our previous work we've approved a further 11 community referrers, four of whom have now referred a young person into our service. And in March we were joined by 10 brilliant partner organisations to celebrate the great results we can achieve for young people when we work together in this way.

Ours is one response within a complex and interconnected system, one which we think can be improved for young people and we've played a proactive role this year in advocating for the issues facing this 16-25 year old age group and the need for them to be specifically recognised and tailored for in the emerging Brighton & Hove City Homelessness & Rough-Sleeping Strategy. We are optimistic that, alongside with partners, we can build a better offer.

TARA'S STORY

We met Tara at just 17 years of age. Fleeing from their family home after multiple arguments with mum, they didn't want to return and were facing the prospect of sleeping rough.

Referred to us by the Council, we could offer a place of safety and Tara went on to stay with our volunteer hosts for 30 nights whilst continuing to attend college.

Our team met Tara face2face most days, supporting their wellbeing and advocating for their wishes with partner services, including their desire not to return to the family home and the better onward options. As a result, Tara moved into permanent accommodation with a foster carer.

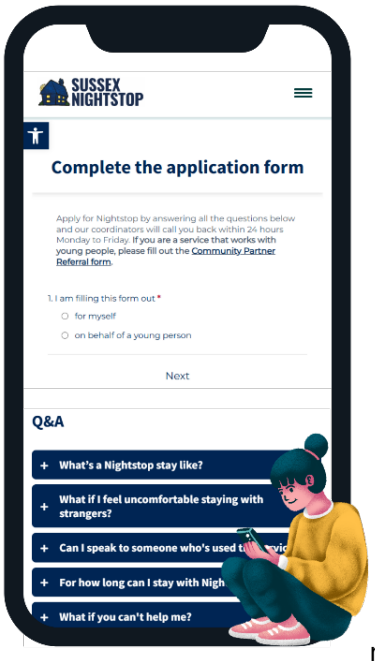
"There's a lot of support services that you guys have to offer younger people and if they have nowhere to go, it's better to be in a host family or a host house than be in the streets because depending on the time of the year it can either be cold... and you also don't know who is gonna be in the street the same time and know what's gonna happen."

Sussex Nightstop has responded!

On 256 nights across 2024-2025, young people of all faiths, race, ethnicities, sexual orientation and gender were welcomed into our volunteer host homes, offered a private and comfortable room, a hot meal, access to washing facilities and a listening ear where it was wanted. Our Service Coordinators provided them with intensive support and with that the fastest possible exit from homelessness.

of our young guests moved on into safe, longer-term accommodation.

Every contact counts



28% of young people have approached us directly for support this year, without the help of another agency. The vast majority of these have accessed us through our new self-referral pathway launched in February 2025.

Getting to young people early in their homelessness experience is critical and just over a quarter of young people who get in touch tell us that they are not in touch with any other services. So, their first encounter with us is crucial. For some, we are the service they turn to having not found the support they need elsewhere. Positive first experiences are critical in preventing harms to young people and we've been working hard to make every contact with every young person count. Our experienced team has been spending more time listening, assessing needs and supporting young people to navigate and access services such as housing and health, so that **young people are effectively informed and guided in taking their next steps to address their homelessness, whether they stay with us or not**. This emergent and important role is one we are continuing to prioritise and invest in - whether the young person stays with us or not - and we're introducing new ways to capture, monitor and evaluate this new, additional work.

Kindness matters

Making the system work better for young people can only be achieved with the input of young people, strong advocacy and committed collaboration – it's been a productive year for Sussex Nightstop on all three fronts.

We were proud to lead the first city insight project into youth homelessness alongside our partners Clocktower Sanctuary and YMCA DLG. The emerging 'Here for You' report shines a light on the real experiences of young people in our city seeking support in their time of homelessness crisis. It provides both recommendations and a mandate as to how things might improve. We are committed to working with partners moving forward to make those improvements real and we will continue our strong advocacy for improvements to the youth homelessness offer within key city plans. We are proud that our work here has resulted in a new children, families and young people chapter in the City Homelessness & Rough-Sleeping Strategy.

The full 'Here for you' report can be read here *- what jumped out for us was the importance of the first encounter.*

Kindness has always been a core Sussex Nightstop value and what we heard from the 36 young people who took part in our qualitative insight work is that it matters to them too.

> *Nice people keep you going back*
> - YOUNG PERSON

Our volunteers provide that. They help restore some of the trust and hope that has been lost and, despite an overall drop in volunteering uptake nationally, we recruited, trained and welcomed five new host households and two volunteer community champions to our 60 strong volunteer team.

> *With big issues like homelessness, it can feel difficult to know how make a difference. Being a volunteer with Sussex Nightstop is one of the ways you can, and contributing as a volunteer to support their important work gives me a sense of purpose and hope – even if it's just a small effort, to know in doing so you are helping ensure a young person can sleep safely for a night.*
> - VOLUNTEER

Collaborating with our community

In a year where we have seen increasingly open hostility to people who by some are seen to be 'other', the willingness of our community to respond positively with open arms not only amazes us but is essential.

Our volunteer team efforts (hosts, community champions, on-call, FIT and events volunteers) have been further amplified enormously by the generosity of those who give in other ways: our individual donors, community and corporate supporters.

So many people and businesses have stepped forward. Our thanks to:

Artists Open Houses and Richard Zinzan and Chris Storey who, with the generosity of local artists and our sponsors ran our Sussex Nightstop open house, raising over £5500.

The enthusiastic businesses and sponsors who took part in our **Tryathlon 2025**, made it such a success and helped us raise over £4000.

Hive HR, Orange Property and Mortgage Medics for their **pro bono business support** and **payroll giving**.

Our business champions, supporters and sponsors are amazing:

archangels ARCHITECTS · Daniel Associates. INTELLIGENT FINANCIAL ADVICE · HIVE HR SOLUTIONS · iMEX · LearningCog · mortgage medics · Orange Property · TRAVELBEAT SALES AND MARKETING · Wilbury Wealth

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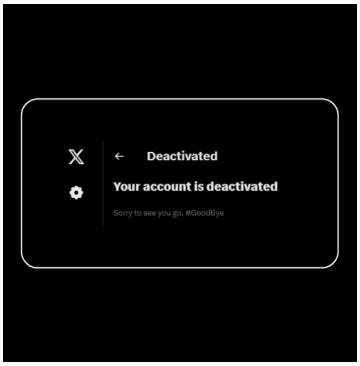
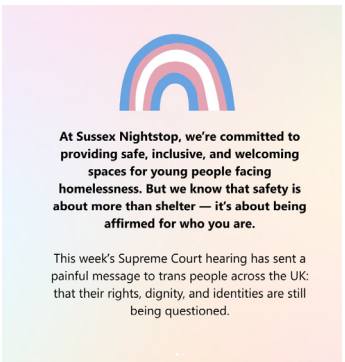
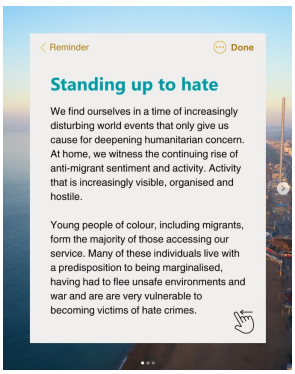
We celebrate our increasingly diverse staff, volunteer and trustee team and take our responsibilities in making all feel welcome and included seriously. Throughout this year, we have taken several public stands in support of marginalised communities. Guided by our commitment to inclusivity and fairness, we have shared messages of solidarity on social media, deactivated our Twitter account, welcomed refugees, supported trans people and the LGBTQ+ community, and spoken out against hate.







A word from our treasurer

Following a year of surplus Sussex Nightstop entered into this 2024-2025 year with reserves of £162,280, of which £85,050 were restricted.

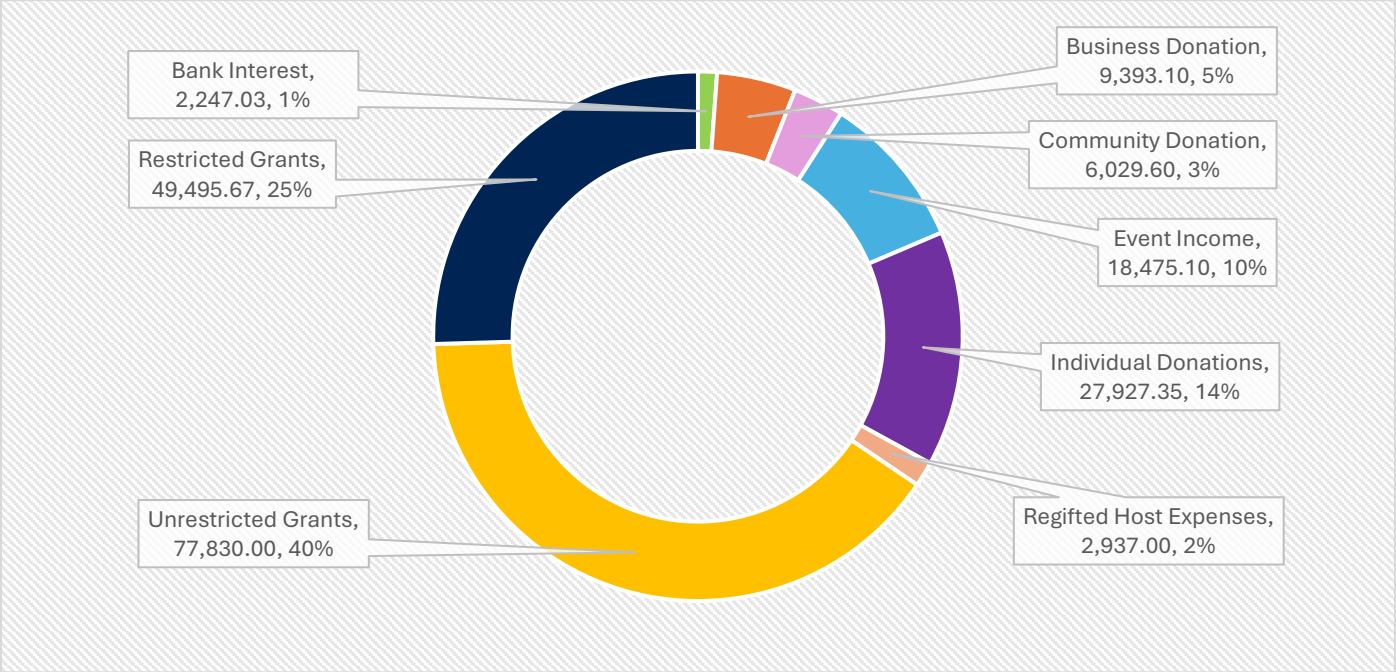
Anticipating a challenging fundraising environment and reduced income levels, the Board set a deficit budget with expenses partly funded through retained reserves.

The number of awards did reduce in 2024-2025 but the average value increased. The majority of the awards were also unrestricted, allowing for greater flexibility in allocating expenditure. We are pleased to report further growth in non-grant income with combined business and community donations - now 18% of our income, as compared to 12% in the previous year. Total income for 2024-2025 was £194,335.

Expenses were managed to budget at £202,782 and £30,830 of 'designated' unrestricted funds were invested in activities that enabled us to progress our strategic priorities, specifically the development of new access points into the service for young people and increased investment into our volunteer recruitment programme.

Overall, the net impact was a small deficit of £8,447 reducing reserves to £153,833, well above the Board approved designated reserve minimum of £40,000.

Income split



Given the uncertain times, we remain concerned about the fundraising landscape whilst also anticipating increasing demands on the service, to which we have already increased resources. We are managing this risk through the release of reserves in 2025-2026, continued fundraising investment and a process of regular review of our expenditure, financial outlook and fundraising strategy.

	2024	2025
Income	£250,907	£194,335
Expenditure	£167,142	£202,782
Surplus/deficit	+£83,765	-£8,447
Restricted reserves	£80,050	£4,000
Unrestricted reserves	£77,230	£149,833

We are pleased at this juncture to be reporting from a position of strength but are mindful of the challenge in meeting our 2025-2028 target of £390,160

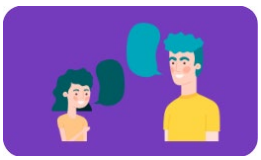
Looking forward

We have made considerable progress against our 2024-2027 strategy this year. In the process of achieving our milestones we have learned how our service needs to change over the upcoming years, in order to remain the positive force for change in young people's lives that we aspire to. It also reinforces how much of that is **reliant on us reaching out and building trusted relationships directly with young people**. Our team expect to spend more time out of the office than in next year.

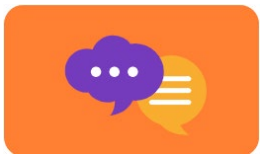
We remain committed to our '**every contact counts' approach**, working alongside and with young people in an inclusive way that does not add to their trauma. Understanding the importance of our support role better we have clear objectives to develop that further, **so that our navigation, advocacy, wellbeing, listening and practical activities can have further impact**.

Our priorities for the year ahead:

OUTREACH & REFERRALS – Expand referral pathways through new community partnerships and our online self-referral system, ensuring that young people can find us quickly and easily.



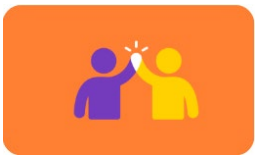
SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT – Implement our refreshed support offer so that every contact we have with a young person counts; whether they are placed with a host or not.



YOUTH VOICE – Deliver Here for You Phase 2, embedding young people's insights into service design and ensuring that every stage of our work is shaped by lived experience.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT – Recruit and retain more hosts able to offer longer consecutive stays, improving stability for young people and balancing supply with growing demand.

IMPACT & DATA – Strengthen how we measure and demonstrate outcomes, building a consistent data framework that captures immediate crisis prevention and long-term progress.



PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Deepen collaboration with local providers to create accessible and seamless referral routes, and a clear package of support for young people.

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS – Mobilise supporters and volunteers as advocates, raising awareness of youth homelessness and building community commitment to tackle it together.

The trusted relationships we have with our volunteers, donors and supporters from across the voluntary, public and community and corporate sectors will continue to be our most valuable asset and will remain at the heart of future plans.

A team effort

Once again, I draw attention to the highly experienced, skilled, dedicated and diverse Sussex Nightstop team of staff and trustees, whose collective contribution mean that we deliver results well above our size. The work is challenging and a commitment to staff wellbeing continues to be at the forefront of our mind.

Lastly, my thanks go to those colleagues and partners with whom we have worked so closely across this year, achieving more together as a result:

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR CLOSE FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS

We rely on individual, community and corporate donations along with funds from grants and trusts to carry out our vital work and we share the successes within this report with you.

With warm wishes

Tim Williamson
Chair, Sussex Nightstop

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SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr C Storey Ms A Hickey Ms J Moore Mr T Williamson Mr G Anderson Mr J Kilmartin Mr S Murphy Ms D McSween
Charity number	1132386
Company number	06822217
Registered office	7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Business address	11 St Georges Place Brighton BN1 4GB
Independent examiner	Anthony Smith FCA Humphrey & Co 7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank 164/165 Western Rd Brighton BN1 2BB Triodos Bank Deanary Road Bristol BS1 5AS

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SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 February 2009 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 October 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period and up to the date of signature were:

Mr C Storey
Ms A Hickey
Ms J Moore
Mr T Williamson
Mr G Anderson
Mr J Kilmartin
Mr S Murphy
Ms D McSween

Trustees are recruited based on their experience in the areas of social care and homelessness as well as experience in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement, finance and charitable governance.

Induction of new trustees and training for all trustees is achieved through induction meetings with the chair, attendance and discussions at Board meetings and strategic away days. Ongoing trustee development is achieved through attendance at external events and training as correlate to the individual learning needs of Trustees and an annual skills audit of the full board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board is made up of eight Trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is affiliated to DePaul UK (Registered Charity Number: 802384) and its activities are reviewed and regulated by them.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to relieve the need, hardship or distress of those in housing need by enabling a community led response to homelessness for the public benefit of individuals across Sussex – in particular but not exclusively, through the provision of safe night-by-night accommodation, longer accommodation and support. We do this through our network of volunteer hosts who open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness.

The trustees confirm that the activities undertaken by the Charity in this reporting period have been duly within our Charitable Objects as outlined and our work has concentrated on the facilitation and enablement of our network of volunteer hosts to open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness. The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Charity and Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to it.

Achievements and performance

In a year where we have witnessed increasingly open hostility to people who are considered to be 'different', the willingness of people to open up their front doors to strangers so that they might sleep without fear or danger has never felt more important. On 256 nights across 2024-2025, young people of all faiths, race, ethnicities, sexual orientation and gender were welcomed into our volunteer host homes, offered a private and comfortable room, a hot meal, access to washing facilities and a listening ear if needed. An achievement only made possible through the collective efforts of our volunteer team of 50. Moreover, with the intensive and tailored support from our service team, 82% of our young guests moved on into safe, longer-term accommodation.

Young people continue to tell us how important this lifeline is to them and our volunteers tell us of the positive difference it makes to them to a be part of a service with such impact.

However, the environment for young people and their experiences of homelessness continues to be extremely challenging. The Centrepoint 2024 Data research released in this year tells us that 1 in 62 young people in the UK were estimated to be facing homelessness in 2023-2024 and points to the worryingly high proportion (33%) that don't get the assessment they're entitled to when they approach the local authority. Moreover, the research points to the general mistrust young people have of services, citing encounters that they find to be scary and re-traumatising.

Locally, we have invested significant time and resources across this year in adapting our work to fit changes in how young people access homelessness support in Brighton & Hove, with 16-25 year olds now being served through the universally-aged Council housing service. Alongside building positive relationships with our Council colleagues, we have been building on our previous work with community partners, approving a further 11 community referrers, 4 of whom have now referred into our service. And in February 2025 we then launched our first self-referral pathway. The results of this work are positive. We have seen our referrals across this year increase by 55% compared to the previous year and early data would suggest nearly 50% of those coming through our self-referral route.

We now have a more direct relationship with young people and for 28% of them getting in touch, we are the first and perhaps only service they have ever spoken to about their housing worries. For others, we are the service they are turning to having not found the support they need elsewhere. Positive first experiences are critical in preventing harms to young people and we've been working hard to make every contact with every young person count. Our experienced team has been spending more time listening, assessing needs and supporting young people to navigate and access services such as housing and health. This emergent and important role, ensuring that young people are effectively informed and guided in their next steps to address their homelessness, is one we are prioritising and investing in whether they stay with us not. We're actively exploring ways to capture, monitor and evaluate, this new, additional work.

Making the system work better for young people can only be achieved with the input of young people, strong advocacy and committed collaboration and this has been a productive year for Sussex Nightstop on all three fronts. We were proud to lead the first city insight project into youth homelessness alongside our partners Clocktower Sanctuary and YMCA DLG. The emerging 'Here for you' report shines a light on the real experiences of young people in our city seeking support at a time of homelessness crisis. It provides both recommendations and a mandate as to how things might improve. We are committed to working with partners moving forward to make those improvements real and Sussex Nightstop will continue to strongly advocate for improvements to the youth homelessness offer within key city plans.

At our core, Sussex Nightstop continues to be an enabler of a collaborative, community response to youth homelessness - unlocking the genuine desire that people hold to right this injustice. We have invested more in our recruitment and engagement activities over this year and more like-minded people have stepped forward to help. Our 60-strong volunteer team are backed by the committed, enthusiastic and increasingly supportive charitable partnerships we hold with a range of local businesses and four Artists Open Houses community partners.

Our thanks go to all who have supported our work. None of our achievements this year would be possible without the generous financial support of our individual donors, including generous legacy donations, our corporate and community partners and the following trust and grant funders:

Brighton & Hove City Council, Chalk Cliff Trust, Blagrave, DePaul UK, Ernest Kleinwort Trust, Garfield Weston, Imex, LandAid, Peoples Postcode Lottery, Lloyds Bank Foundation for England & Wales, The National Lottery Awards for All, Souter Trust, Swire Trust, Sussex Community Foundation, The 29th May Charitable Trust, The Albert Hunt Trust, The UK Youth Fund.

Financial review

Following a year of surplus in FY23/24, Sussex Nightstop entered into this year with reserves of £162,280, £85,050 of which was restricted.

Anticipating a challenging fundraising environment and reduced income levels, the Board had set a deficit budget where expenses would be partly funded through retained reserves.

The number of awards did reduce in FY24/25, but the average value increased. The majority of the awards were also unrestricted, allowing for greater flexibility in allocating expenditure. In addition, we made significant progress in identifying other local sources of funding. Overall, this resulted in us generating income of £194,335 for the year, a reduction of £56,572 on FY23/24, but £85,457 above budget.

Overall, expenses were managed to budget £202,782 (budget £204,245) meaning that we delivered a deficit of £8,447 for the year (budget -£95,367).

£30,830 of 'designated' unrestricted funds were invested in activities that enabled us to progress our strategic priorities, specifically the development of new access points into the service for young people and increased investment into our volunteer recruitment programme.

Reserves reduced correspondingly to £153,833, well above the Board approved designated reserve minimum threshold of £40,000.

Future year income and expenditure requirements

The Board have assessed the likely income requirements for the next three financial years.

Given the economic and political uncertainty, we continue to be concerned about the fundraising landscape. Nevertheless, we believe we can build on the progress we have made in this area over the last number of years and have approved a small but challenging 5% annual increase.

From an expense perspective, we believe that there will be increased demand for our services for next year and have already increased resources to service this.

We have therefore approved a deficit budget for 2025/26 where reserves will part fund £56,773 of expenditure. Reserves will reduce to £97,060 for year end, well above the reserve minimum threshold.

For the years 2026/27 and 2027/28, we expect an increase in income to closer to those achieved in FY2024 but are setting preliminary budgets with a small loss in both years, with corresponding reductions in reserves. We continue to carry out regular reviews of our expenses and fundraising strategy in this challenging environment.

Plans for the future

We have made considerable progress against our 2024-2027 strategy this year.

Our learning from this work means we will be investing our time, resources and energy in the following priority areas moving forwards:

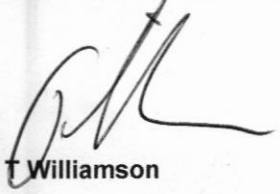
- **OUTREACH & REFERRALS** – Expand referral pathways through new community partnerships and our online self-referral system, ensuring that young people can find us quickly and easily
- **SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT** – Implement our refreshed support offer so that every contact we have with a young person counts; whether they are placed with a host or not
- **YOUTH VOICE** – Deliver Here for You Phase 2, embedding young people's insights in service design and ensuring that every stage of our work is shaped by lived experience.
- **VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT** – Recruit and retain more hosts able to offer longer consecutive stays, improving stability for young people and balancing supply with growing demand
- **IMPACT & DATA** – Strengthen how we measure and demonstrate outcomes, building a consistent data framework that captures immediate crisis prevention and long-term progress
- **PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – Deepen collaboration with local providers to create accessible and seamless referral routes, and a clear package of support for young people
- **COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS** – Mobilise supporters and volunteers as advocates, raising awareness of youth homelessness and building community commitment to tackle it together

The trusted relationships we have with our volunteers, donors and supporters from across the voluntary, public and community and corporate sectors will continue to be our most valuable asset and will remain at the heart of future plans.

Reserve Policy

Sussex Nightstop will from time to time establish and build up reserves to fund strategic developments, unexpected expenditure not budgeted for, unexpected shortfalls in income, closure costs and day to day cashflow. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at least at a level equivalent to three months' expenditure, which was approved at £40,000 in 2024-2025 and £50,000 for the 2025-2026 year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:



Mr T Williamson

Date 22 December 2025

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited for the purpose 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the company for the year ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Smith FCA
Chartered Accountant - ICAEW

Humphrey & Co
7 - 9 The Avenue
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 3YA

Dated: 22 January 2026

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and grants	2	124,117	49,496	173,613	233,880
Income from other trading activities	3	18,475	-	18,475	16,012
Investment income	4	2,247	-	2,247	1,015
Total incoming resources		**144,839**	**49,496**	**194,335**	250,907
Resources expended					
Raising funds:	5				
Fundraising costs		12,507	-	12,507	9,160
Event costs		5,871	-	5,871	8,716
		18,378	-	18,378	17,876
Charitable activities	6	53,858	130,546	184,404	149,266
Total resources expended		**72,237**	**130,545**	**202,782**	167,142
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		**72,603**	**(81,050)**	**(8,447)**	83,765
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		77,230	85,050	162,280	78,515
Fund balances at 30 June 2025		**149,833**	**4,000**	**153,833**	162,280

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**2,938**		34,364	
Cash at bank and in hand		**160,689**		140,225	
		163,627		174,589	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(9,794)**		(12,309)	
Net current assets			**153,833**		162,280
Total net assets			**153,833**		162,280
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		**4,000**		85,050
Unrestricted funds:	14				
Designated funds		**44,209**		58,209	
General unrestricted funds		**105,624**		19,021	
			149,833		77,230
			153,833		162,280

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

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

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

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

The accounts were approved by the Board on 22 December 2025.

Ms J Moore
Trustee

Mr T Williamson
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06822217

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 *Accounting policies*

Charity information

Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 7 – 9 The Avenue, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3YA.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income relating to future years is shown as deferred income.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and sums relating to the current financial year are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Sums relating to future years are included in deferred income.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Investment income is included when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

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

1.7 Fund accounting

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 '*Other Financial Instruments Issues*' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 30 June 2025 the trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates and judgements arising that require disclosure.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2025**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	46,287	-	**46,287**	27,512	2,528	30,040
Grants receivable for core activities	77,830	49,496	**127,326**	31,830	172,010	203,840
	124,117	49,496	**173,613**	59,342	174,538	233,880

Grants receivable include £26,364 from Brighton and Hove City Council (2024: £27,006).

3 Income from other trading activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Event income	**18,475**	16,012

4 Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	**2,247**	1,015

5 Costs of raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2025**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	12,507	-	**12,507**	9,160	-	9,160
Event costs	5,871	-	**5,871**	8,716	-	8,716
	18,378	-	**18,378**	17,876	-	17,876

6 Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Costs of providing accommodation and travel	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hosting costs	888	3,188	**4,076**	165	5,280	5,445
Volunteer & host expenses	339	-	**339**	20	299	319
Volunteer management costs	1,236	50	**1,286**	797	2,349	3,146
Guest expenses	766	2,330	**3,096**	50	2,779	2,829
YP interpreting support	890	898	**1,788**	-	-	-
YP Youth Voice expenses	313	891	**1,204**	-	-	-
Service development partnership expenses	334	-	**334**	-	-	-
Project phones	799	657	**1,456**	-	-	-
Salaries and pensions	30,046	110,630	**140,676**	12,855	100,196	113,051
Flexible and temporary staffing	1,461	-	**1,461**	1,169	-	1,169
Staff telephones	530	614	**1,144**	256	1,619	1,875
Staff travel and subsistence	487	46	**533**	465	-	465
Staff training	1,041	415	**1,456**	713	-	713
Staff supervision	924	-	**924**	350	-	350
Staff recruitment	100	-	**100**	38	-	38
Payroll costs	685	-	**685**	657	-	657
Rent	1,410	5,640	**7,050**	-	5,640	5,640
	42,249	125,359	**167,608**	17,535	118,162	135,697
Support costs						
Insurance	-	1,623	**1,623**	338	897	1,235
IT expenses	2,290	2,066	**4,356**	3,727	2,197	5,924
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	5,726	10	**5,736**	428	1,977	2,405
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	306	500	**806**	-	-	-
Meeting costs and office refreshments	229	551	**780**	362	-	362
Office expenses	283	437	**720**	373	-	373
Depreciation	-	-	**-**	1,011	-	1,011
	8,834	5,187	**14,021**	6,239	5,071	11,310
Governance costs[1]						
Independent Examiner's fee	2,600	-	**2,600**	-	2,133	2,133
Bank charges	94	-	**94**	91	-	91
Governance, trustees and AGM	81	-	**81**	8	27	35
	2,775	-	**2,775**	99	2,160	2,259
TOTAL	53,858	130,546	**184,404**	23,873	125,393	149,266

[1] Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner totalling £2,600 (2024: £2,133) relating solely to the independent examination.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any benefit, payment, including reimbursement of trustee expenses, or remuneration during the year.

8 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ended 30 June 2025 (2024: none).

9 Employees

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2024: 5).

Employment costs	**2025**	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**132,258**	108,803
Social security costs	**6,217**	2,713
Pension costs	**2,201**	1,534
	140,676	113,051

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
Cost	**£**
At 1 July 2024	6,017
Additions	-
At 30 June 2025	**6,017**
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2024	6,017
Charge for the year	-
At 30 June 2024	**6,017**
Net book value	
At 30 June 2025	**-**
At 30 June 2024	-

11 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	**1,000**	32,558
Prepayments	**1,938**	1,806
	2,938	34,364

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	**1,651**	1,672
Other creditors	**4,233**	3,592
Accruals and deferred income	**3,910**	7,045
	9,794	12,309

Deferred income

Current financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £Nil in 2024/25 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2025/26, and event income of £Nil relating to events taking place in 2025/26.

	Balance at 1 July 2024	Income deferred in year	Released from prior years	Balance at 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	5,083	-	(5,083)	-

Prior financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £2,558 in 2023/24 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2024/25, and event income of £2,525 relating to events taking place in 2024/25.

	Balance at 1 July 2023	Income deferred in year	Released from prior years	Balance at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	16,627	5,083	(16,627)	5,083

13 Restricted funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants held on trust for the Charity's work. Restricted funds have been used in 2024/25 and the prior year as follows:

Strategic Plan Delivery – The reserve balance and specific restricted funds we received during the year have been used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2024	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2025**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Strategic Plan Delivery	85,050	49,496	(130,546)	**4,000**
	85,050	49,496	(130,546)	**4,000**

Prior financial year	Balance at 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
Strategic Plan Delivery	35,905	174,538	(125,393)	85,050
	35,905	174,538	(125,383)	85,050

14 Unrestricted and material designated funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

Closure and Redundancy Provision – a fund to meet contractual liabilities and redundancy costs in the event our operations have to cease immediately.

Strategic Priorities – Our applications for a number of unrestricted grants received identified organisational priorities (volunteer recruitment, development of young people's pathways and support and strategic development) that we wanted these funds for and as such we wish to honour these intentions and designate the funds accordingly, as approved by our Board of Trustees.

	Balance at 1 July 2024	**Transfers**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2025**
	£	£	£	£	£
Closure and Redundancy Provision	40,000	-	-	-	**40,000**
Strategic Priorities	18,209	-	16,830	(30,830)	**4,209**
General unrestricted funds	19,021	-	128,009	(41,406)	**105,624**
	77,230	-	144,839	(72,236)	**149,833**

General unrestricted funds will be used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Prior financial year	Balance at 1 July 2023	Transfers	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Closure and Redundancy Provision	30,000	10,000	-	-	40,000
Strategic Priorities	-	-	30,830	(12,621)	18,209
General unrestricted funds	12,610	(10,000)	45,539	(29,128)	19,021
	42,610	-	76,369	(41,749)	77,230

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total**
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2025 are represented by:			
Current assets	159,627	4,000	**163,627**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,794)	-	**(9,794)**
	149,833	4,000	**153,833**

15 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Prior financial year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2024 are represented by:			
Current assets	86,981	87,608	174,589
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,751)	(2,558)	(12,309)
	77,230	85,050	162,280

16 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations and grants	2	59,342	174,538	233,880
Income from other trading activities	3	16,012	-	16,012
Investment income	4	1,015	-	1,015
Total incoming resources		76,369	174,538	250,907
Resources expended				
Raising funds	5	17,876	-	17,876
Charitable activities	6	23,873	125,393	149,266
Total resources expended		41,749	125,393	167,142
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		34,620	49,145	83,765
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		42,610	35,905	78,515
Fund balances at 30 June 2024		77,230	85,050	162,280

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1132386

Accounts

Chair's Report

July 2023 – June 2024

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP
A community response to youth homelessness

**The image is for representation purpose only. Courtesy DePaul.*

Sussex Nightstop – registered charity (Charity Number: 1132386)
and company limited by guarantee (Companies House: 06822217)

Published November 2024

A year of change… and response

This year is hallmarked by a complex web of changes and challenges we've seen at local, national and international level.

The long-standing 'front-door' for young people seeking advice on their housing moved from a community partner to the local authority and we've needed to respond. The change has accelerated the need to expand the number of ways young people can access our service. We're delighted with the results of our active outreach to new partners. When everything else is a struggle, finding us shouldn't be.

Young people have suffered decades of omission from the national conversation on homelessness. So much so that May 2024 saw the first parliamentary debate on youth homelessness in over 40 years. The results for young people are catastrophic with 135,800k young estimated to reach out to their Council each year, worried about their housing situation. This is the backdrop to further shrinkage in public sector finances, less money in young people's pocket, a worrying decline in young people's mental health, and systems that are under huge strain.

For our young people this means less resources to draw on, longer waiting times for what they need – whether housing, health or wider welfare. **Consequently, our young people are staying with us longer, needing greater levels of guidance, and greater levels of support from our service team.**

Across 2024, we've also experienced a world that we find less and less aligned with our central value of kindness. A world where open hostility has shown itself on our streets.

Discrimination of any kind has real world results. The increase in young migrants and refugees we have worked with across the year is stark; 38% (up from 15% the previous year).

In response, we've developed new working relationships with Voices in Exile and Hummingbird, drawing reciprocally on our strengths, to embrace and meet the needs of these most vulnerable young people. We've also maintained our proactive approach to developing the knowledge of our staff, volunteers and trustees across all areas that have a positive impact on inclusion.

SAMA's STORY

Granted leave to remain by the Home Office, Sama, age 24, came to Sussex Nightstop following a 'leave notice' from Home Office Accommodation. A quiet and thoughtful young man from Afghanistan, Sama was facing rough sleeping. We could offer a safe place to stay, and **Sama stayed with us for 85 nights until moving into long term housing in February 2024.** He stayed with one host family for 40 of these nights to provide the greatest stability.

After 3 months, Sama moved into permanent accommodation. We helped source household and food items to take with him. Sama attended language classes whilst with Nightstop and was proud to pass his English exam. He is looking forward to working and plans to start an apprenticeship.

Celebrating the resilience of young people

81% of young people who stayed with us in 2023-2024 moved on to a safer, more suitable place to call home

As a service that prevents young people from sleeping rough and a central aim for them to find a safer and more suitable place to call home, we are proud of our ongoing achievements in this area.

Over the last few years our work has been to really utilise the unique and trusted relationship we build with young people to maximum effect, whether we know them for an hour or a few months. This year our staff team has been working harder than ever to make that happen. The pathway for housing advice changing and young people finding us in different ways has lead to our staff providing **MORE advocacy, MORE guidance, and MORE hand-holding** of young people through complex housing systems.

Aside from changes in where people go for help, we are also seeing a change in the needs of young people. **Those who are rough-sleeping at the point of referral has risen from 20% to 31%**. And, whilst concerns around mental health remain pervasive and obstinately high across all young people, these are further compounded for young people with experience of the asylum system for whom the trauma is profound. We have invested in our knowledge and skills to respond to this, so that they can access our service and feel safe within it.

- Our volunteers, trustees and staff have taken up 58 learning spaces this year across Young Migrant training, LGBTQ+ awareness, and Neurodivergence training
- Refreshed volunteer guidance on inclusion
- Investment in and increased use of interpreting services
- Following the events of the Summer 2024 we took the step to remove ourselves from the social media platform 'X'

Every single young person who comes through our door comes with their own unique set of skills, strengths and talents. This year is no different and along with the assets they arrive with, there are those they gain whilst they are with us such as organisational skills, self-management of important life areas such as health and finances and being open to taking positive risks.

63% of young people who stayed with our hosts in 2023-24 were working, learning, or training

We want the positive outcomes for young people to stick and this is why we continue to check-in with them after they leave their host placements; providing further guidance where needed and otherwise watching them flourish.

We love the fact that the words they most strongly mention to us when we follow up are:

Life moving on…

'Things are going really well. I'm still working and registered with college to study mechanics.'

A community responding

"Makes me feel I am doing a normal decent thing for my fellow humans"

Our unique strength is enabling and facilitating the desire and drive within the local community to respond to the issue of youth homelessness, in whatever way they are able. Whilst our volunteer hosts make the material offer of a safe place to sleep **a viable idea,** it is in combination with the efforts of our other volunteers - that give their time and expertise to our out-of-hours support line, who help us deliver training, who actively champion what we do, and who participate in our recruitment and events activities - that **makes this idea possible**.

And so, our volunteer recruitment has been a priority for us. We remain unrelenting in our objective to grow and diversify our volunteer host numbers. It's getting tougher. Volunteers are subject to the pushes and pulls within their own lives and are not immune to the external factors that press upon us all. To all our volunteers who have made the decision for Sussex Nightstop to be a part of their life in 2024, we have huge gratitude.

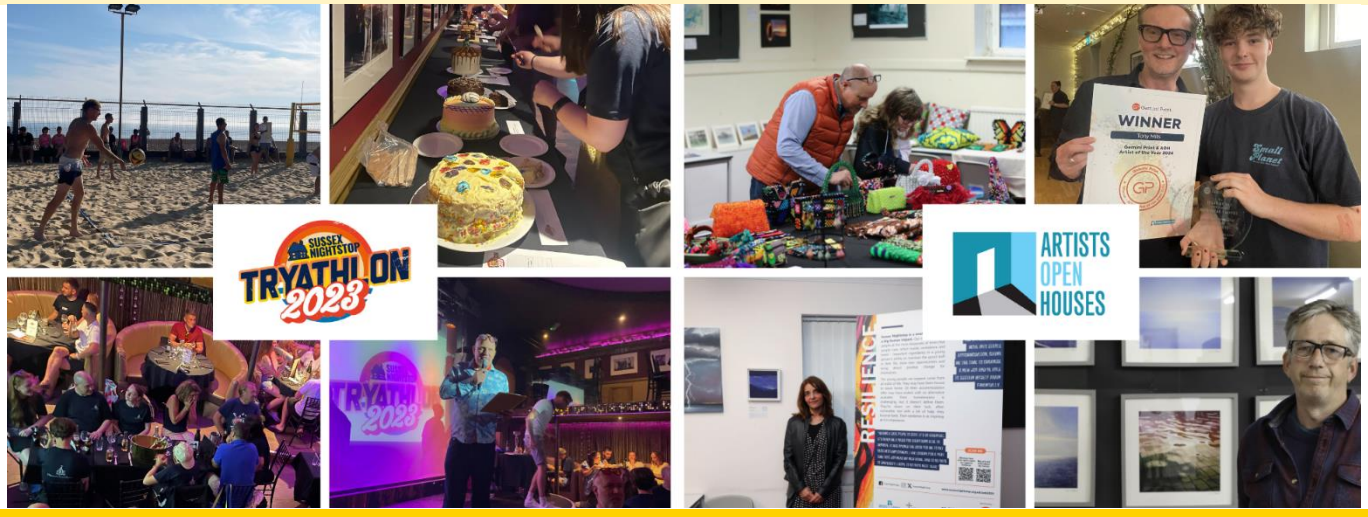
The collective effort of
52 volunteers over
12,962 hours

→ 310 safe nights of sleep made possible through 18 actively hosting households

We also reflect on some incredible results made possible by our wider community support. We are constantly **amazed and impressed not only by the generosity of our individual donors, community and corporate supporters** but also their creativity and willingness to get stuck in – whether that's payroll giving, selling Sussex Nightstop jewellery, donating consultation fees, sponsoring one of our events, or donating raffle prizes.

For everyone who ran silly around a volleyball court, sang, quizzed and baked to make our Tryathlon 2023 a huge success

To those artists – student, professional and amateur – that dedicated their work and time to our inspiring Artists Open House collaboration with Cardinal Newman



£47,000 in donations and gifts raised - a huge thank you to you all!

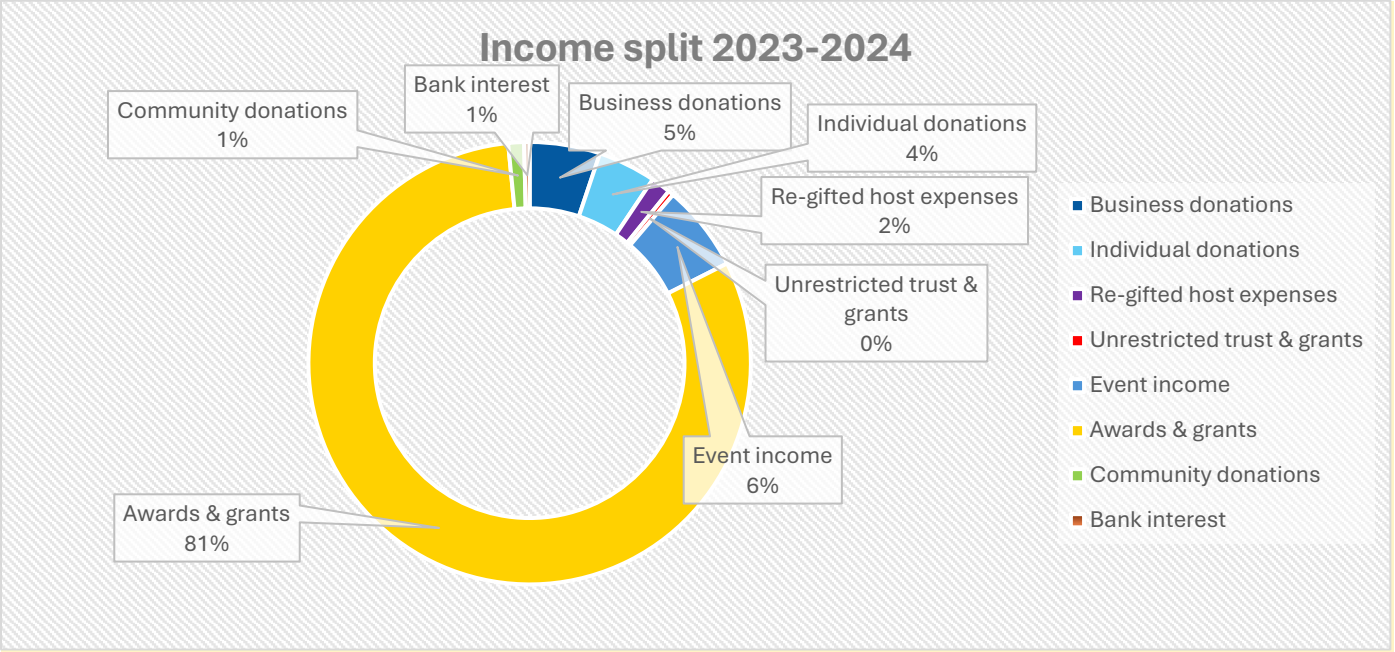
A word from our treasurer

As we entered 2023-2024, we anticipated that demand on our service would grow, and we'd made plans to make judicious use of unrestricted reserves where thresholds allowed to increase capacity within the organisation to respond. We've acted on these plans – increasing the number of hours available to our frontline response.

The developments in our service offer, along with a fundraising strategy that we have been refining over the last three years, has enabled us to generate income of £250,907.

Received in the 2023-2024, this income importantly includes multi-year and other restricted grants related to activities and spending in 2024-2025 and beyond. This strengthens the sustainability of our work and, in being able to forecast for a rolling 12-month period, we are better able to plan our activities in an efficient manner. Managing our finances in this way also means that we can take appropriate mitigating action in a timely manner.

While grant awards continue to be our major source of funds, we are pleased to report that the actions taken in pursuit of our strategy to increase the diversity of our income stream have resulted in a 35% growth in Event Income and Business & Community donations.



Our fundraising success combined with efficient management of costs means we generated surplus of £83,765 for the year, increasing our reserves to £162,280. Of these, £85,050 are restricted with £77,230 unrestricted, which compares favourably with the Board approved reserve minimum of £40,000.

	2023	2024
Income	£143,765	£250,907
Expenditure	£140,047	£167,142
Restricted reserves	£35,905	£80,050
Unrestricted reserves	£42,610	£77,230

We recognise the strong position in which we enter 2024-2025. However, we are not complacent. We are committed to deliver for our clients and the fundraising environment is turbulent. To maintain our services, we have a fundraising target of £347,970 until June 2027.

Looking ahead

Among the big changes of this last year, we took time to take stock and think about how we would like to approach the next three years. We are most fortunate to have an excellent group of people with whom to do this thinking!

The voices of our young people are who we've listened to most. Thank you to all of them who have taken the opportunities we've provided to articulate so eloquently what's worked well for them about Sussex Nightstop, whilst also pointing us clearly to improvements. We've built these improvements into our plans.

14 volunteers also spent an evening with us earlier in the year, looking at some of the challenges outlined in this report and considering whether our future plans made sense. Their input and response improved our thinking and reassured us that we were on the right track!

The full trustee board and staff team then came together to agree our strategy and reaffirm our group accountability to the organisational values that underpin what we do.

We are confident in our plan. As a primary frontline responder to youth homelessness in the City, our objective is for every young person who comes into contact with us, whether they stay with us or not, to feel listened to and provided with the best information and support in moving out of homelessness and into a more suitable and stable place to call home. First and foremost, we want to open up access through **a new self-referral pathway** and make **every contact count**.

OUR 2024-2027 PRIORITIES	**OUR SOLUTION**
• An **expansion of our referral pathways including self-referrals** • Seeking out and **embedding the voices of young people** in what we do • The **evolvement of our support offer** reflective of changing needs and demographics • Activities that support progress against our aim to be recognised as **an inclusive organisation** • The recruitment of a volunteer base offering **longer consecutive-night stays**; smoothing out supply and demand • Fundraising activities that continue to **diversify our income** • **Seeking partnerships and new alliances** that maximises our resources	A safe place to stay tonight – in the home of a trained volunteer host
	A young-person centred approach based on trusting and empathic relationships, built through kindness
	Effective local knowledge and trusted partnerships; linking to housing, health, education and employment support
	A practical outlook – clothing, translation support, travel costs
	Respectful, welcoming and purposefully inclusive
	Staying in touch to help success stick

A team effort

Behind the scenes at Nightstop sits a highly experienced, skilled, dedicated and diverse team of staff and trustees whose small team-size is augmented ten-fold by everyone's commitment and determination to do their best for young people. I thank them for their curiosity and willingness to take every challenge as an opportunity to reflect and improve.

We don't do this alone. I give special thanks to our 'honorary' team members Richard at Archangels Architects and Sam at Mortgage Medics for the above and beyond support you and your teams have given us this year.

I also give thanks to our close partners and peers, with whom our work is made stronger:

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS

We rely on individual, community and corporate donations along with funds from grants and trusts to carry out our vital work and we share the successes within this report with you.

Our future plans are in good hands.

Tim Williamson, Chair, Sussex Nightstop

Charity Registration No. 1132386

Company Registration No. 06822217 (England and Wales)

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr C Storey Ms A Hickey Ms J Moore Mr T Williamson Mr G Anderson Mr J Kilmartin Mr S Murphy Ms D McSween
Charity number	1132386
Company number	06822217
Registered office	7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Business address	11 St Georges Place Brighton BN1 4GB
Independent examiner	Anthony Smith FCA Humphrey & Co 7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank 164/165 Western Rd Brighton BN1 2BB Triodos Bank Deanary Road Bristol BS1 5AS

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SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 February 2009 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 October 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period and up to the date of signature were:

Mr J O'Sullivan (resigned 27 July 2023)
Mr C Storey
Ms A Hickey
Ms J Moore
Mr T Williamson
Mr G Anderson
Mr J Kilmartin
Mr S Murphy
Ms D McSween

Trustees are recruited based on their experience in the areas of social care and homelessness as well as experience in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement, finance and charitable governance.

Induction of new trustees and training for all trustees is achieved through induction meetings with the chair, attendance and discussions at Board meetings and strategic away days. Ongoing trustee development is achieved through attendance at external events and training as correlate to the individual learning needs of Trustees and an annual skills audit of the full board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board is made up of six Trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is affiliated to DePaul UK (Registered Charity Number: 802384) and its activities are reviewed and regulated by them.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to relieve the need, hardship or distress of those in housing need by enabling a community led response to homelessness for the public benefit of individuals across Sussex – in particular but not exclusively, through the provision of safe night-by-night accommodation, longer accommodation and support. We do this through our network of volunteer hosts who open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness.

The trustees confirm that the activities undertaken by the Charity in this reporting period have been duly within our Charitable Objects as outlined and our work has concentrated on the facilitation and enablement of our network of volunteer hosts to open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness. The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Charity and Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to it.

Achievements and performance

This has been another busy year for Sussex Nightstop during which we have continued to see firsthand the ongoing need for our service. Our volunteers sit at the heart of our service and the team have enabled our volunteer hosts to offer 310 safe nights of accommodation to 16-25 year olds over the year, many of whom we know had no other family, friends or resource to draw on. The rich seam of kindness we draw upon through our volunteer team is what continues to make the Nightstop experience so unique and we have remained committed to ongoing investment in maintaining and growing our host numbers and wider volunteer pool.

The day-2-day wrap-around support of our frontline team has never been more needed not only in protecting health and well-being but in ensuring that young people are best able to realise their potential once they are through this crisis. We are pleased to report that 83% of our young guests moved on into safe, longer-term accommodation this year and are even happier to report on the high majority who, during our 6 month follow up work with them, tell us that they are studying, working and pursuing the goals they told us about when they were staying with us. Whilst this is good news, we have also sadly seen the trend of longer-stays that emerged last year continue. The housing environment for young people remains tough with local rents amongst the highest in the UK. Systemic barriers, such as lower wages, continue to specifically marginalise young people from the housing market and the demand for accommodation that is tailored to this age group outstrips the supply. We can't see this situation changing soon.

Finding our service early in the homelessness experience has consequently been an area of particular focus for us. We felt a clear responsibility to be present in the spaces where young people might be expressing concerns about their housing. Having set out with that objective, we're happy to end this year with several new community pathways through which young people can find us. Importantly, these pathways include agencies working directly with young migrants. Young people of colour and those who have experienced the asylum system continue to be significantly over-represented in our guest numbers along with young people who identify as LGBTQ+, those experiencing mental health issues and/or who are neurodivergent. Closer working and understanding between us and our partners has been crucial in providing the support these young people need and in striving to get this right, it is the voices of our young people who we've listened to most. We are grateful to all of the young people who have participated in specific activities that enable their voice to be heard. They have eloquently articulated the positive impact Sussex Nightstop has had upon them whilst also pointing us clearly to improvements. We've built these improvements into our plans.

Our thanks go to all who have supported our work. None of our achievements this year would be possible without the generous financial support of our individual donors, our corporate and community partners and the following trust and grant funders:

Brighton & Hove City Council, Chalk Cliff Trust, Brighton & Hove Buses Community Grants, Blagrave, British Humane Society, DePaul UK, Ernest Kleinwort Trust, Garfield Weston, LandAid, Local Giving Magic Little Grant, Peoples Postcode Lottery, The National Lottery Awards for All, The National Lottery Cost of Living Fund, Swire Trust, Sussex Community Foundation, The Albert Hunt Trust, The Allen Lane Foundation, The Foyle Foundation, The Grace Trust.

Financial review

Following a strong close to FY 2023, Sussex Nightstop entered into the year with reserves of £78,515, £35,905 of which was restricted. It was agreed to set a budget that would maintain those reserves with income and expenditure targets of £155,962

We were successful in a number of applications in the first half of the year and tracked well ahead of income targets, allowing us to make moderate investments in increased project and delivery capacity. Q3 income returned close to budget levels but we had a very strong final quarter, resulting in full year income of £250,907 - £94,945 above budget and 74% growth on prior year.

Expenses were £167,142 (budget £155,962) meaning that we had a surplus of £83,765 for the year, increasing reserves to £162,280. Of these, £85,050 are restricted with £77,230 unrestricted (see Note 14), comparing favourably with the Board approved reserve minimum threshold of £40,000.

Future year income and expenditure requirements

The Board have assessed the likely income requirements for the next three financial years.

There continues to be uncertainty around the fundraising landscape and the board has remain focussed on our objectives but have approved a conservative budget for 2024/25, with income reducing to £108,878. We will continue to monitor expenses tightly but we will invest in achieving our long term objectives and in accordance with terms of the restricted grant awards. Reserves are expected to reduce accordingly but stay above our minimum thresholds.

For the years 2025/26 and 2026/27, and until such time as there are signs of recovery, we are setting preliminary budgets where income matches expenditures, thus maintaining reserve balances. We continue to carry out regular reviews of our fundraising strategy in this challenging environment.

Plans for the future

We used this year to take a considered, forward-look at our work, producing a refreshed 2024-2027 strategy.

The results of this work have established clear priority areas into which we will be investing our time, resources and energy. As follows:

- An **expansion of our referral pathways**
- *Seeking out and embedding* ***the voices of young people*** *in what we do*
- The **evolvement of our support offer** reflective of changing needs and demographics
- Activities that support progress against our aim to be recognised as an **inclusive organisation**
- The recruitment of a volunteer base offering **longer consecutive-night stays**; smoothing out supply and demand
- Fundraising activities that continue to **diversify our income**
- **Seeking partnerships and new alliances** that maximises our resources

The trusted relationships we have with our volunteers, donors and supporters from across the voluntary, public and community and corporate sectors will continue to be our most valuable asset and will remain at the heart of future plans.

Reserve Policy

Sussex Nightstop will from time to time establish and build up reserves to fund strategic developments, unexpected expenditure not budgeted for, unexpected shortfalls in income, closure costs and day to day cashflow. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at least at a level equivalent to three months' expenditure, which we estimate to be £40,000.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Mr T Williamson

Date 10/12/2024

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited for the purpose 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the company for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Smith FCA
Chartered Accountant - ICAEW

Humphrey & Co
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Eastbourne
East Sussex
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Dated: 12 December 2024

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and grants	2	59,342	174,538	233,880	134,341
Income from other trading activities	3	16,012	-	16,012	9,100
Investment income	4	1,015	-	1,015	324
Total incoming resources		**76,369**	**174,538**	**250,907**	143,765
Resources expended					
Raising funds:	5				
Fundraising costs		9,160	-	9,160	12,450
Event costs		8,716	-	8,716	4,959
		17,876	-	17,876	17,409
Charitable activities	6	23,873	125,393	149,266	122,638
Total resources expended		**41,749**	**125,393**	**167,142**	140,047
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		**34,620**	**49,145**	**83,765**	3,718
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		42,610	35,905	78,515	74,797
Fund balances at 30 June 2024		**77,230**	**85,050**	**162,280**	78,515

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		-		1,011
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**34,364**		36,477	
Cash at bank and in hand		**140,225**		62,081	
		174,589		98,558	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(12,309)**		(21,054)	
Net current assets			**162,280**		77,504
Total net assets			**162,280**		78,515
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		**85,050**		35,905
Unrestricted funds:	14				
Designated funds		**58,209**		30,000	
General unrestricted funds		**19,021**		12,610	
			77,230		42,610
			162,280		78,515

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

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

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

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

The accounts were approved by the Board on 10 December 2024

Ms J Moore
Trustee

Mr T Williamson
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06822217

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 7 – 9 The Avenue, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3YA.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income relating to future years is shown as deferred income.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and sums relating to the current financial year are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Sums relating to future years are included in deferred income.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Investment income is included when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

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

1.7 Fund accounting

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 30 June 2024 the trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates and judgements arising that require disclosure.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	27,512	2,528	**30,040**	22,843	2,169	25,012
Grants receivable for core activities	31,830	172,010	**203,840**	3,500	105,829	109,329
	59,342	174,538	**233,880**	26,343	107,998	134,341

Grants receivable include £27,006 from Brighton and Hove City Council (2023: £26,638).

3 Income from other trading activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Event income	**16,012**	9,100

4 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	**1,015**	324

5 Costs of raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	9,160	-	**9,160**	12,450	-	12,450
Event costs	8,716	-	**8,716**	4,959	-	4,959
	17,876	-	**17,876**	17,409	-	17,409

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

6 Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
Costs of providing accommodation and travel	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hosting costs	165	5,280	**5,445**	850	3,896	4,746
Volunteer & host expenses	20	299	**319**	99	-	99
Volunteer management costs	797	2,349	**3,146**	313	1,454	1,767
Guest expenses	50	2,779	**2,829**	2,750	-	2,750
Salaries and pensions	12,855	100,196	**113,051**	30,341	62,219	92,560
Flexible and temporary staffing	1,169	-	**1,169**	-	-	-
Staff telephones	256	1,619	**1,875**	2,205	129	2,334
Staff travel and subsistence	465	-	**465**	265	-	265
Staff training	713	-	**713**	119	-	119
Staff supervision	350	-	**350**	400	-	400
Staff recruitment	38	-	**38**	-	-	-
Payroll costs	657	-	**657**	649	-	649
Rent	-	5,640	**5,640**	3,852	1,788	5,640
	17,535	118,162	**135,697**	41,843	69,486	111,329
Support costs						
Insurance	338	897	**1,235**	833	397	1,230
IT expenses	3,727	2,197	**5,924**	2,106	620	2,726
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	428	1,977	**2,405**	172	1,260	1,432
On-call expenses	-	-	**-**	8	-	8
Working at home costs	-	-	**-**	31	-	31
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	-	-	**-**	499	-	499
Meeting costs and office refreshments	362	-	**362**	387	-	387
Office expenses	373	-	**373**	310	6	316
Consultancy and finance support	-	-	**-**	1,006	-	1,006
Depreciation	1,011	-	**1,011**	498	-	498
	6,239	5,071	**11,310**	5,850	2,283	8,133
Governance costs[1]						
Independent Examiner's fee	-	2,133	**2,133**	2,307	-	2,307
Bank charges	91	-	**91**	118	-	118
Legal and professional fees	-	-	**-**	350	324	674
Governance, trustees and AGM	8	27	**35**	77	-	77
	99	2,160	**2,259**	2,852	324	3,176
TOTAL	23,873	125,393	**149,266**	50,545	72,093	122,638

[1] Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner totalling £2,133 (2023: £2,307) relating solely to the independent examination.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any benefit, payment, including reimbursement of trustee expenses, or remuneration during the year.

8 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ended 30 June 2024 (2023: none).

9 Employees

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2023: 4).

Employment costs	**2024**	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**108,803**	88,091
Social security costs	**3,842**	3,029
Pension costs	**406**	1,440
	113,051	92,560

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 July 2023	6,017
Additions	-
At 30 June 2024	**6,017**
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2023	5,006
Charge for the year	1,011
At 30 June 2024	**6,017**
Net book value	
At 30 June 2024	-
At 30 June 2023	1,011

11 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	**32,558**	34,732
Prepayments	**1,806**	1,745
	34,364	36,477

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	**1,672**	818
Other creditors	**3,592**	913
Accruals and deferred income	**7,045**	19,323
	12,309	21,054

Deferred Income

Current financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £2,558 in 2023/24 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2024/25, and event income of £2,525 relating to events taking place in 2024/25.

	Balance at 1 July 2023	Income deferred in year	Released from prior years	Balance at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	16,627	5,083	(16,627)	**5,083**

Prior financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £9,288 in 2022/23 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2023/24, and event income of £7,339 relating to events taking place in 2023/24.

	Balance at 1 July 2022	Income deferred in year	Released from prior years	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	2,842	16,627	(2,842)	16,627

13 Restricted funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants held on trust for the Charity's work. Restricted funds have been used in 2023/24 and the prior year as follows:

Strategic Plan Delivery – The reserve balance and specific restricted funds we received during the year have been used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2023	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2024**
	£	£	£	£
Strategic Plan Delivery	35,905	174,538	(125,393)	**85,050**
	35,905	174,538	(125,383)	**85,050**

Prior financial year	Balance at 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
Strategic Plan Delivery	-	107,998	(72,093)	35,905
	-	107,998	(72,093)	35,905

14 Unrestricted and material designated funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

Closure and Redundancy Provision – a fund to meet contractual liabilities and redundancy costs in the event our operations have to cease immediately.

Strategic Priorities – Our applications for a number of unrestricted grants received identified organisational priorities (volunteer recruitment, development of young people's pathways and support and strategic development) that we wanted these funds for and as such we wish to honour these intentions and designate the funds accordingly, as approved by our Board of Trustees.

	Balance at 1 July 2023	**Transfers**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2024**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Closure and Redundancy Provision	30,000	10,000	-	-	**40,000**
Strategic Priorities	-	-	30,830	(12,621)	**18,209**
General unrestricted funds	12,610	(10,000)	45,539	(29,128)	**19,021**
	42,610	-	76,369	(41,749)	**77,230**

General unrestricted funds will be used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Prior financial year	Balance at 1 July 2022	Transfers	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Closure and Redundancy Provision	40,000	(10,000)	-	-	30,000
General unrestricted funds	34,797	10,000	35,767	(67,954)	12,610
	74,797	-	35,767	(67,954)	42,610

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Fund balances at 30 June 2024 are represented by:			
Current assets	86,981	87,608	**174,589**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,751)	(2,558)	**(12,309)**
	77,230	85,050	**162,280**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

15 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Prior financial year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	1,011	-	1,011
Current assets	53,365	45,193	98,558
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11,766)	(9,288)	(21,054)
	42,610	35,905	78,515

16 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations and grants	2	26,343	107,988	134,341
Income from other trading activities	3	9,100	-	9,100
Investment income	4	324	-	324
Total incoming resources		35,767	107,998	143,765
Resources expended				
Raising funds	5	17,409	-	17,409
Charitable activities	6	50,545	72,093	122,638
Total resources expended		67,954	72,093	140,047
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(32,187)	35,905	3,718
Fund balances at 1 July 2022		74,797	-	74,797
Fund balances at 30 June 2023		42,610	35,905	78,515

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Charity Registration No. 1132386

Company Registration No. 06822217 (England and Wales)

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr C Storey Ms A Hickey Ms J Moore Mr T Williamson Mr G Anderson Mr J Kilmartin Mr S Murphy Ms D McSween
Charity number	1132386
Company number	06822217
Registered office	7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Business address	11 St Georges Place Brighton BN1 4GB
Independent examiner	Anthony Smith FCA Humphrey & Co 7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank 164/165 Western Rd Brighton BN1 2BB Triodos Bank Deanary Road Bristol BS1 5AS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 February 2009 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 October 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period and up to the date of signature were:

Mr J O'Sullivan (resigned 27 July 2023)
Mr C Storey
Ms A Hickey
Ms J Moore
Mr T Williamson
Mr G Anderson
Mr J Kilmartin
Mr S Murphy
Ms D McSween

Trustees are recruited based on their experience in the areas of social care and homelessness as well as experience in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement, finance and charitable governance.

Induction of new trustees and training for all trustees is achieved through induction meetings with the chair, attendance and discussions at Board meetings and strategic away days. Ongoing trustee development is achieved through attendance at external events and training as correlate to the individual learning needs of Trustees and an annual skills audit of the full board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board is made up of six Trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is affiliated to DePaul UK (Registered Charity Number: 802384) and its activities are reviewed and regulated by them.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to relieve the need, hardship or distress of those in housing need by enabling a community led response to homelessness for the public benefit of individuals across Sussex – in particular but not exclusively, through the provision of safe night-by-night accommodation, longer accommodation and support. We do this through our network of volunteer hosts who open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness.

The trustees confirm that the activities undertaken by the Charity in this reporting period have been duly within our Charitable Objects as outlined and our work has concentrated on the facilitation and enablement of our network of volunteer hosts to open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness. The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Charity and Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to it.

Achievements and performance

This has been another busy year for Sussex Nightstop during which we have continued to see firsthand the ongoing need for our service. Our volunteers sit at the heart of our service and the team have enabled our volunteer hosts to offer 310 safe nights of accommodation to 16-25 year olds over the year, many of whom we know had no other family, friends or resource to draw on. The rich seam of kindness we draw upon through our volunteer team is what continues to make the Nightstop experience so unique and we have remained committed to ongoing investment in maintaining and growing our host numbers and wider volunteer pool.

The day-2-day wrap-around support of our frontline team has never been more needed not only in protecting health and well-being but in ensuring that young people are best able to realise their potential once they are through this crisis. We are pleased to report that 83% of our young guests moved on into safe, longer-term accommodation this year and are even happier to report on the high majority who, during our 6 month follow up work with them, tell us that they are studying, working and pursuing the goals they told us about when they were staying with us. Whilst this is good news, we have also sadly seen the trend of longer-stays that emerged last year continue. The housing environment for young people remains tough with local rents amongst the highest in the UK. Systemic barriers, such as lower wages, continue to specifically marginalise young people from the housing market and the demand for accommodation that is tailored to this age group outstrips the supply. We can't see this situation changing soon.

Finding our service early in the homelessness experience has consequently been an area of particular focus for us. We felt a clear responsibility to be present in the spaces where young people might be expressing concerns about their housing. Having set out with that objective, we're happy to end this year with several new community pathways through which young people can find us. Importantly, these pathways include agencies working directly with young migrants. Young people of colour and those who have experienced the asylum system continue to be significantly over-represented in our guest numbers along with young people who identify as LGBTQ+, those experiencing mental health issues and/or who are neurodivergent. Closer working and understanding between us and our partners has been crucial in providing the support these young people need and in striving to get this right, it is the voices of our young people who we've listened to most. We are grateful to all of the young people who have participated in specific activities that enable their voice to be heard. They have eloquently articulated the positive impact Sussex Nightstop has had upon them whilst also pointing us clearly to improvements. We've built these improvements into our plans.

Our thanks go to all who have supported our work. None of our achievements this year would be possible without the generous financial support of our individual donors, our corporate and community partners and the following trust and grant funders:

Brighton & Hove City Council, Chalk Cliff Trust, Brighton & Hove Buses Community Grants, Blagrave, British Humane Society, DePaul UK, Ernest Kleinwort Trust, Garfield Weston, LandAid, Local Giving Magic Little Grant, Peoples Postcode Lottery, The National Lottery Awards for All, The National Lottery Cost of Living Fund, Swire Trust, Sussex Community Foundation, The Albert Hunt Trust, The Allen Lane Foundation, The Foyle Foundation, The Grace Trust.

Financial review

Following a strong close to FY 2023, Sussex Nightstop entered into the year with reserves of £78,515, £35,905 of which was restricted. It was agreed to set a budget that would maintain those reserves with income and expenditure targets of £155,962

We were successful in a number of applications in the first half of the year and tracked well ahead of income targets, allowing us to make moderate investments in increased project and delivery capacity. Q3 income returned close to budget levels but we had a very strong final quarter, resulting in full year income of £250,907 - £94,945 above budget and 74% growth on prior year.

Expenses were £167,142 (budget £155,962) meaning that we had a surplus of £83,765 for the year, increasing reserves to £162,280. Of these, £85,050 are restricted with £77,230 unrestricted (see Note 14), comparing favourably with the Board approved reserve minimum threshold of £40,000.

Future year income and expenditure requirements

The Board have assessed the likely income requirements for the next three financial years.

There continues to be uncertainty around the fundraising landscape and the board has remain focussed on our objectives but have approved a conservative budget for 2024/25, with income reducing to £108,878. We will continue to monitor expenses tightly but we will invest in achieving our long term objectives and in accordance with terms of the restricted grant awards. Reserves are expected to reduce accordingly but stay above our minimum thresholds.

For the years 2025/26 and 2026/27, and until such time as there are signs of recovery, we are setting preliminary budgets where income matches expenditures, thus maintaining reserve balances. We continue to carry out regular reviews of our fundraising strategy in this challenging environment.

Plans for the future

We used this year to take a considered, forward-look at our work, producing a refreshed 2024-2027 strategy.

The results of this work have established clear priority areas into which we will be investing our time, resources and energy. As follows:

- An **expansion of our referral pathways**
- *Seeking out and embedding* ***the voices of young people*** *in what we do*
- The **evolvement of our support offer** reflective of changing needs and demographics
- Activities that support progress against our aim to be recognised as an **inclusive organisation**
- The recruitment of a volunteer base offering **longer consecutive-night stays**; smoothing out supply and demand
- Fundraising activities that continue to **diversify our income**
- **Seeking partnerships and new alliances** that maximises our resources

The trusted relationships we have with our volunteers, donors and supporters from across the voluntary, public and community and corporate sectors will continue to be our most valuable asset and will remain at the heart of future plans.

Reserve Policy

Sussex Nightstop will from time to time establish and build up reserves to fund strategic developments, unexpected expenditure not budgeted for, unexpected shortfalls in income, closure costs and day to day cashflow. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at least at a level equivalent to three months' expenditure, which we estimate to be £40,000.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Mr T Williamson

Date 10/12/2024

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited for the purpose 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the company for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Smith FCA
Chartered Accountant - ICAEW

Humphrey & Co
7 - 9 The Avenue
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 3YA

Dated: 12 December 2024

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and grants	2	59,342	174,538	233,880	134,341
Income from other trading activities	3	16,012	-	16,012	9,100
Investment income	4	1,015	-	1,015	324
Total incoming resources		**76,369**	**174,538**	**250,907**	143,765
Resources expended					
Raising funds:	5				
Fundraising costs		9,160	-	9,160	12,450
Event costs		8,716	-	8,716	4,959
		17,876	-	17,876	17,409
Charitable activities	6	23,873	125,393	149,266	122,638
Total resources expended		**41,749**	**125,393**	**167,142**	140,047
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		**34,620**	**49,145**	**83,765**	3,718
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		42,610	35,905	78,515	74,797
Fund balances at 30 June 2024		**77,230**	**85,050**	**162,280**	78,515

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		-		1,011
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**34,364**		36,477	
Cash at bank and in hand		**140,225**		62,081	
		174,589		98,558	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(12,309)**		(21,054)	
Net current assets			**162,280**		77,504
Total net assets			**162,280**		78,515
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		**85,050**		35,905
Unrestricted funds:	14				
Designated funds		**58,209**		30,000	
General unrestricted funds		**19,021**		12,610	
			77,230		42,610
			162,280		78,515

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

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

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

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

The accounts were approved by the Board on 10 December 2024

Ms J Moore
Trustee

Mr T Williamson
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06822217

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 7 – 9 The Avenue, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3YA.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income relating to future years is shown as deferred income.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and sums relating to the current financial year are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Sums relating to future years are included in deferred income.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Investment income is included when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

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

1.7 Fund accounting

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 30 June 2024 the trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates and judgements arising that require disclosure.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	27,512	2,528	**30,040**	22,843	2,169	25,012
Grants receivable for core activities	31,830	172,010	**203,840**	3,500	105,829	109,329
	59,342	174,538	**233,880**	26,343	107,998	134,341

Grants receivable include £27,006 from Brighton and Hove City Council (2023: £26,638).

3 Income from other trading activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Event income	**16,012**	9,100

4 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	**1,015**	324

5 Costs of raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	9,160	-	**9,160**	12,450	-	12,450
Event costs	8,716	-	**8,716**	4,959	-	4,959
	17,876	-	**17,876**	17,409	-	17,409

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

6 Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
Costs of providing accommodation and travel	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hosting costs	165	5,280	**5,445**	850	3,896	4,746
Volunteer & host expenses	20	299	**319**	99	-	99
Volunteer management costs	797	2,349	**3,146**	313	1,454	1,767
Guest expenses	50	2,779	**2,829**	2,750	-	2,750
Salaries and pensions	12,855	100,196	**113,051**	30,341	62,219	92,560
Flexible and temporary staffing	1,169	-	**1,169**	-	-	-
Staff telephones	256	1,619	**1,875**	2,205	129	2,334
Staff travel and subsistence	465	-	**465**	265	-	265
Staff training	713	-	**713**	119	-	119
Staff supervision	350	-	**350**	400	-	400
Staff recruitment	38	-	**38**	-	-	-
Payroll costs	657	-	**657**	649	-	649
Rent	-	5,640	**5,640**	3,852	1,788	5,640
	17,535	118,162	**135,697**	41,843	69,486	111,329
Support costs						
Insurance	338	897	**1,235**	833	397	1,230
IT expenses	3,727	2,197	**5,924**	2,106	620	2,726
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	428	1,977	**2,405**	172	1,260	1,432
On-call expenses	-	-	**-**	8	-	8
Working at home costs	-	-	**-**	31	-	31
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	-	-	**-**	499	-	499
Meeting costs and office refreshments	362	-	**362**	387	-	387
Office expenses	373	-	**373**	310	6	316
Consultancy and finance support	-	-	**-**	1,006	-	1,006
Depreciation	1,011	-	**1,011**	498	-	498
	6,239	5,071	**11,310**	5,850	2,283	8,133
Governance costs[1]						
Independent Examiner's fee	-	2,133	**2,133**	2,307	-	2,307
Bank charges	91	-	**91**	118	-	118
Legal and professional fees	-	-	**-**	350	324	674
Governance, trustees and AGM	8	27	**35**	77	-	77
	99	2,160	**2,259**	2,852	324	3,176
TOTAL	23,873	125,393	**149,266**	50,545	72,093	122,638

[1] Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner totalling £2,133 (2023: £2,307) relating solely to the independent examination.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any benefit, payment, including reimbursement of trustee expenses, or remuneration during the year.

8 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ended 30 June 2024 (2023: none).

9 Employees

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2023: 4).

Employment costs	**2024**	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**108,803**	88,091
Social security costs	**3,842**	3,029
Pension costs	**406**	1,440
	113,051	92,560

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 July 2023	6,017
Additions	-
At 30 June 2024	**6,017**
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2023	5,006
Charge for the year	1,011
At 30 June 2024	**6,017**
Net book value	
At 30 June 2024	-
At 30 June 2023	1,011

11 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	**32,558**	34,732
Prepayments	**1,806**	1,745
	34,364	36,477

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	**1,672**	818
Other creditors	**3,592**	913
Accruals and deferred income	**7,045**	19,323
	12,309	21,054

Deferred Income

Current financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £2,558 in 2023/24 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2024/25, and event income of £2,525 relating to events taking place in 2024/25.

	Balance at 1 July 2023	Income deferred in year	Released from prior years	Balance at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	16,627	5,083	(16,627)	**5,083**

Prior financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £9,288 in 2022/23 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2023/24, and event income of £7,339 relating to events taking place in 2023/24.

	Balance at 1 July 2022	Income deferred in year	Released from prior years	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	2,842	16,627	(2,842)	16,627

13 Restricted funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants held on trust for the Charity's work. Restricted funds have been used in 2023/24 and the prior year as follows:

Strategic Plan Delivery – The reserve balance and specific restricted funds we received during the year have been used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2023	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2024**
	£	£	£	£
Strategic Plan Delivery	35,905	174,538	(125,393)	**85,050**
	35,905	174,538	(125,383)	**85,050**

Prior financial year	Balance at 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
Strategic Plan Delivery	-	107,998	(72,093)	35,905
	-	107,998	(72,093)	35,905

14 Unrestricted and material designated funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

Closure and Redundancy Provision – a fund to meet contractual liabilities and redundancy costs in the event our operations have to cease immediately.

Strategic Priorities – Our applications for a number of unrestricted grants received identified organisational priorities (volunteer recruitment, development of young people's pathways and support and strategic development) that we wanted these funds for and as such we wish to honour these intentions and designate the funds accordingly, as approved by our Board of Trustees.

	Balance at 1 July 2023	**Transfers**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2024**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Closure and Redundancy Provision	30,000	10,000	-	-	**40,000**
Strategic Priorities	-	-	30,830	(12,621)	**18,209**
General unrestricted funds	12,610	(10,000)	45,539	(29,128)	**19,021**
	42,610	-	76,369	(41,749)	**77,230**

General unrestricted funds will be used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Prior financial year	Balance at 1 July 2022	Transfers	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Closure and Redundancy Provision	40,000	(10,000)	-	-	30,000
General unrestricted funds	34,797	10,000	35,767	(67,954)	12,610
	74,797	-	35,767	(67,954)	42,610

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Fund balances at 30 June 2024 are represented by:			
Current assets	86,981	87,608	**174,589**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,751)	(2,558)	**(12,309)**
	77,230	85,050	**162,280**

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Prior financial year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	1,011	-	1,011
Current assets	53,365	45,193	98,558
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11,766)	(9,288)	(21,054)
	42,610	35,905	78,515

16 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations and grants	2	26,343	107,988	134,341
Income from other trading activities	3	9,100	-	9,100
Investment income	4	324	-	324
Total incoming resources		35,767	107,998	143,765
Resources expended				
Raising funds	5	17,409	-	17,409
Charitable activities	6	50,545	72,093	122,638
Total resources expended		67,954	72,093	140,047
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(32,187)	35,905	3,718
Fund balances at 1 July 2022		74,797	-	74,797
Fund balances at 30 June 2023		42,610	35,905	78,515

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP

A community response to youth homelessness

Chair's Report July 2022 – June 2023

"I have put on weight, which I needed to and I don't feel as tired. Also it has helped me apply for jobs through Jobcentre and I have one set up for when my ID arrives"

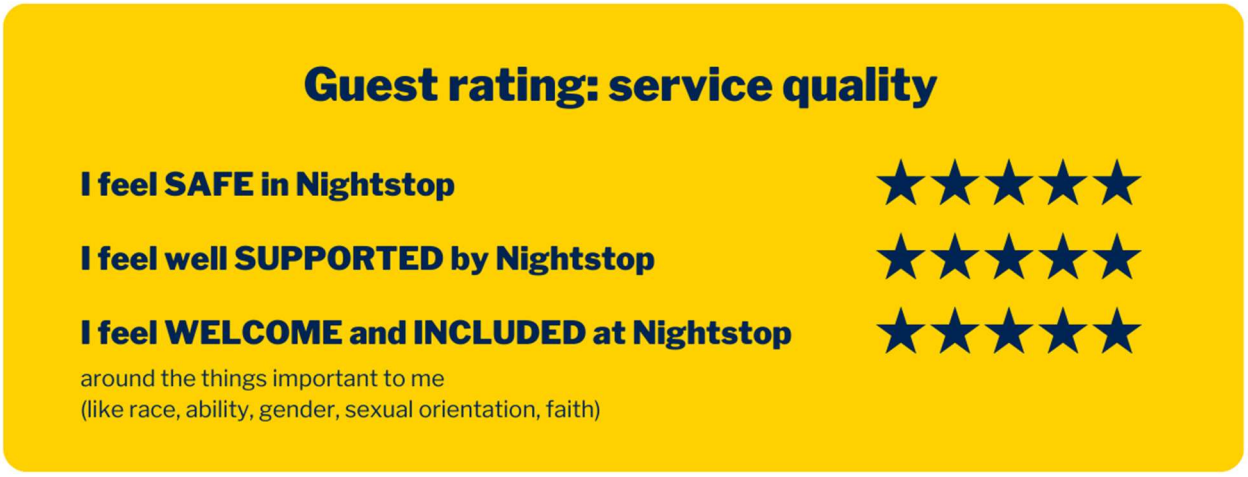
Sussex Nightstop – registered charity (Charity Number: 1132386)
and company limited by guarantee (Companies House: 06822217)

Published November 2023

Celebrating 15 years of service to the local community

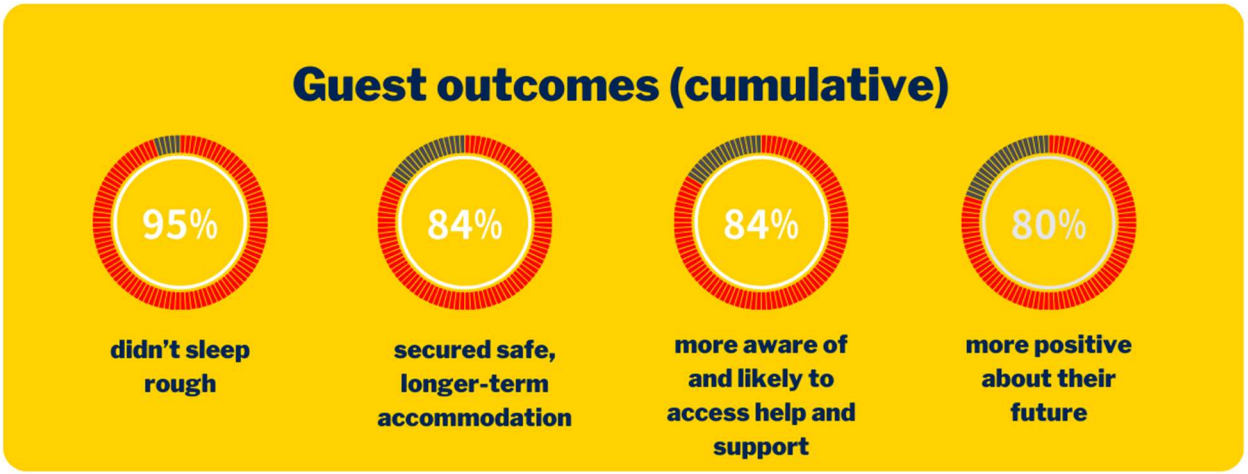
Sussex Nightstop has gone from strength to strength across 2022-2023. We have responded to one of the highest levels of demand we've seen in five years with young people experiencing homelessness sleeping safe in one of our volunteer host homes on 288 nights – an increase of 73% in our guest stays compared to the previous year.

With service safety and quality central to our work, our guest 'check-in' feedback after their first night stay is a good indicator and addition to the rich conversations our service coordinators have with each guest.



Delivering on our vision

Our vision is that everyone has access to a secure and sustainable home and the opportunity to sleep safe at night. A more robust approach to insight and data makes us confident that our offer is making our vision reality. We now stay in touch with our young guests for much longer and use our trusted relationship with them to take action where we can, to prevent a return to rough-sleeping and to make our impact 'stick'.

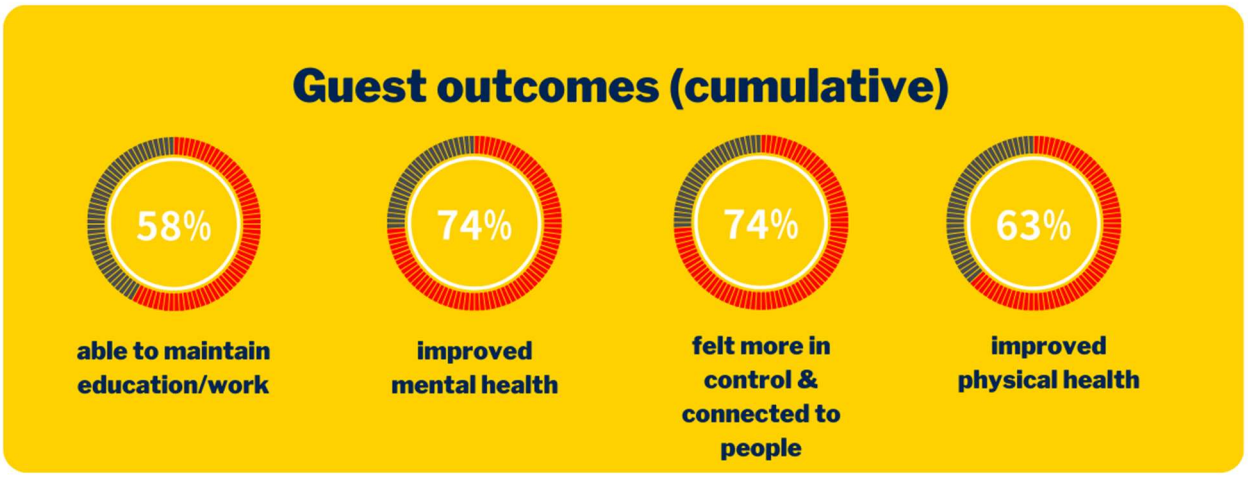


Building resilience and aspirations

Our unique model of home-hosting and wrap-around support continues to provide us with privileged insight into the experiences and aspirations of our young guests. 50% of guests this year were working or studying, including sitting (and passing) their GCSEs. Their resilience and ambition to improve their circumstances is always evident.

"Working earning money, going to college to improve English, exercise, football. All the good things in life…."

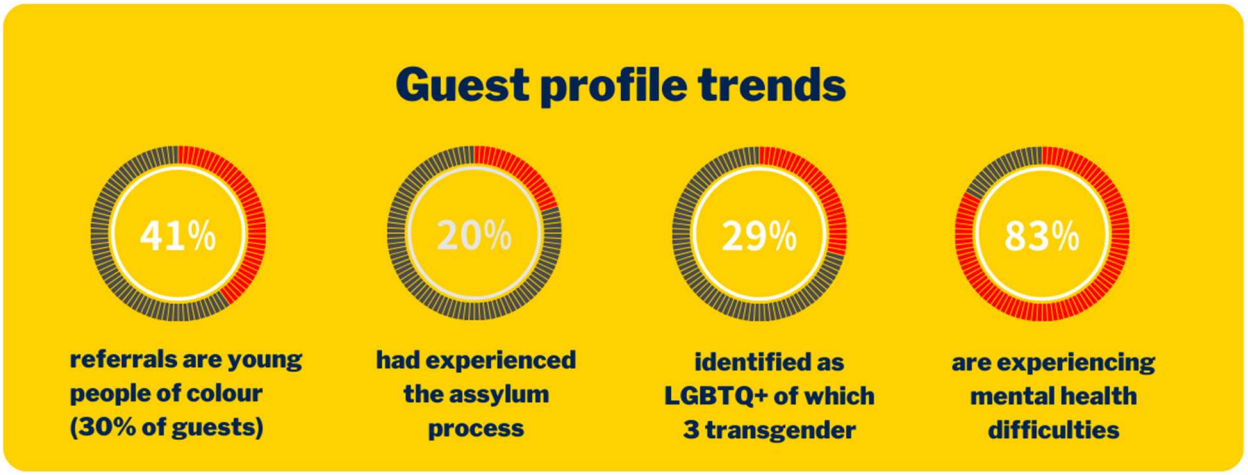
As we have seen the range and depth of complexities facing our young people rise over this year our practice of face-to-face, day-in, day-out wrap around support has become ever more important and the benefits are clear.



However, some worrying trends have emerged over this year, linked to cost-of-living impacts and related reduction in suitable housing options:

- A third of young people who stayed with us last year stayed twice as long: 21 or more nights

- Many of our young people consider themselves to be neurodivergent (diagnosed and undiagnosed)
- A concerning over-representation of some young people engaging in the service - noticeably those often most traumatised and at risk of marginalisation:



This has amplified the importance of our diversity, equality and inclusion work and the need to ensure that young people's voices are heard and reflected in the service. Working with both Watch This Sp_ce and Allsorts, our Trustees, Staff and Volunteers have continued to improve their inclusive practice, access and support for young people of colour and those identifying as LGBTQ+.

"I think it's made me more determined to deal with 'minor' issues around racism, that are often just ignored or not considered serious enough to warrant action."
Racial inclusion and allyship training attendee

Setting up referral points with local college partners, we have also taken our 'front door' out into the community. Going where young people are rather than expecting them to find us, we hope to improve awareness and access and we will continue to expand these community referral points with other local agencies.

This work can never stand alone and understanding what young people need and want from us is vital. Our Spring 2023 Youth Focus group re-launched a fresh plan for this work, continuing through one-to-one conversations with our Nightstop guests, and now we are seeking the community perspective of young people who may need us at some point.

Key points of service confidence:

- understand and feel 'held' by the Nightstop service boundaries
- even if they felt fearful of staying with strangers, they knew it would be safe
- benefited from the Nightstop offer being co-located in the same place as wider

young homelessness and advice services

Recommended improvements actioned as a result:

- a plain English overhaul of our postcard for young people
- working with our new and existing volunteer host households towards offering greater continuity of nights
- opening up new community referral points into Nightstop

A community responding

We are nothing without our volunteers and our plans for growth have continued in earnest. Welcoming six new households this year - their impact has been immediate.

"I've found it a varied experience, sometimes mundane, sometimes challenging, sometimes deeply interesting, but feeling I'm helping provide respite to the diverse mixture of young people who need it. As a newcomer it's been really reassuring to know that the on-call team is there all the time and that the next day I will be able to discuss any concerns or issues."
Rosie, host

We know that to meet demand and provide the stability that young people find in longer continuous stays, we need more host households and have more to do so our host households better reflect our service beneficiaries.

Recruitment remains a priority for 2023-2024.

Firmly embedded across our activities our volunteers are not only hosting. Our volunteer On-call Team of seven enables us to provide a reassuring 24-hour point of contact – without them a young person cannot stay. Our community ambassadors are a crucial part of our recruitment activities and awareness-raising in their localities.

Our volunteers have given 11,900 hours of their time in 2022-2023

We can not thank our volunteers enough. They remain tirelessly dedicated to providing the highest quality of experience for our young guests and it is a privilege to count them amongst our team.

Funds and finances

Our individual donors, community and corporate supporters have grown and continued to wrap themselves around us and we are incredibly grateful.

Our business ambassador Richard Zinzan of Archangels Architects and Sam Murphy, new Trustee and Director of our corporate partner Mortgage Medics tirelessly championed our cause, resulting in a high profile at networking events (and impressive raffle revenues!) and healthy demand for our inaugural Tryathlon event.

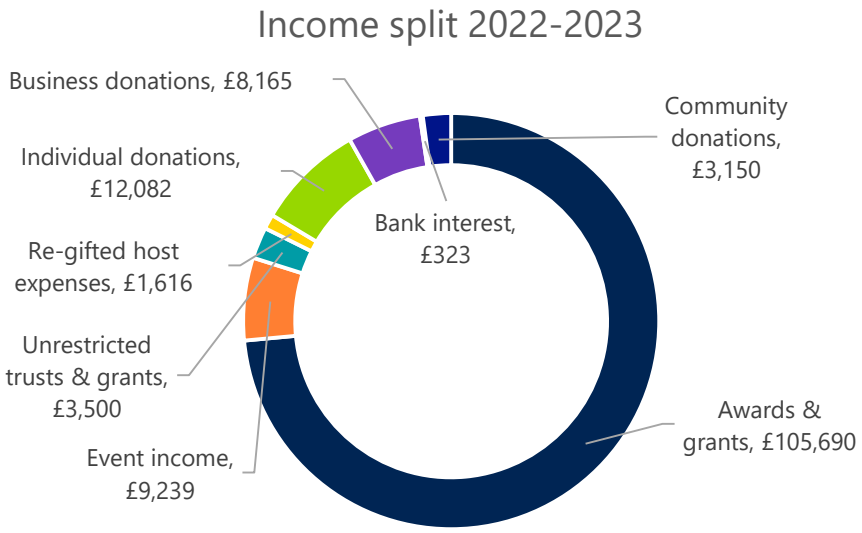
The year ended with a new partnership: Artists Open Houses. Like Sussex Nightstop, the participating artists in this local initiative have for many years been warmly welcoming strangers into their homes – the resonance with Sussex Nightstop is obvious and the community of participating artists have truly embraced us and shown extraordinary generosity in donating art pieces to our first Art Auction, which raised £3,000.

A word from our treasurer

There was a significant amount of uncertainty as we entered 2022-2023 as to how the fundraising environment would recover post covid and with that we set an ambitious income target of £105,690 within a budget balanced by the release of unrestricted reserves.

Taking a mixed-fundraising approach we have generated income of £143,765.

Grant awards continue to be our major source of our income, but with the great support of our supporters and volunteers, we increased our business and individual donations during the year. In addition we raised £9,239 from our very successful Tryathlon event.



Our fundraising success combined with efficient management of costs means we end 2022-2023 with a surplus of £3,718, and reserves of £78,515 (of which 46% are restricted) and committed to work that continues into 2023-2024. We therefore start our next financial year in a strong position.

	2022	**2023**
Income	£ 68,227	£143,765
Expenditure	£125,145	£140,047
Restricted Reserves	£0	£35,905
Unrestricted Reserves	£74,797	£42,610
Total	**£74,797**	**£78,515**

For 2023-2024, we expect demand on our service to grow further and with it the level of frontline staff support needed to respond. As such we plan to make judicious use of unrestricted reserves where thresholds allow to increase capacity and have budgeted a breakeven budget that will allow for inflationary increases in most of our expenses.

The Sussex Nightstop team

Our work is driven by an experienced, skilled and committed Board and staff team who aspire to the highest quality of delivery and governance in how we achieve that.

This year we said goodbye to trustee Dr Ceri Davies-Tyrie after four years of service. As past Chair of Board, Ceri's legacy has been a Board that operates at the highest level of diligence and accountability. We treat that legacy preciously. We also said farewell to our Treasurer of 10 years, John O'Sullivan who steered our finances with an exacting eye for detail and most importantly, established an open financial culture where understanding was supported and challenge welcomed.

Co-running with John to ensure a smooth transition we are delighted to welcome Gareth Anderson as our new Treasurer and our Board has been strengthened further by the welcoming of new trustees Denise Mcsween, James Kilmartin (Trustee Safeguarding Lead) and Sam Murphy.

We sadly said goodbye to our longstanding service coordinator Sian, but her care and compassion for our young people remains a golden thread through our continued work. Her replacement Tom joins H in coordinating our vital frontline work with young people. We are incredibly fortunate to have their combined knowledge and experience; it's their skilled input with our young people and service coordination that is so impactful. Mitchelle joined as Comms & Engagement Assistant and along with Liz brings formidable energy and creativity to our outreach, nurturing the collaboration and community response central to our success and importantly ensuring that young people find us when they need us.

Thank you to everyone involved in the kind community that makes up Sussex Nightstop.

Tim Williamson, Chair of Sussex Nightstop

November 2023

A huge thanks to our funders and supporters

We rely on funds from grants and trusts to carry out our vital work and invite them to share in our successes this year.

Thanks too to the Mrs A Lacey-Tate Trust and the British Humane Association

As a community response to youth homelessness, we look forward to continued growth of our supportive business community. Thanks to the many Sussex businesses who supported us with raffle prizes and other fundraising activities this year.

Accredited by De Paul UK

A service for everyone

Charity Registration No. 1132386

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SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr C Storey Ms A Hickey Ms J Moore Mr T Williamson Mr G Anderson (appointed 26 January 2023) Mr J Kilmartin (appointed 26 January 2023) Mr S Murphy (appointed 26 January 2023) Ms D McSween (appointed 26 April 2023)
Charity number	1132386
Company number	06822217
Registered office	7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Independent examiner	Anthony Smith FCA Humphrey & Co 7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank 164/165 Western Rd Brighton BN1 2BB Triodos Bank Deanary Road Bristol BS1 5AS

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SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 February 2009 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 October 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period and up to the date of signature were:

Mr J O'Sullivan (resigned 27 July 2023)
Mr C Storey
Ms C Davies-Tyrie (resigned 8 December 2022)
Ms A Hickey
Ms J Moore
Mr T Williamson
Mr G Anderson (appointed 26 January 2023)
Mr J Kilmartin (appointed 26 January 2023)
Mr S Murphy (appointed 26 January 2023)
Ms D McSween (appointed 26 April 2023)

Trustees are recruited based on their experience in the areas of social care and homelessness as well as experience in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement, finance and charitable governance.

Induction of new trustees and training for all trustees is achieved through induction meetings with the chair, attendance and discussions at Board meetings and strategic away days. Ongoing trustee development is achieved through attendance at external events and training as correlate to the individual learning needs of Trustees and an annual skills audit of the full board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board is made up of six Trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is affiliated to DePaul UK (Registered Charity Number: 802384) and its activities are reviewed and regulated by them.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to relieve the need, hardship or distress of those in housing need by enabling a community led response to homelessness for the public benefit of individuals across Sussex – in particular but not exclusively, through the provision of safe night-by-night accommodation, longer accommodation and support. We do this through our network of volunteer hosts who open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness.

The trustees confirm that the activities undertaken by the Charity in this reporting period have been duly within our Charitable Objects as outlined and our work has concentrated on the facilitation and enablement of our network of volunteer hosts to open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness.

Achievements and performance

A busy and rewarding year, Sussex Nightstop has continued its vital work with young people experiencing homelessness. Through our committed volunteer host network we've continued to enable young people to access safe, over-night accommodation with one of our trained and trusted volunteer host homes, whilst we support them during the day to achieve their housing goal.

With the pandemic behind us, we saw the demand for the service increase with the number of safe nights that volunteer hosts have accommodated rising to 288 across this year - a 73% increase on our previous 2021-2022 year. We have seen firsthand the increased complexities that young people are facing as the rising cost of living squeezes them further and further away from the housing market. We have seen younger people needing to stay with us for longer before their housing plan comes to fruition and the day-to-day wrap-around support provided to young people by our frontline team has never been so vital in maintaining wellbeing and resilience.

In response, we have continued activities across this year that aim to increase our volunteer host home recruitment and that develop the ways in which young people access our service, including the opening up of direct links with college partners and this work continues.

We want young people to be at the heart of what we do and are pleased to have refreshed and re-launched our programme of work to capture the thoughts of young people who have used the service as well as those who haven't. This year, we note that young LGBTQ+ people, young people of colour, young refugee and asylum seekers and young people experiencing neurodivergence are disproportionately represented within the young people that we help. We came together as an organisation to agree actions we will take to ensure that we are welcoming, inclusive and meeting the needs of these (and all) young people who need us. Whilst we know we have much further to go, we are pleased to finish the year with a Trustee, Staff and Volunteer group more reflective of our beneficiaries and having benefited in racial inclusion and LGTBQ+ awareness training.

Sustainability of the Charity has remained a priority. Building upon foundations laid in the previous year, we are pleased to have enjoyed sustained support from our existing corporate-charity partnerships as well as attracting new support in this area. Our community fundraising is as important as ever and our new charitable initiative with Brighton & Hove Artists Open Houses has been a highlight of 2022-2023. We are thankful to all the individuals who (either on their own or through their group, school or place of worship) have supported our work and our trust and grant funders across this period:

Brighton & Hove City Council, Chalk Cliff Trust, Brighton & Hove Buses Community Grants, British Humane Association, DePaul UK, Local Giving Magic Little Grant, Mrs Ann Lacey-Tate Trust, National Lottery Awards for All, Sussex Community Foundation, The Albert Hunt Trust, The Allen Lane Foundation, The Betsy Foundation, The Jaspar Foundation, The Peoples Postcode Lottery, The Tilley Foundation and The 29th May 1961 Charity.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Financial review

After a number of years of successful fundraising during lockdown, Sussex Nightstop began the year with unrestricted reserves of £75,000. As such, it was in a position to grow operations back to pre-covid levels in response to the demands being placed on the charity and set a budget for the year with expenses of £144,000 (FY 2022: £125,000) and income at £109,000 (FY 2022: £68,000), with reserves reducing to £40,000.

For the first half of the year, we tracked behind our income targets and scaled back some expenditure plans as we anticipated a greater deficit than budgeted. In the second half of the year, we made a strong recovery with a number of significant awards later in the year resulting in full year income of £144,000, £34,000 above budget.

Expenses were £140,000 (budget £144,000) meaning that we had a surplus of £4,000 for the year, increasing reserves to £79,000. Reserves are £36,000 of restricted reserves as at year end and £43,000 of unrestricted reserves. This compares favourably with the Board approved designated reserve minimum threshold of £30,000.

It should also be noted that £27,000 of these reserves had yet to be received at year end and are recorded as debtors in the accounts.

Future year income and expenditure requirements

The Board have assessed the likely income requirements for the next three financial years.

Given the increase in demand for our services we have budgeted to increase resource levels this year with inflationary increase expected in future years. For each year, we have agreed that the budget should be set such that income will cover expense levels and set targets of £156,000 for 2023/24, £167,000 for 2024/25 and £171,000 for 2025/26. We will carry out regular reviews of our fundraising strategy in what is a challenging fundraising environment.

Plans for the future

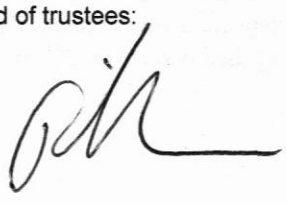
Moving forwards we are continuing to build on the foundational work of the last year, with a maintained focus on growing our volunteer host household pool as well as opening up the range of places where young people can find out about and access our service. We are placing our youth voice work at the centre of these future activities and we'll be proactively pursuing our diversity, equality and inclusion plan with their insights and needs in mind. With our young guests needing to stay with us for longer we know that we will be adjusting the level, type and duration of our support at this critical point in their lives. We will be investing in time with our colleagues and partners who have a stakehold in youth homelessness to ensure that our service remains relevant, impactful and purposeful in an environment where resources across the system are shrinking and we'll be giving consideration as to how we can best serve young people experiencing homelessness for whom housing options are reducing. The trusted relationships we have with our volunteers, donors and supporters from across the voluntary, public and community and corporate sectors will continue to be our most valuable asset and will remain at the heart of future plans.

Reserve Policy

Sussex Nightstop will from time to time establish and build up reserves to fund strategic developments, unexpected expenditure not budgeted for, unexpected shortfalls in income, closure costs and day to day cashflow. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at least to a level equivalent to three months' expenditure, which we estimate to be £30,000.

On behalf of the board of trustees:

Mr T Williamson



Date

13/12/2023

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited for the purpose 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Smith FCA
Humphrey & Co

7 - 9 The Avenue
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 3YA

Dated: 08/01/24

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and grants	2	26,343	107,998	134,341	68,212
Income from other trading activities	3	9,100	-	9,100	-
Investment income	4	324	-	324	15
Total incoming resources		**35,767**	**107,998**	**143,765**	68,227
Resources expended					
Raising funds	5	17,409	-	17,409	5,298
Charitable activities	6	50,545	72,093	122,638	119,847
Total resources expended		**67,954**	**72,093**	**140,047**	125,145
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		**(32,187)**	**35,905**	**3,718**	(56,918)
Fund balances at 1 July 2022		74,797	-	74,797	131,715
Fund balances at 30 June 2023		**42,610**	**35,905**	**78,515**	74,797

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		1,011		999
Current assets					
Debtors	11	36,477		2,500	
Cash at bank and in hand		62,081		81,019	
		98,558		83,519	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(21,054)		(9,721)	
Net current assets			77,504		73,798
Total assets less current liabilities			78,515		74,797
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		35,905		-
Unrestricted funds	14		42,610		74,797
			78,515		74,797

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

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

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

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

The accounts were approved by the Board on 13th December '23

Ms J Moore
Trustee

Mr T Williamson
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06822217

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 7 – 9 The Avenue, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3YA.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income relating to future years is shown as deferred income.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and sums relating to the current financial year are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Sums relating to future years are included in deferred income.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Investment income is included when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

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

1.7 Fund accounting

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 30 June 2023 the trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates and judgements arising that require disclosure.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2023**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	22,843	2,169	**25,012**	22,792	7,276	30,068
Grants receivable for core activities	3,500	105,829	**109,329**	3,000	35,144	38,144
	26,343	107,998	**134,341**	25,792	42,420	68,212

Grants receivable include £26,638 from Brighton and Hove City Council (2022: £26,638).

3 Income from other trading activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Event income	**9,100**	-

4 Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	**324**	15

5 Costs of raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2023**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	12,450	-	**12,450**	5,270	28	5,298
Event costs	4,959	-	**4,959**	-	-	-
	17,409	-	**17,409**	5,270	28	5,298

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

6 Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	*Restricted* Funds	*Total* 2023	*Unrestricted* Funds	*Restricted* Funds	*Total* 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of providing accommodation and travel						
Hosting costs	850	3,896	**4,746**	840	1,640	2,480
Volunteer & host expenses	99	-	**99**	-	60	60
Volunteer management costs	313	1,454	**1,767**	23	1,467	1,490
Guest expenses	2,750	-	**2,750**	612	270	882
Salaries and pensions	30,341	62,219	**92,560**	16,929	75,569	92,498
Telephones	2,205	129	**2,334**	1,651	346	1,997
Staff travel and subsistence	265	-	**265**	155	62	217
Staff training	119	-	**119**	609	10	619
Staff supervision	400	-	**400**	545	-	545
Payroll costs	649	-	**649**	729	-	729
Rent	3,852	1,788	**5,640**	4,790	850	5,640
	41,843	69,486	**111,329**	26,883	80,274	107,157
Support costs						
Insurance	833	397	**1,230**	333	897	1,230
IT expenses	2,106	620	**2,726**	2,076	204	2,280
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	172	1,260	**1,432**	443	1,714	2,157
On-call expenses	8	-	**8**	8	-	8
Working at home costs	31	-	**31**	292	-	292
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	499	-	**499**	517	-	517
Meeting costs and office refreshments	387	-	**387**	177	6	183
Office expenses	310	6	**316**	169	11	180
Consultancy and finance support	1,006	-	**1,006**	2,019	-	2,019
Depreciation of fixtures, fittings and equipment	498	-	**498**	504	-	504
	5,850	2,283	**8,133**	6,538	2,832	9,370
Governance costs[1]						
Independent Examiner's fee	2,307	-	**2,307**	1,547	500	2,047
Bank charges	118	-	**118**	107	-	107
Legal and professional fees	350	324	**674**	326	334	660
Governance, trustees and AGM	77	-	**77**	506	-	506
	2,852	324	**3,176**	2,486	834	3,320
TOTAL	50,545	72,093	**122,638**	35,907	83,940	119,847

[1] Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner totalling £2,307 (2022: £2,047) relating solely to the independent examination.

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any benefit, payment, including reimbursement of trustee expenses, or remuneration during the year.

8 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ended 30 June 2023 (2022: none).

9 Employees

The average number of employees during the year was 4 (2022: 4).

Employment costs	**2023**	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**88,091**	85,275
Social security costs	**3,029**	5,892
Pension costs	**1,440**	1,331
	92,560	92,498

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
Cost	**£**
At 1 July 2022	5,507
Additions	510
At 30 June 2023	**6,017**
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2022	4,508
Charge for the year	498
At 30 June 2023	**5,006**
Net book value	
At 30 June 2023	**1,011**
At 30 June 2022	999

11 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	**34,732**	2,500
Prepayments	**1,745**	-
	36,477	2,500

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	**818**	1,165
Other creditors	**913**	325
Accruals and deferred income	**19,323**	8,231
	21,054	9,721

Deferred income

Current financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £9,288 in 2022/23 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2023/24, and event income of £7,339 relating to events taking place in 2023/24.

	Balance at 1 July 2022	Income deferred in year	Released from prior years	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	2,842	16,627	(2,842)	**16,627**

Prior financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £2,842 in 2021/22 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2022/23.

	Balance at 1 July 2021	Income deferred in year	Released from prior years	Balance at 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income	4,642	2,842	(4,642)	2,842

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

13 Restricted funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants held on trust for the Charity's work. Restricted funds have been used in 2022/23 and prior years as follows:

Strategic Plan Delivery – The reserve balance and specific restricted funds we received during the year have been used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Health & Safety Investments – The reserve balance has been used to ensure host accommodation meets Sussex Nightstop's health and safety requirements and our operational and strategic priorities in agreement with the funder.

Covid Support – The reserve balance has been used to enable Sussex Nightstop to respond and adapt to new requirements as a result of the pandemic.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2022	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2023**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Strategic Plan Delivery	-	107,998	(72,093)	**35,905**
	-	107,998	(72,093)	**35,905**

Prior financial year

	Balance at 1 July 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£
Strategic Plan Delivery	6,197	42,420	(48,617)	-
Health & Safety Investment	2,111	-	(2,111)	-
Covid Support	33,240	-	(33,240)	-
	41,548	42,420	(83,968)	-

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

14 Unrestricted and material designated funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

Closure and Redundancy Provision – a fund to meet contractual liabilities and redundancy costs in the event our operations have to cease immediately.

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 July 2022	**Transfers**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2023**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Closure and Redundancy Provision	40,000	(10,000)	-	-	**30,000**
General unrestricted funds	34,797	10,000	35,767	(67,954)	**12,610**
	74,797	-	35,767	(67,954)	**42,610**

General unrestricted funds will be used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Prior financial year	Balance at 1 July 2021	Transfers	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Closure and Redundancy Provision	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
General unrestricted funds	50,167	-	25,807	(41,177)	34,797
	90,167	-	25,807	(41,177)	74,797

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	1,011	-	**1,011**
Current assets	53,365	45,193	**98,558**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11,766)	(9,288)	**(21,054)**
	42,610	35,905	**78,515**

15 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Prior financial year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	999	-	999
Current assets	79,194	4,325	83,519
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(5,396)	(4,325)	(9,721)
	74,797	-	74,797

16 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations and grants	**2**	*25,792*	*42,420*	*68,212*
Investment income	**3**	15	-	15
Total incoming resources		25,807	42,420	68,227
Resources expended				
Raising funds	**5**	5,270	28	5,298
Charitable activities	**6**	35,907	83,940	119,847
Total resources expended		41,177	83,968	125,145
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(15,370)	(41,548)	(56,918)
Fund balances at 1 July 2021		90,167	41,548	131,715
Fund balances at 30 June 2022		74,797	-	74,797

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

17 Restated comparatives

Comparative figures have been restated to show fundraising costs under Costs of Raising Funds, rather than Costs of Charitable Activities.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1132386

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1132386

Company Registration No. 06822217 (England and Wales)

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J O'Sullivan Mr C Storey Ms C Davies-Tyrie Ms A Hickey Ms J Moore Mr T Williamson
Charity number	1132386
Company number	06822217
Registered office	7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
Independent examiner	Anthony Smith FCA Humphrey & Co 7 - 9 The Avenue Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 3YA
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SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 February 2009 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 October 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period and up to the date of signature were:

Mr J O'Sullivan
Mr C Storey
Ms C Davies-Tyrie
Ms A Hickey
Ms J Moore
Mr T Williamson

Ms C Collins (resigned 29 June 2022)
Mr P Wileman (resigned 12 May 2022)

Trustees are recruited based on their experience in the areas of social care and homelessness as well as experience in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement, finance and charitable governance.

Induction of new trustees and training for all trustees is achieved through induction meetings with the chair, attendance and discussions at Board meetings and strategic away days. Ongoing trustee development is achieved through attendance at external events and training as correlate to the individual learning needs of Trustees and an annual skills audit of the full board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board is made up of six Trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is affiliated to DePaul UK (Registered Charity Number: 802384) and its activities are reviewed and regulated by them.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to relieve the need, hardship or distress of those in housing need by enabling a community led response to homelessness for the public benefit of individuals across Sussex – in particular but not exclusively, through the provision of safe night-by-night accommodation, longer accommodation and support. We do this through our network of volunteer hosts who open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness.

The trustees confirm that the activities undertaken by the Charity in this reporting period have been duly within our Charitable Objects as outlined and our work has concentrated on the facilitation and enablement of our network of volunteer hosts to open up their homes to help young people at risk of homelessness.

Achievements and performance

Across this year Sussex Nightstop has seen the results of a strategic plan that continued to place emphasis on recovery and re-build from the pandemic. We are pleased to report that our offer of safe emergency bed nights for young people at risk of homelessness and/or rough-sleeping alongside wider advice and support to facilitate a positive housing outcome has fully resumed with numbers progressively indicating a near-future return to pre-pandemic levels.

Our activities have remained focused on host recruitment and support, the re-building of our service referral pathways and activities that support the ongoing sustainability of the Charity and an enhanced programme of communications and engagement activity designed to support this has had the intended effect. We welcome new volunteer host households to the service, new charitable-corporate support relationships with local businesses and are benefiting from a renewed palette of language and resulting communications content that more truly reflects our recently refreshed mission:

'To be the community response to homelessness for young people in Brighton & Hove. Always led by kindness, we will unearth the willingness in our community to help young people and provide excellent support that ensures a realistic, rewarding role for our volunteers and supporters. We aim to be recognised and valued as an inclusive organisation.'

Through pro-active representation on key City homelessness fora and steering groups we have been similarly purposeful in our intelligence gathering and strengthening relationships with our partners and peers, to ensure that we are strategic in our activities, add value where we can and ultimately deliver the best service and outcomes for our young beneficiaries.

Hearing the experiences of young people and ensuring their needs are reflected in our services remains a priority and aligned to this we set out with intent this year to strengthen diversity, equality, inclusion across the organisation. Starting with organisation-wide Diversity, Equality and Inclusion training we have embarked upon the delivery of a new action plan that creates opportunities for our activities and the people involved in delivering them to better reflect our young guests.

Financial review

In 2021/22 the Board agreed a deficit budget of £74,000 with income of £47,000 and expenditure of £121,000 which would see our reserves reduce to £57,000. Taken as a result of successful in fundraising during lockdown in the previous year and in preparation for this being our first full year back in operation following the pandemic this decision is in alignment with the Charity's reserves policy.

The Board were able to do this because in the previous year during lockdown we focused our activity on fundraising to build up our reserves in preparation for this year being our first full year back in operation. The planned reduction in reserves is consistent with the Charity's reserve policy.

During the year we received £68,000 income (£21,000 more than budget) as we continued to work hard to build up our local business and community donations and were successful with three grant bids.

We spent £125,000 (£4,000 more than budget) as we increased our staff resources to provide a better service to young people and improved our website to be more accessible. This resulted in an improved year-end deficit of £57,000.

The accounts show that we have used up all our restricted reserves and have £75,000 unrestricted reserves. The Board have previously set up a £40,000 designated reserve to cover closure and redundancy costs in the unlikely event that the charity has to close, which leaves £35,000 to cover costs in 2022/23. The detail is shown in note 11 and 12.

Future year income and expenditure requirements

The Board have assessed the likely income requirements for the next three financial years. To return to our pre-pandemic levels of expenditure and maintain reserves at a minimum of £40,000, the Board has set fundraising targets of £59,000 for 2022/23, £105,000 for 2023/24 and £115,000 for 2024/25 and has revised its fundraising strategy to try and achieve these targets in what will be a very difficult fundraising environment.

Plans for the future

Whilst we will continue our journey of post-pandemic re-building the year ahead will also be about new opportunities. We will focus on new ways to reach out to and opening up our service to young people who need us. We will be working with new community partners to develop a new 'facilitated-referral' pathway for young people which will in effect enable more young people to find our services themselves and without the need to be referred, Alongside this we will be strengthening and enhancing our support role to guests. We will continue to develop our new young-people facing communications, both digital and hard copy, will commission a specific young service user voice group, and launch the year with a refreshed website that is more reflective of an asset-based service with a kind and positive outlook. We will use the success of our engagement work across this year as a spring-board for ongoing, productive relationships across referrals, pro bono support and fundraising and will use the networks and resources at our disposal to bring about the step changes we identify in our diversity, equality and inclusion plan.

Reserve Policy

Sussex Nightstop will from time to time establish and build up reserves to fund strategic developments, unexpected expenditure not budgeted for, unexpected shortfalls in income, closure costs and day to day cashflow. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months' expenditure, which we estimate to be in the region of £30,000 - £60,000.

On behalf of the board of trustees:

Mr T Williamson

Date 27th Oct 2022

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited for the purpose 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the Company for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Smith FCA
Humphrey & Co

7 - 9 The Avenue
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 3YA

Dated:

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and grants	2	25,792	42,420	68,212	171,412
Investment income	3	15	-	15	52
Total incoming resources		25,807	42,420	68,227	171,464
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Costs of providing accommodation and travel		26,883	80,274	107,157	100,296
Support costs		11,808	2,860	14,668	19,941
Governance costs		2,486	834	3,320	2,972
Total resources expended	4	41,177	83,968	125,145	123,209
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(15,370)	(41,548)	(56,918)	48,255
Fund balances at 1 July 2021		90,167	41,548	131,715	83,460
Fund balances at 30 June 2022		**74,797**	**-**	**74,797**	131,715

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		999		471
Current assets					
Debtors	9	2,500		2,316	
Cash at bank and in hand		81,019		148,092	
		83,519		150,408	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(9,721)		(19,164)	
Net current assets			73,798		131,244
Total assets less current liabilities			74,797		131,715
Income funds					
Restricted funds	11		-		41,548
Unrestricted funds	12		74,797		90,167
			74,797		131,715

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

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

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

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

The accounts were approved by the Board on 27.10.22.

Mr Chris Storey
Trustee

Mr T Williamson
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06822217

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 7 – 9 The Avenue, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3YA.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In considering the position the trustees had regard for the impact of the measures to combat the spread of Covid-19 on charitable income and expenditure. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income relating to future years is shown as deferred income.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and sums relating to the current financial year are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Sums relating to future years are included in deferred income.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Investment income is included when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

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

1.7 Fund accounting

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 30 June 2022 the trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates and judgements arising that require disclosure.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2022**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	22,792	7,276	30,068	17,444	5,176	22,620
Grants receivable for core activities	3,000	35,144	38,144	7,500	125,494	132,994
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	-	-	-	15,798	-	15,798
	25,792	42,420	68,212	40,742	130,670	171,412

3 Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	15	52

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

4 Total resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds	*Restricted* Funds	*Total* 2022	*Unrestricted* Funds	*Restricted* Funds	*Total* 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities						
Hosting costs	840	1,640	2,480	-	-	-
Volunteer & host expenses	-	60	60	-	419	419
Volunteer management costs	23	1,467	1,490	-	102	102
Guest expenses	612	270	882	-	110	110
Salaries and pensions	16,929	75,569	92,498	16,539	73,733	90,272
Staff telephones	1,651	346	1,997	-	1,842	1,842
Staff travel and expenses	155	62	217	-	13	13
Staff training	609	10	619	-	218	218
Staff supervision	545	-	545	360	-	360
Payroll costs	729	-	729	580	740	1,320
Rent	4,790	850	5,640	-	5,640	5,640
	26,883	80,274	107,157	17,479	82,817	100,296
Support costs						
Insurance	333	897	1,230	325	905	1,230
IT expenses	2,076	204	2,280	-	1,340	1,340
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	443	1,714	2,157	-	524	524
Fundraising costs	5,270	28	5,298	9,666	489	10,155
On-call expenses	8	-	8	-	-	-
Working at home costs	292	-	292	-	814	814
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	517	-	517	213	396	609
Meeting costs and office refreshments	177	6	183	-	89	89
Office expenses	169	11	180	-	85	85
Consultancy and finance support	2,019	-	2,019	-	4,849	4,849
Depreciation of fixtures, fittings and equipment	504	-	504	246	-	246
	11,808	2,860	14,668	10,450	9,491	19,941
Governance costs[1]						
Independent Examiner's fee	1,547	500	2,047	1,943	147	2,090
Bank charges	107	-	107	-	-	-
Legal and professional fees	326	334	660	-	397	397
Governance, trustees and AGM	506	-	506	-	485	485
	2,486	834	3,320	1,943	1,029	2,972
TOTAL	41,177	83,968	125,145	29,872	93,337	123,209

[1] Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner totalling £2,047 (2021: £2,090) relating solely to the independent examination.

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any benefit, payment, including reimbursement of trustee expenses, or remuneration during the year.

6 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ended 30 June 2022.

7 Employees

Manager and host co-ordinator costs represent salaries invoiced by YMCA Downslink Group in the period and other related costs up to 31 March 2022 and paid directly by Sussex Nightstop Plus from 1 April 2022. Sussex Nightstop Plus had use of 4 (2021: 4) employees during the period.

Employment costs	**2022**	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries incurred	**92,498**	90,272

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
Cost	**£**
At 1 July 2021	4,475
Additions	1,032
At 30 June 2022	**5,507**
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2021	4,004
Charge for the year	504
At 30 June 2022	**4,508**
Net book value	
At 30 June 2022	**999**
At 30 June 2021	471

9	**Debtors**	**2022**	2021
		£	£
	Other debtors	**2,500**	2,316

10	**Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**	**2022**	2021
	Accruals and deferred income	**9,721**	19,164

Deferred Income

Current financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £2,842 in 2021/22 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2022/23.

	Balance at 1 July 2021	**Income deferred in year**	**Released from prior years**	**Balance at 30 June 2022**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Deferred income	4,642	2,842	(4,642)	**2,842**

Prior financial year

The Charity deferred restricted grants of £4,642 in 2020/21 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2021/22, and projects put on hold due to significant Covid restrictions which resumed in 2021/22.

	Balance at 1 July 2020	**Income deferred in year**	**Released from prior years**	**Balance at 30 June 2021**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Deferred income	23,823	4,642	(23,823)	4,642

11 Restricted funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants held on trust for the Charity's work. Restricted funds have been used in 2022 as follows:

Strategic Plan Delivery (previously Development Fund) – The reserve balance and specific restricted funds we received during the year have been used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Health & Safety Investments – The reserve balance has been used to ensure host accommodation meets Sussex Nightstop's health and safety requirements and our operational and strategic priorities in agreement with the funder.

Covid Support – The reserve balance has been used to enable Sussex Nightstop to respond and adapt to new requirements as a result of the pandemic.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2021	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2022**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Strategic Plan Delivery	6,197	42,420	(48,617)	-
Health & Safety Investment	2,111	-	(2,111)	-
Covid Support	33,240	-	(33,240)	-
	41,548	42,420	(83,968)	-

Prior financial year	**Balance at 1 July 2020**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2021**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Strategic Plan Delivery	4,215	78,558	(76,576)	6,197
Health & Safety Investment	-	2,167	(56)	2,111
Covid Support	-	49,945	(16,705)	33,240
	4,215	130,670	(93,337)	41,548

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

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12 Unrestricted and material designated funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

Closure and Redundancy Provision – a fund to meet contractual liabilities and redundancy costs in the event our operations have to cease immediately.

			Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2021	**Transfers**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2022**
	£	£	£	£	£
Closure and Redundancy Provision	40,000	-	-	-	**40,000**
General unrestricted funds	50,167	-	25,807	(41,177)	**34,797**
	90,167	-	25,807	(41,177)	**74,797**

General unrestricted funds will be used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Prior financial year	**Balance at 1 July 2020**	**Transfers**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2021**
	£	£	£	£	£
Closure and Redundancy Provision	-	40,000	-	-	**40,000**
General unrestricted funds	79,245	(40,000)	40,794	(29,872)	**50,167**
	79,245	-	40,794	(29,872)	**90,167**

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total**
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	999	-	**999**
Current assets	79,194	4,325	**83,519**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(5,396)	(4,325)	**(9,721)**
	74,797	-	**74,797**

13 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Prior financial year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	471	-	471
Current assets	96,312	54,096	150,408
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(6,616)	(12,548)	(19,164)
	90,167	41,548	131,715

14 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations and grants	2	40,742	130,670	171,412
Investment income	3	52	-	52
Total incoming resources		40,794	130,670	171,464
Resources expended				
Charitable activities				
Costs of providing accommodation and travel		17,479	82,817	100,296
Support costs		10,450	9,491	19,941
Governance costs		1,943	1,029	2,972
Total resources expended	4	29,872	93,337	123,209
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		10,922	37,333	48,255
Fund balances at 1 July 2020		79,245	4,215	83,460
Fund balances at 30 June 2021		90,167	41,548	131,715

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1132386

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1132386

Company Registration No. 06822217 (England and Wales)

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Company number	06822217
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Structure, governance and management
The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 February 2009 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 October 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period and up to the date of signature were:

Mr J O'Sullivan
Mr P Wileman
Mr C Storey
Ms C Davies-Tyrie
Ms C Collins (appointed 14 July 2020)
Ms A Hickey (appointed 14 July 2020)
Ms J Moore (appointed 14 July 2020)
Mr T Williamson (appointed 14 July 2020)
Mr D Broadus (resigned 14 July 2020)

Trustees are recruited based on their experience in the areas of social care and homelessness as well as experience in the areas of strategic planning, community engagement, finance and charitable governance.

Induction of new trustees and training for all trustees is achieved through induction meetings with the chair, attendance and discussions at Board meetings and strategic away days. Ongoing trustee development is achieved through attendance at external events and training as correlate to the individual learning needs of Trustees and an annual skills audit of the full board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board is made up of eight Trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is affiliated to DePaul UK (Registered Charity Number: 802384) and its activities are reviewed and regulated by them.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects, updated this year, are to relieve the need, hardship or distress of those in housing need by enabling a community led response to homelessness for the public benefit of individuals across Sussex – in particular but not exclusively, through the provision of safe night-by-night accommodation, longer term accommodation and support. These changes were made in order to align our objects with the objectives and ambitions of our refreshed 3-year strategy (2019-2022).

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives. The charity is fulfilling its role in the community by catering for the temporary housing needs of vulnerable people within Sussex.

Achievements and performance

Across this year Sussex Nightstop has focused on the response, recovery and restoration of the service in response to the significant challenges brought about by Covid-19. Informed by a process of frequent strategic review the areas of host recruitment and retention, referral pathways (the route by which young people in need find us) and long term sustainability of Sussex Nightstop have been prioritised and we have successfully retained an experienced and committed pool of volunteer host households with whom we have resumed the placement of vulnerable young people at risk of rough-sleeping. Following significant disruption our referral pathways are making a steady recovery and we have set up and invested in a steady presence at key partnership meetings to facilitate this.

Financially we have been successful in maintaining a mix-income profile across business, community and public sector this year placing the Charity on a strong footing as we start the year to come. Despite interruptions to our service offer caused by Covid-19, we have been successful in our ongoing objective of maintaining and developing a diverse range of funders and we are particularly pleased to have maintained a key business-support partnership across this year despite the unusual times.

In addition to sustaining a viable service offer to the young people we help look after we have also, through our Telling Stories project, taken time this year to confirm the kind of changes we want to achieve for these young people and the way in which we communicate this to other people. We have consequently invested in our communications and engagement resource to push through the recommendations from this work. We will also be celebrating the achievement of our 'Allsorts Safer Space Award', which recognises services for the actions they take to ensure LGBTQ inclusiveness.

Financial review

Our financial position was significantly affected by the Covid pandemic and lockdown as we were closed to placements in line with Government guidance. The Board had hoped that services would resume during the year and agreed a deficit budget of £47,000 on the assumptions that services reopening in October 2020 and that we would face significant shortfall in income as a result of the pandemic.

The effect of the pandemic was more severe that we had planned for with placements not restarting until September 2021 and staff being on varied furlough arrangements until December 2020. The Board decided to use this time to undertake a major fundraising programme which successfully attracted a further £12,000 from local donations and an additional £52,000 from grant awarding bodies to support us through Covid and to deliver our strategic plan objectives. Together with the additional £10,000 the charity received from the Covid Job Retention Scheme we received £74,000 more income than we budgeted for.

During the year we spent £21,000 less than we budgeted for due to staff vacancies, maternity leave and being closed to placements.

Overall we ended the year with a surplus of £48,225 (income £171,464 / expenditure £123,209).

This resulted in an increase in total reserves to £131,715. Our restricted reserves of £41,548 are required to be spent on strategic plan delivery, Covid recovery and health and safety investment as specified by the donor, the nature of a fundraising appeal or wording of a grant award. The detail is set out on note 11.

Within the unrestricted reserves of £90,167, the Board established a designated review to cover closure and redundancy costs in the unlikely event that the charity has to close. The Board have assessed the potential liabilities to be a maximum of £40,000. The charity has free reserves of £50,167, which will be used primarily to fund strategic plan priorities. The detail is set out on note 12.

Future year income and expenditure requirements

The Board have assessed the likely income requirements for the next three financial years. To return to our pre-pandemic levels of expenditure the Board has set fundraising targets of £69,000 for 2022/23 and £108,000 for 2023/24 and will be revising its fundraising strategy over the next six months. Over the same time period the Board is expecting to see reserves reduce to £57,000 by the end of 2021/22 and be maintained at £40,000 in following years.

Plans for the future

During this challenging year the Charity has remained as nimble as possible, continuing to re-visit strategic options as the world, and homelessness pathways responded to the Covid challenge. Following a year of further lockdowns, we set ourselves the clear objective of resuming placements of our young people with our network of hosts as soon as restrictions allowed. We have achieved this. The service has resumed its core hosting offer, focusing currently on younger people age 16-25. We will be investing considerably in our volunteer recruitment activity to build back up our Volunteer Host pool and will be working with our trusted referral partners to facilitate the most open and efficient referral pathways for beneficiaries. From the board of trustees outwards, we will continue our commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion and will be deliberate in our actions to meet our objectives in this area, working with others who share similar values to do so.

Reserve Policy

Sussex Nightstop will from time to time establish and build up reserves to fund strategic developments, unexpected expenditure not budgeted for, unexpected shortfalls in income, closure costs and day to day cashflow. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months' expenditure, which we estimate to be in the region of £30,000 - £60,000.

On behalf of the board of trustees:

Mr T Williamson
Trustee
Dated: 25 November 2021

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited for the purpose 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anthony Smith FCA
Humphrey & Co

7 - 9 The Avenue
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 3YA

Dated: 20/12/2021

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and grants	2	**40,742**	**130,670**	**171,412**	146,280
Investment income	3	**52**	**-**	**52**	221
Total incoming resources		**40,794**	**130,670**	**171,464**	146,501
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Costs of providing accommodation and travel		**17,479**	**82,817**	**100,296**	132,879
Support costs		**10,450**	**9,491**	**19,941**	10,813
Governance costs		**1,943**	**1,029**	**2,972**	3,273
Total resources expended	4	**29,872**	**93,337**	**123,209**	146,965
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		**10,922**	**37,333**	**48,255**	(464)
Fund balances at 1 July 2020		**79,245**	**4,215**	**83,460**	83,924
Fund balances at 30 June 2021		**90,167**	**41,548**	**131,715**	83,460

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		**471**		267
Current assets					
Debtors	9	**2,316**		10,740	
Cash at bank and in hand		**148,092**		103,827	
		150,408		114,567	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	**(19,164)**		(31,374)	
Net current assets			**131,244**		83,193
Total assets less current liabilities			**131,715**		83,460
Income funds					
Restricted funds	11		**41,548**		4,215
Unrestricted funds	12		**90,167**		79,245
			131,715		83,460

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

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

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

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

The accounts were approved by the Board on 25 November 2021.

Mr P Wileman
Trustee

Mr T Williamson
Trustee

Company Registration No. 06822217

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sussex Nightstop Plus Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 7 – 9 The Avenue, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3YA.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In considering the position the trustees had regard for the impact of the measures to combat the spread of Covid-19 on charitable income and expenditure. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income relating to future years is shown as deferred income.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and sums relating to the current financial year are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Sums relating to future years are included in deferred income.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Investment income is included when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% straight line

1.6 Taxation

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

1.7 Fund accounting

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the year ended 30 June 2021 the trustees consider that there were no critical accounting estimates and judgements arising that require disclosure.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2021**	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Donations and gifts	**17,444**	**5,176**	**22,620**	25,922	-	25,922
Grants receivable for core activities	**7,500**	**125,494**	**132,994**	-	106,874	106,874
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant	**15,798**	**-**	**15,798**	13,484	-	13,484
	40,742	**130,670**	**171,412**	39,406	106,874	146,280

3 Investment income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	**52**	221

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

4 Total resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities						
Hosting costs	-	-	-	-	3,635	3,635
Volunteer & host expenses	-	419	419	26	90	116
Volunteer management costs	-	102	102	33	1,313	1,346
Guest expenses	-	110	110	40	1,403	1,443
Salaries and pensions	16,539	73,733	90,272	21,384	95,003	116,387
Staff telephones	-	1,842	1,842	1,445	387	1,832
Staff travel and expenses	-	13	13	124	-	124
Staff training	-	218	218	250	-	250
Staff supervision	360	-	360	354	912	1,266
Payroll costs	580	740	1,320	840	-	840
Rent	-	5,640	5,640	5,025	615	5,640
	17,479	82,817	100,296	29,521	103,358	132,879
Support costs						
Insurance	325	905	1,230	695	500	1,195
IT expenses	-	1,340	1,340	338	260	598
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	-	524	524	635	393	1,028
Fundraising costs	9,666	489	10,155	2,453	1,200	3,653
On-call expenses	-	-	-	849	-	849
Working at home costs	-	814	814	79	-	79
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	213	396	609	490	-	490
Meeting costs and office refreshments	-	89	89	214	-	214
Office expenses	-	85	85	164	-	164
Consultancy and finance support	-	4,849	4,849	2,222	-	2,222
Depreciation of fixtures, fittings and equipment	246	-	246	321	-	321
	10,450	9,491	19,941	8,460	2,353	10,813
Governance costs						
Independent Examiner's fee	1,943	147	2,090	1,700	-	1,700
Legal and professional fees	-	397	397	15	490	505
Governance, trustees and AGM	-	485	485	177	891	1,068
	1,943	1,029	2,972	1,892	1,381	3,273
TOTAL	29,872	93,337	123,209	39,873	107,092	146,965

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner totalling £2,090 (2020: £1,700) relating solely to the independent examination.

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any benefit, payment, including reimbursement of trustee expenses, or remuneration during the year.

6 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year ended 30 June 2021.

7 Employees

Manager and host co-ordinator costs represent salaries invoiced by YMCA Downslink Group in the period and other related costs. Sussex Nightstop Plus had use of 4 (2020: 4) employees during the period.

Employment costs	**2021**	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries incurred	**90,272**	116,387

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment
Cost	**£**
At 1 July 2020	4,025
Additions	450
At 30 June 2021	**4,475**
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2020	3,758
Charge for the year	246
At 30 June 2021	**4,004**
Net book value	
At 30 June 2021	**471**
At 30 June 2020	267

9	**Debtors**	**2021**	2020
		£	£
	Other debtors	**2,316**	10,740

10	**Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**	**2021**	2020
	Accruals and deferred income	**19,164**	31,374

Deferred income

Current financial year

The Charity has deferred restricted grants of £4,642 in 2020/21 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2021/22, and projects put on hold due to significant Covid restrictions which have resumed in 2021/22.

	Balance at 1 July 2020	**Income deferred in year**	**Released from prior years**	**Balance at 30 June 2021**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Deferred income	23,823	4,642	(23,823)	**4,642**

Prior financial year

The Charity received a restricted £60,000 grant in 2017/18 for £20,000 per year over 3 years which was released to the Statement of Financial Activities over this period. The Charity deferred restricted grants of £2,842 in 2019/20 relating to contracts for services rendered in 2020/21.

	Balance at 1 July 2019	**Income deferred in year**	**Released from prior years**	**Balance at 30 June 2020**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Deferred income	49,079	2,842	(28,098)	**23,823**

11 Restricted funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants held on trust for the Charity's work. Restricted fund areas for 2021 comprised the following:

Strategic Plan Delivery (previously Development Fund) – We have received specific restricted funds which will be used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Health & Safety Investments – We have received specific restricted funds to ensure host accommodation meets Sussex Nightstop's health and safety requirements.

Covid Support – We have received specific restricted fund to enable Sussex Nightstop to respond and adapt to new requirements as a result of the pandemic.

		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2020	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2021**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Strategic Plan Delivery	4,215	78,558	(76,576)	**6,197**
Health & Safety Investment	-	2,167	(56)	**2,111**
Covid Support	-	49,945	(16,705)	**33,240**
	4,215	130,670	(93,337)	**41,548**

Prior financial year

	Balance at 1 July 2019	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2020**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Development fund	4,433	106,874	(107,092)	**4,215**

12 Unrestricted and material designated funds

Current financial year

The income funds of the charity include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

Covid and Redundancy Provision – a fund to meet contractual liabilities and redundancy costs in the event our operations have to cease immediately.

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 July 2020	**Transfers**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2021**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Closure and Redundancy Provision	-	40,000	-	-	**40,000**
General unrestricted funds	79,245	(40,000)	40,794	(29,872)	**50,167**
	79,245	-	40,794	(29,872)	**90,167**

General unrestricted funds will be used to support the delivery of the operational and strategic priorities identified within Sussex Nightstop's 3 year strategic plan.

Prior financial year	**Balance at 1 July 2019**	**Transfers**	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Balance at 30 June 2020**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General unrestricted funds	79,491	-	39,627	(39,873)	**79,245**

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

Current financial year	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Fund balances at 30 June 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	471	-	**471**
Current assets	96,312	54,096	**150,408**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(6,616)	(12,548)	**(19,164)**
	90,167	41,548	**131,715**

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Prior financial year	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 June 2020 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	267	-	267
Current assets	84,215	30,352	114,567
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(5,237)	(26,137)	(31,374)
	79,245	4,215	83,460

14 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
		£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations and grants	2	39,406	106,874	146,280
Investment income	3	221	-	221
Total incoming resources		39,627	106,874	146,501
Resources expended				
Charitable activities				
Costs of providing accommodation and travel		29,521	103,358	132,879
Support costs		8,460	2,353	10,813
Governance costs		1,892	1,381	3,273
Total resources expended	4	39,873	107,092	146,965
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(246)	(218)	(464)
Fund balances at 1 July 2019		79,491	4,433	83,924
Fund balances at 30 June 2020		79,245	4,215	83,460

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.