



"Having a safe, accommodating place to stay and helping me look after my mental health has made a massive difference."

Chair's Report

July 2024 - June 2025



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

I 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 Centrepont 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.

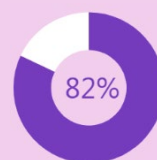
Referred to us by the Council, we could offer a place of safety and Tara went on to stay with our volunteer hosts for 30 nights whilst continuing to attend college.

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."

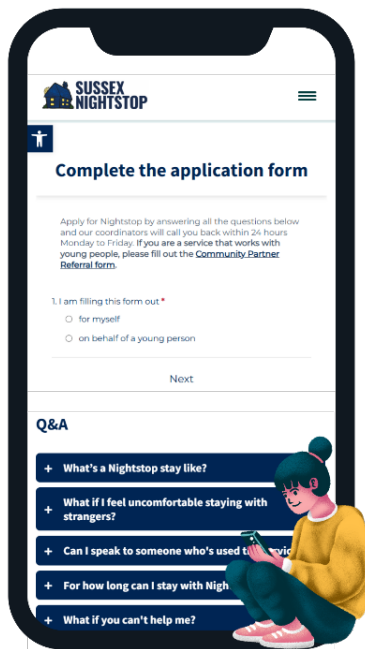
Sussex Nightstop has responded!

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.

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Nice people keep you going back
- YOUNG PERSON

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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.

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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

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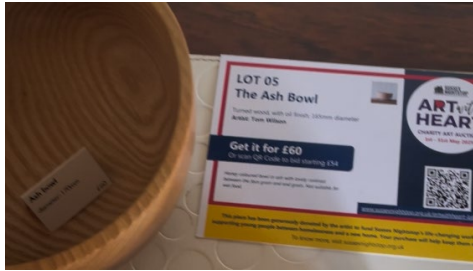
Collaborating with our community

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**.

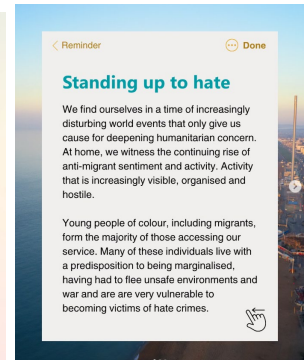
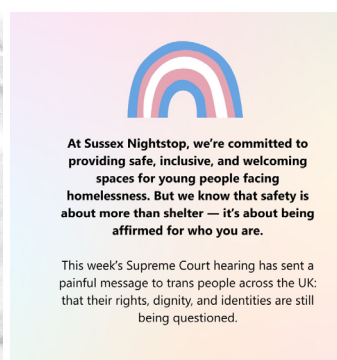
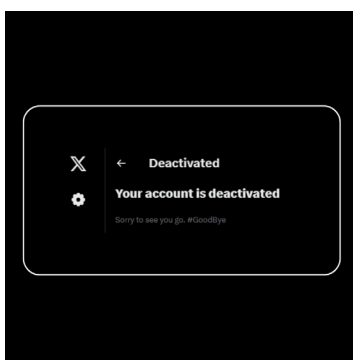
Our business champions, supporters and sponsors are amazing:



Daniel Associates.
INTELLIGENT FINANCIAL ADVICE



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.

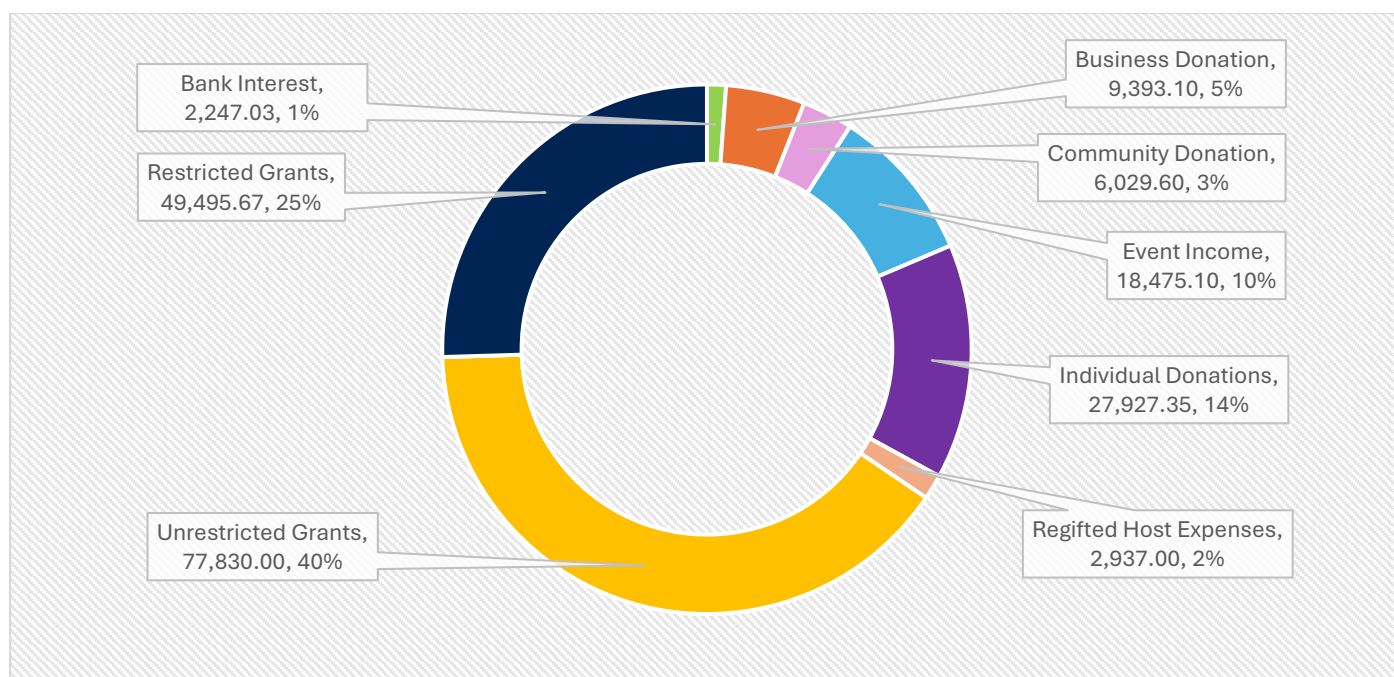
Anticipating a challenging fundraising environment and reduced income levels, the Board set a deficit budget with expenses partly funded through retained reserves.

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

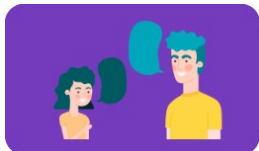
We have made considerable progress against our 2024-2027 strategy this year. In the process of achieving our milestones we have learned how our service needs to change over the upcoming years, in order to remain the positive force for change in young people's lives that we aspire to. It also reinforces 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**.

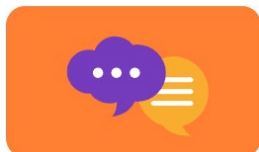
Our priorities for the year ahead:



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.



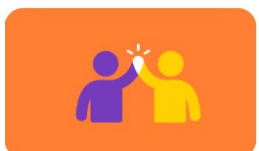
YOUTH VOICE – Deliver Here for You Phase 2, embedding young people's insights into service design and ensuring that every stage of our work is shaped by lived experience.



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.



Ernest Kleinwort
Charitable Trust

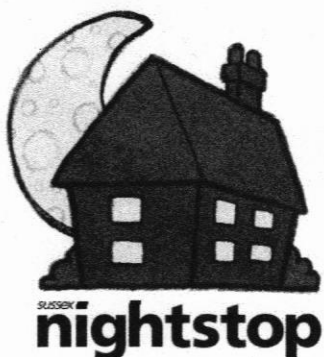


With warm wishes

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 2025

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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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
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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.

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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 be a part of a service with such impact.

However, the environment for young people and their experiences of homelessness continues to be extremely challenging. The Centrepunt 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.

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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, Blagrove, 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.

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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.
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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
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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 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>					
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
<u>Resources expended</u>					
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.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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
	<u>124,117</u>	<u>49,496</u>	<u>173,613</u>	<u>59,342</u>	<u>174,538</u>	<u>233,880</u>

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

3 Income from other trading activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Event income	<u>18,475</u>	<u>16,012</u>

4 Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>2,247</u>	<u>1,015</u>

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
	<u>18,378</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,378</u>	<u>17,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,876</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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
	<u>42,249</u>	<u>125,359</u>	<u>167,608</u>	<u>17,535</u>	<u>118,162</u>	<u>135,697</u>
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
	<u>8,834</u>	<u>5,187</u>	<u>14,021</u>	<u>6,239</u>	<u>5,071</u>	<u>11,310</u>
Governance costs¹						
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
	<u>2,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,775</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>2,259</u>
TOTAL	<u>53,858</u>	<u>130,546</u>	<u>184,404</u>	<u>23,873</u>	<u>125,393</u>	<u>149,266</u>

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

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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
	<u>140,676</u>	<u>113,051</u>

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	<u>6,017</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 July 2024	6,017
Charge for the year	-
At 30 June 2024	<u>6,017</u>
Net book value	
At 30 June 2025	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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

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
	<u>9,794</u>	<u>12,309</u>

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)	-
	<u>5,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,083)</u>	<u>-</u>

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
	<u>16,627</u>	<u>5,083</u>	<u>(16,627)</u>	<u>5,083</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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.

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

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
	<u>35,905</u>	<u>174,538</u>	<u>(125,383)</u>	<u>85,050</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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
	<u>77,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,839</u>	<u>(72,236)</u>	<u>149,833</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.

<u>Prior financial year</u>	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
	<u>42,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,369</u>	<u>(41,749)</u>	<u>77,230</u>

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)
	<u>149,833</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>153,833</u>

SUSSEX NIGHTSTOP PLUS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

15 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

<u>Prior financial year</u>	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)
	<u>77,230</u>	<u>85,050</u>	<u>162,280</u>

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>				
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		<u>76,369</u>	<u>174,538</u>	<u>250,907</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>				
Raising funds	5	17,876	-	17,876
Charitable activities	6	23,873	125,393	149,266
Total resources expended		<u>41,749</u>	<u>125,393</u>	<u>167,142</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		<u>34,620</u>	<u>49,145</u>	<u>83,765</u>
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		<u>42,610</u>	<u>35,905</u>	<u>78,515</u>
Fund balances at 30 June 2024		<u>77,230</u>	<u>85,050</u>	<u>162,280</u>

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