



Chair's Report July 2022 – June 2023

**NO YOUNG PERSON
CHOOSES TO BE HOMELESS.**

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP
WHEN THEY ARE.**

**"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"**



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.

Guest rating: service quality

I feel SAFE in Nightstop



I feel well SUPPORTED by Nightstop



I feel WELCOME and INCLUDED at Nightstop



around the things important to me
(like race, ability, gender, sexual orientation, faith)

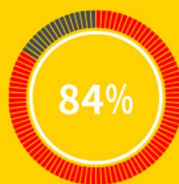
Delivering on our vision

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'.

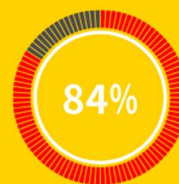
Guest outcomes (cumulative)



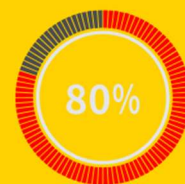
**didn't sleep
rough**



**secured safe,
longer-term
accommodation**



**more aware of
and likely to
access help and
support**



**more positive
about their
future**

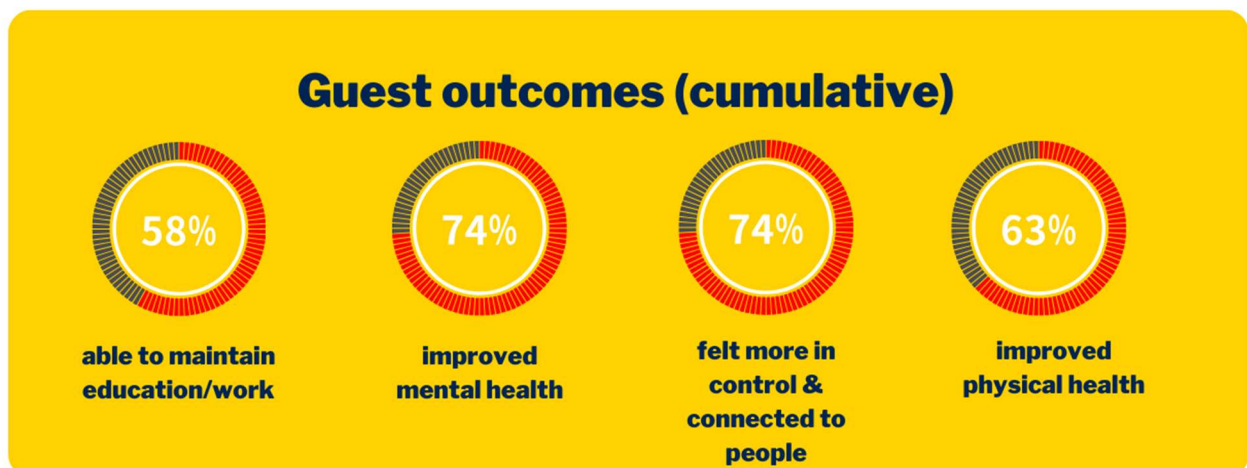
Building resilience and aspirations

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....”

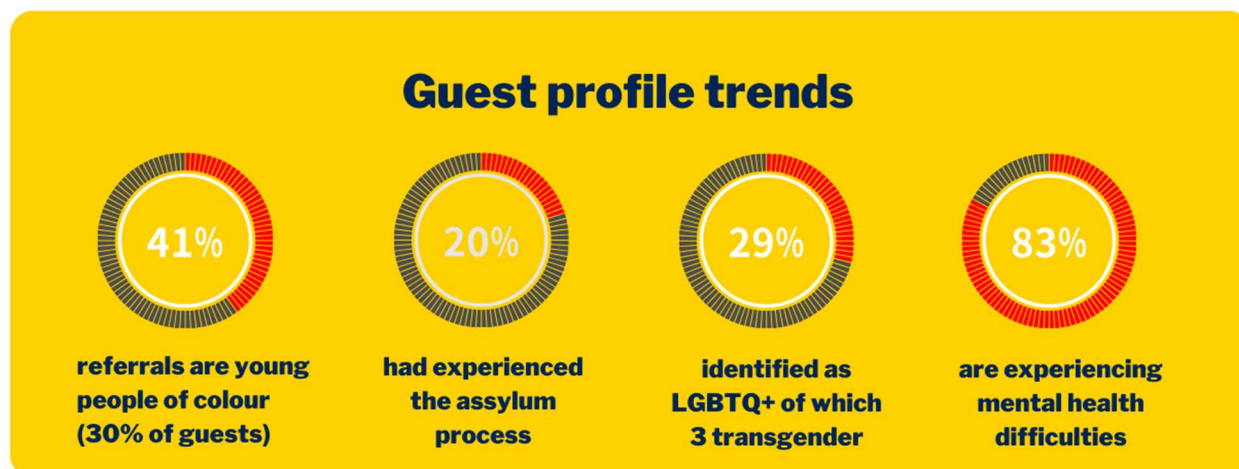
As we have seen the range and depth of complexities facing our young people rise over this year our practice of face-to-face, day-in, day-out wrap around support has become ever more important and the benefits are clear.



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 –

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

without them a young person cannot stay. Our community ambassadors are a crucial part of our recruitment activities and awareness-raising in their localities.

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.



SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP Summer Fun TRY-ATHLON

TEAM FUN AND A GREAT CAUSE
16th September 2022

"The atmosphere in the office the day after the Tryathlon was noticeably different.... a real lift!"

- ✓ Volleyball tournament
- ✓ Fun pub-style quiz
- ✓ Mouth watering cake-off

Sponsored by
Daniel Associates.

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.



 LOT 13  £400	 LOT 25  £250	 LOT 14  £450
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No place like home

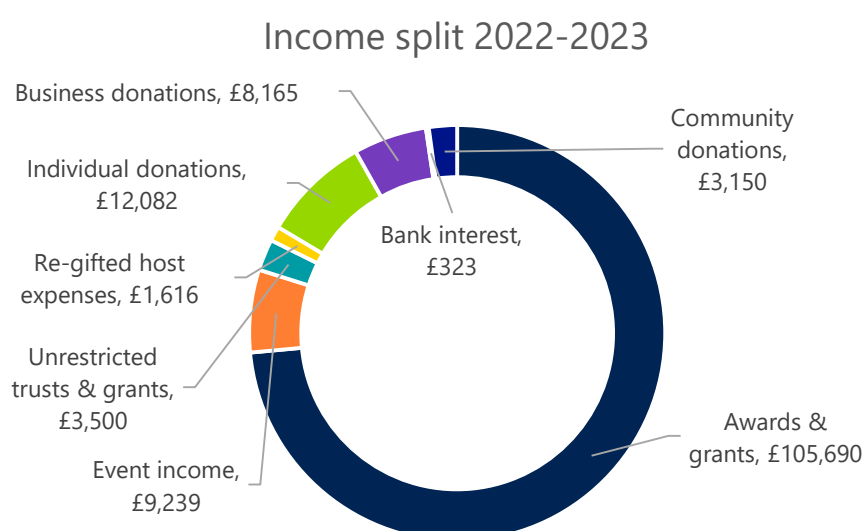
ARTISTS OPEN HOUSES

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. Michelle 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.

THE 29TH MAY 1961
CHARITABLE TRUST



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.



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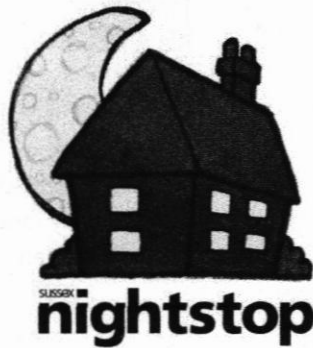


A service for everyone



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 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

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Bristol
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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 LGBTQ+ 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.

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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

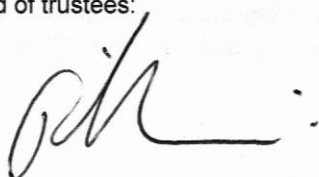
Moving forwards we are continuing to build on the foundational work of the last year, with a maintained focus on growing our volunteer host household pool as well as opening up the range of places where young people can find out about and access our service. We are placing our youth voice work at the 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

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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 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>					
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
<u>Resources expended</u>					
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 £	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
		<u>98,558</u>	<u>83,519</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(21,054)</u>	<u>(9,721)</u>
Net current assets		<u>77,504</u>	<u>73,798</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>78,515</u></u>	<u><u>74,797</u></u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	13	35,905	-
Unrestricted funds	14	42,610	74,797
		<u><u>78,515</u></u>	<u><u>74,797</u></u>

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.

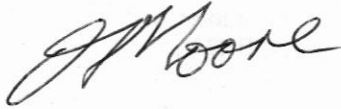
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)


AS AT 30 JUNE 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.

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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
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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.

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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
	<u>26,343</u>	<u>107,998</u>	<u>134,341</u>	<u>25,792</u>	<u>42,420</u>	<u>68,212</u>

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	-	-	-
	<u>17,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,409</u>	<u>5,270</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>5,298</u>

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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
	<u>41,843</u>	<u>69,486</u>	<u>111,329</u>	<u>26,883</u>	<u>80,274</u>	<u>107,157</u>
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
	<u>5,850</u>	<u>2,283</u>	<u>8,133</u>	<u>6,538</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>9,370</u>
Governance costs¹						
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
	<u>2,852</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>3,176</u>	<u>2,486</u>	<u>834</u>	<u>3,320</u>
TOTAL	<u>50,545</u>	<u>72,093</u>	<u>122,638</u>	<u>35,907</u>	<u>83,940</u>	<u>119,847</u>

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

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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
	<u>92,560</u>	<u>92,498</u>

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	<u>6,017</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2022	4,508
Charge for the year	498
At 30 June 2023	<u>5,006</u>
Net book value	
At 30 June 2023	<u>1,011</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>999</u>

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11 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	34,732	2,500
Prepayments	1,745	-
	<u>36,477</u>	<u>2,500</u>
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
	<u>21,054</u>	<u>9,721</u>

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
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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
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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
	£	£	£
Strategic Plan Delivery	-	107,998	(72,093)
	-	107,998	(72,093)

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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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.

	Balance at 1 July 2022	Transfers	Incoming resources	Movement in funds 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
	<u>74,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,767</u>	<u>(67,954)</u>	<u>42,610</u>

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
	<u>90,167</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,807</u>	<u>(41,177)</u>	<u>74,797</u>

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)
	<u>42,610</u>	<u>35,905</u>	<u>78,515</u>

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

<u>Prior financial year</u>	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)
	<u>74,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,797</u>

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

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

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.