

SEA MILLS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

England & Wales · Charity number 1136611

Details

Other names	SEA MILLS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07076038
Registered	2010-06-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF KINGSWESTON WARD, BRISTOL AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. THESE ARE ITS CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 1006 ACT. FOR AS LONG AS THE CHARITY IS REGISTERED AS A CHARITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES ITS PURPOSES MAY ONLY BE ALTERED WITH THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE COMMISSION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO SUCH CONSENT.

Activities: Activities and the provision of facilities to build community awareness and spirit in Sea Mills

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** KINGSWESTON WARD, BRISTOL
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£113,609	£123,613	-	-
2024-10-31	£107,810	£95,698	-	-
2023-10-31	£97,793	£93,491	-	-
2022-10-31	£82,666	£85,329	-	-
2021-10-31	£66,831	£70,306	-	-
2020-10-31	£84,783	£68,866	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sian Hearsey	Chair	2023-05-18
Caleb Lambourne		2023-09-14
Nicola White		2023-09-14
Peter Kenneth Marks		2025-01-01
Susan Hazleden		2023-09-14

Accounts

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

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TRUSTEES REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity under its Memorandum is:

To further the benefit of the residents of Kingsweston ward, Bristol and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Sea Mills Community Initiatives (SMCI) is a charity that was started by three local churches who had a vision to transform a disused toilet block in the heart of Sea Mills into a community cafe. In 2011, Cafe on the Square was opened and has been the flagship project of SMCI ever since. In 2016, SMCI had the opportunity to take ownership and responsibility of an overgrown allotment site, which has since been developed into a thriving community garden. Most recently, in 2022, SMCI took on a short-term lease of Sea Mills Methodist Church, ensuring that a vital community hub remained available for local groups and activities following the closure of the area's community centre.

As well as managing these key community spaces, SMCI has become a champion for the wider community in Sea Mills, organising events, nurturing new activities and supporting other local organisations. From our weekly coffee morning to large annual celebrations, from children's play sessions to our unique Phonebox Community Museum (managed by SeaMills100), we work to ensure that Sea Mills is a place where people of all ages and from all walks of life feel connected, valued and at home.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future projects.

Sea Mills Community Initiatives is governed by a Board of Trustees who meet regularly to oversee strategy, finance, safeguarding and compliance. Day-to-day operations are delegated to the Operations Manager and staff team, with Trustees maintaining oversight of performance, risk and long-term planning.

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Achievements and performance 2024-2025

Cafe on the Square

The community cafe, named 'Cafe on the Square', first opened for business on 6 December 2011. There has been continued positive feedback from those visiting the cafe, and it is clear that it has become an essential and established part of community life in Sea Mills. This year we saw our biggest increase in demand to date, with visitor numbers rising, possibly due to the closure of another food establishment in the area and an increase in the cost of living making other commercial cafes unaffordable for many. This was a welcome influx of new community members, but placed pressure on the staff and volunteers who continue to want the cafe to offer more than just good service and food. The cafe is committed to creating opportunities to deepen relationships with customers and spend time engaging, and striking this balance has been a challenge this year. In response, we worked to move to a simpler food offering to ease the pressure on the serving team.

The small team of 2-3 paid staff are ably supported by volunteers from the local community. Over this year, 35-45 individuals have generously given of their time to help support the cafe in a myriad of ways, including washing laundry, baking, shopping and serving in the cafe itself, reflecting a high level of ongoing local commitment and support for the project. The volunteers have an important influence on the ethos of the cafe and the friendly atmosphere which people so enjoy. Some volunteers have been serving year on year since the opening of the cafe, and yet many more continue to join the team. We continued this year to benefit from seasonal volunteers and work experience students who connected with us from local schools.

From a financial point of view, the contribution of volunteers is crucial to the commercial viability of the cafe where prices are kept low to give the best chance of financial accessibility. For the benefit of the volunteers we continued to take opportunities to build their practical skills and confidence by offering training in food safety, barista skills and basic catering. We are able to offer volunteering experiences to those who are unemployed, have additional needs or disabilities and/or might be struggling with poor mental or physical health, as well as those who are retired or who might simply want to gain some new skills. This year the volunteers were treated to homemade cakes and teas at three volunteer socials across the year, and Christmas gifts as a gesture of thanks and recognition of all their hard work.

A significant proportion of our cafe visitors are of retirement age, and for many, the cafe plays a central role in their daily lives, sometimes being the only reason to leave the house or the only opportunity to connect with another person. In building genuine relationships with these older visitors, our cafe team has been able to offer support and opportunities that go well beyond a cup of tea.

This year, we were delighted to host regular sessions in partnership with the North Bristol Tea and Tech group, who ran free monthly workshops from the cafe helping people with questions about using their mobile phones and laptops. These sessions were particularly valuable following the introduction of an online booking system at the local doctor's surgery, which caused considerable distress for many residents who found the transition difficult to navigate.

This year the cafe team and volunteers hosted two evening events for residents of Abona Court, a local sheltered housing complex comprising 22 individual flats. These evenings featured homemade hot dinners served on a pay-what-you-can basis, providing access to

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affordable, home cooked food while strengthening relationships between Abona Court residents and the cafe team.

As a near neighbour of the cafe, Abona Court is a place of real significance to SMCI, and one where building and maintaining relationships based on trust and respect is a priority. These meals were a testament to the already strong ties between the two communities, and encouraged some residents who lack the confidence to visit during normal opening hours to come and enjoy the cafe in a more relaxed setting. As well as serving food and drink six days a week, the cafe is a fantastic space for hosting such events and activities.

Developing into a popular tradition is our annual autumnal fair, Apple Day. Sea Mills is an area of sizable gardens and many apple trees, and Apple Day provides an opportunity for members of the community to bring surplus apples to crush and enjoy as fresh juice.

The 2025 Apple Day welcomed 250 to 300 visitors to the cafe and the green surrounding it. There was live music, crafts and stalls, and visitors of all ages, including children, were invited to take part in turning apples into juice using a traditional press. This year we produced over 105 litres of fresh juice. The Community Garden team also played a significant role, running activities on the day and providing apple themed cakes sold by their volunteers.

This year's event was our busiest to date and served as a strong fundraiser for the charity. The staff and volunteer committee worked hard on sustainability and cost cutting to ensure that Apple Day could continue year on year, remaining both a valuable community occasion and a positive contribution to the local environment as well as the charity.

The Community Garden

The Community Garden was thoughtfully developed from a disused allotment site in 2014 into a thriving space full of wildlife diversity, edible and non edible plants, peaceful spaces and areas to play, learn and explore. The garden had a busy year in 2024-25, continuing to engage a wide range of community members, from retired visitors and those with additional needs, to home educators and children of all ages.

The popular Muddy Mondays group, our outdoor toddler session, ran at full capacity throughout the year and was thoroughly enjoyed by its weekly visitors. The group worked hard to develop the garden's play spaces and created a woodland campfire and forest school area, which hosted additional events including a campfire evening for families to make smores and enjoy the garden at dusk.

Despite limited paid staff hours, the Community Garden team ran four holiday events for local families across the year, including one half term event that welcomed over 30 children. All activities were low cost and included a half price children's lunch in the cafe. It remains a core part of our ethos as a charity to ensure that financial barriers never prevent anyone from accessing what we offer.

During the year we further developed relationships with three local schools, whose pupils visited the garden during school hours. Our project leader, supported by a small team of volunteers, delivered a programme of activities encouraging children to explore the garden, learn about nature and take part in crafts and environmental activities.

Main volunteering sessions were scaled back during the year due to staff capacity, with the garden open to visitors and volunteers on Tuesday afternoons only. Despite this, the summer

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season brought a wonderful harvest, and key volunteers continued to work hard to develop and grow the space. The addition of a beekeeper volunteer brought beehives and valuable learning opportunities to the garden, further enriched by the beekeeper's attendance at Apple Day, where they taught visitors about the importance of pollinators.

A highlight of the year was securing funding to install a new rainwater harvesting system, which was built by volunteers over the summer, doubling our water saving capacity and making a meaningful contribution to sustaining the garden through hotter and drier conditions.

Toward the end of the year, we were thrilled to host the annual Harvest Supper at Highgrove Church, welcoming 50 guests. This fundraising event brought together garden visitors and volunteers to enjoy a feast featuring dishes made from produce grown in the garden. Volunteers were recognised with awards in thanks for their dedication to this cherished outdoor space. It was a joyful celebration of both the community that sustains the garden and the produce lovingly grown within it. The garden continued to provide environmental education, wellbeing benefits and meaningful opportunities for community connection throughout the year.

Methodist Church Hall

The Methodist Hall continued to serve a wide range of community groups throughout the year. Our 25 regular groups showed great patience and resilience amid ongoing uncertainty around the long term future of the building. The hall was used not only by regular groups but also for training, vaccine clinics, ward meetings and networking events. However, uncertainty around our lease meant we were unable to advertise it as a hireable facility, and rising utility costs has made the project increasingly difficult to sustain financially. Despite these challenges, we remained committed to maintaining the space for the community.

A highlight of the year was participating in the Bristol Communities Festival, where we hosted our own showcase of Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle on 29 March 2025. The day was split into two parts: a community trail encouraging visitors to explore local spaces such as the Churches, scout hut and library, collecting stamps along the way, followed by a showcase at the Methodist Church where over 30 groups set up stalls. There were live performances, activities for children and families, and opportunities to learn about and sign up for local projects and groups. With almost 40 partner organisations involved, this was our biggest collaborative event to date.

This work also strengthened our relationship with the council's community development team, and we were pleased to continue working with the community policing team, who supported us at several events throughout the year.

Another highlight was our Christmas Kick Off event, hosted in partnership with local Churches in the Methodist building. The free, family friendly afternoon welcomed more than 200 visitors for festive crafts, refreshments and dressing up, ending with community carolling outside on the closed road and in the play park. Fifteen local groups, including Brownies, the Climate Action Group and the Gardening Club, contributed by decorating bunting for the hall. Free entry and refreshments made this an inclusive celebration that brought the community together at the start of the festive season.

These larger events were made possible in part by the expansion of our cafe team the previous year, which allowed our Operations Manager to work outside the cafe, developing other projects and maintaining better oversight of the charity. This also enabled us to improve

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our communications, creating a more cohesive website and logo, and committing to a regular article in the Community Voice to keep local people informed about our work and upcoming activities. Having the Methodist Church as a community space also played a key role in enabling our activities to grow and expand.

Our Community Coffee Morning, born from a warm space initiative started in 2023, went from strength to strength throughout the year, offering year round opportunities for warmth, connection and free refreshments. We continued to welcome more visitors on a rolling basis, regularly seeing between 15 and 20 people each week for free tea, cake, biscuits and conversation. Despite trying many configurations of the room to ensure all guests could hear and feel comfortable, our visitors consistently preferred to sit around a large table, chatting to their neighbours or sharing jokes and stories across the whole group. This session became well established as a highlight of many people's weeks, and stories were shared of the significance this group had had on people's lives, many of whom were facing ill health, grief or other difficulties.

As part of the Coffee Morning, we were also pleased to offer some special outings for the group. These began with free tickets to a local pantomime for a group of 12, and was followed by a larger group visit to Oakham Treasure, a history museum in North Somerset. All costs, including the minibus, entry and refreshments, were covered to ensure the trips were as accessible and inclusive as possible, recognising that opportunities to leave the neighbourhood can be limited for some older people due to health, accessibility or financial pressures.

Our Coffee Morning was further recognised and supported by the Warm Welcome Campaign, which provided training, promotion and opportunities to connect with other warm spaces across the city, and helped us continue to develop this valued provision.

Another significant project that gained momentum during the year grew out of the local tragedy of February 2024, in which three young children lost their lives. The tragedy deeply affected members of the Islamic and North African communities, and it became clear that more local support was needed, particularly for women who may face barriers related to language or cultural differences. This led to the development of the Friendship Cafe in 2024, a free weekly space for women to meet, chat and connect. SMCI was proud to support this vital project during 2024-25, which brought together women of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. Free nutritious soup has continued to be provided by B&A Church, and conversation classes have run weekly as part of the offering helping women feel empowered and confident.

A further initiative arising from the tragedy focused on young people in the area. In February 2025, SMCI hosted a half term event at the Methodist Church in partnership with the Children's Scrapstore Bristol, Imayla (Urban Rural Creative Connections) and BAND (Bristol Association for Neighbourhood Daycare Ltd.), welcoming many families and children for free activities and crafts. The event was a great success and sparked conversations about what more could be done locally for young people. Working together, SMCI and the Children's Scrapstore secured funding to establish a regular programme of term time and holiday activities on Sea Mills Rec. Holiday sessions included free food for children, with over 80 hot and healthy lunches served from Cafe on the Square each week in the summer school holidays.

The Children's Scrapstore has since become a key organisation working with young people in the area, primarily with those aged 8 to 11, though increasingly supporting younger families too. Alongside this, SMCI worked to strengthen its relationship with Young Bristol, a local

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youth charity running a youth club in Sea Mills, meeting regularly to explore ways to support each other. We also participated in the newly formed Four Villages Youth Partnership forum, which helps to coordinate and plan provision for young people across the local area.

Sea Mills 100 (Community Phonebox Museum)

This year a small volunteer group researched the early residents of Sea Mills using the recently released 1921 census. The results were displayed at the 2025 SMCI Community Showcase, provoking a lot of interest. They were also displayed at Sea Mills Library for a month and at Bristol Central Library for a day-long community event. Highlights of this display are in the museum. Our Sea Mills guided walk took place twice: once for Sea Mills Brownies and once for May Walkfest. Over £100 was raised from donations by Walkfest participants.

Knitted poppies were added to the museum for Remembrance Day and the museum was lit up during the evening for the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Festive lights were also displayed during the Christmas period. We had a minor incident of vandalism with one plastic panel in the door being broken during one of the May bank holidays. We hold a stock of spare panels and this was repaired the same day by a local volunteer.

During July, The Noise Bristol (a volunteer-led community impact organisation) gave the box a thorough clean, inside and out, which looked fabulous. A dedicated volunteer continues to open and close the museum every day.

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Plans for future periods

Future plans are centred on the following priorities:

- We will aim to continue to safely and effectively manage each of our community spaces and projects for the benefit of local people.
- Following a successful community showcase as part of the Bristol Communities Festival, we have identified the importance of events that bring the community together and to connect and network with local volunteers and groups. We aim to build on the feedback we began gathering at the showcase regarding local people's perceptions of the community they live in and the ideas they have to improve it.
- We have been successful in sharing more about our work locally through the Community Voice article and use of the community WhatsApp group. We have recognised a need for our own social media presence as a charity, to reach people who may not currently access our services or know what we offer.
- Because of the impact of VAT on our finances, there is a need to find ways to improve our sustainability. Grants and fundraising have been identified as being needed to sustain our work in the short term.
- We aim to find simple ways for people to donate and support us via our website and QR codes, or tap machines in our spaces and work on communicating our impact stories to encourage this.
- The lease for the Methodist Church is only extended until December 2025. Options need to be explored in discussion with the Methodist circuit. This building has become an important part of the community and how to maintain that going forward will be a key consideration for SMCI in the year ahead.
- We will continue to progress other potential projects in consultation with the local community and other key stakeholders (such as Bristol City Council).
- We would like to continue to work with Bristol Children's Scrapstore to extend the project length in Sea Mills, and are looking at ways for SMCI to take on the leadership of this with the support of the Scrapstore.
- We will continue to host annual Christmas events that are family-friendly, free, accessible and delivered in collaboration with the Churches and other community groups.

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Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income in the year to 31 October 2025 was £113,609 made up principally of income from the charitable activity of running Café on the Square of £98,325 (2024: £98,994) and grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting individuals and churches of £13,060 (2024: £7,610).

Expenditure was £123,613 (2024: £95,698) and related primarily with the running costs of Café on the Square, with £1,244 (2024: £468) relating to Community Garden expenditure and Sea Mills 100 project costs of £433 (2024: £328) expended largely from restricted funds.

The Trustees have a target level for free reserves of between 3 to 6 months of annual expenditure (excluding the cost of café ingredients that vary with income, significant repairs, depreciation, improvements and project costs typically covered by grant income). This translates to a target of between £12,500 and £25,000. Such reserves are necessary to ensure the smooth running of the café and Community Garden in the event of exceptional events or fluctuations in income. At the year end, free reserves stood at £41,890, which is above this target range – but with the requirement of registering for VAT in the year reserves may be required while significant changes to the operating model are made to ensure the charity remains viable.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the support of our private donors and volunteers who made the operation of the café and garden possible.

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Reference and administrative details

<u>Charity number:</u>	1136611
<u>Company number:</u>	07076038
<u>Registered office:</u>	The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol, BS48 1UR
<u>Independent Examiner:</u>	Paul Brown FCIE DChA, 2 Ger y Mynydd, Hirwaun, Aberdare, CF44 9RD
<u>Bankers:</u>	Bank of Scotland, 2nd Floor, Pentland House, 8 Lochside Avenue, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ

Directors and Trustees:

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

B C Hewer
S Hearsey
S F Hazelden
C Lambourne
N White

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 13th November 2009 as Sea Mills Community Café Limited. The company changed its name to Sea Mills Community Initiatives on 23rd December 2009 and became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th June 2010.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited on the basis of the knowledge of the existing Trustees of suitable candidates. In selecting persons to be appointed, the Trustees take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her professional qualifications or experience to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of Sea Mills Community Initiatives.

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New Trustees receive an Induction Pack appropriate to their level of existing knowledge of and involvement with Sea Mills Community Initiatives. As a minimum, new Trustees receive a copy of the Charity Commission publication CC3 – The Essential Trustee: what you need to know, together with the charity's governing document and latest annual report and accounts.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Sea Mills Community Initiatives for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



S Hearsey
Chair of Trustees

8th June 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. 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.

P S Brown

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8th June 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Grants and other donations	2	5,965	7,095	-	13,060	7,610
Charitable Activities	3	98,325	-	-	98,325	98,994
Investments		1,070	-	-	1,070	1,206
Other		1,154	-	-	1,154	-
Total income		106,514	7,095	-	113,609	107,810
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	4	116,758	6,855	-	123,613	95,698
Total expenditure		116,758	6,855	-	123,613	95,698
Net income/(expenditure)	6	(10,244)	240	-	(10,004)	12,112
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(10,244)	240	-	(10,004)	12,112
Total funds at start of year		56,846	2,976	133,359	193,181	181,069
Total funds at end of year	10	46,602	3,216	133,359	183,177	193,181

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

Prior year fund comparatives are detailed in note 12.

The notes on pages 16 to 21 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 OCTOBER 2025

Company registration number: 07076038

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	134,089	137,553
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,802	2,080
Cash at bank		<u>57,764</u>	<u>54,520</u>
		59,566	56,600
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(10,478)	(972)
Net current assets		<u>49,088</u>	<u>55,628</u>
Net assets		<u>183,177</u>	<u>193,181</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	11	41,890	48,237
Fixed asset funds	11	4,194	7,658
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	11	518	951
Community Garden funds (designated)	11	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		46,602	56,846
Restricted funds	11	3,216	2,976
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	11	133,359	133,359
		<u>183,177</u>	<u>193,181</u>

For the year ending 31 October 2025, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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.

The 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8th June 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

S Hearsey
Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 16 to 21 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined under FRS102.

Along with other similar charities and organisations, the COVID-19 pandemic after the year end has brought many uncertainties to the global economy. The impact of this on the charity is highlighted in further detail within the Trustees' annual report. Notwithstanding these uncertainties, the Trustees have chosen to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis given the free reserves held by the charity, the careful planning of the Trustees and use of government grant schemes since the year end.

- b) Income from donations is recognised when receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to us such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.
- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities and has been included in that cost category. Support costs have been included entirely under the heading Charitable Activities.
- e) Fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised in the balance sheet and carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis on their estimated useful life of 5 years. The property is not depreciated on grounds on immateriality as the estimated residual value (based on prices at the time of construction) is not materially different from the carrying amount of the asset.
- f) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable object at the discretion of the trustees.
- g) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity, as indicated by the donor.
- h) Grant funding for tangible fixed assets for the charity's own continuing use is accounted for as expendable endowment, converted to income annually as inter-fund transfers in line with the rate at which the related asset's depreciation is recognised as expenditure in the Statement of Financial

2 Grants and other donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Grants receivable from Churches,</i>					
<i>Trusts and Local Authorities</i>	630	7,095	-	7,725	1,500
<i>Gifts from Individuals</i>	5,335	-	-	5,335	6,110
	<u>5,965</u>	<u>7,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,060</u>	<u>7,610</u>

In the prior year, all grants and other donations were unrestricted other than £1500 grant from Quartet for warm spaces were was restricted.

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3 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Café sales	88,339	-	-	88,339	87,942
Book sales	-	-	-	-	-
Community Garden subscriptions and n	9,986	-	-	9,986	11,052
	<u>98,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,325</u>	<u>98,994</u>

In the prior year, all income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Café staff costs	60,554	-	-	60,554	47,366
Café purchases	26,542	-	-	26,542	24,118
Insurance	935	-	-	935	626
IT and website costs	1,115	-	-	1,115	965
Rates and utilities	5,938	-	-	5,938	6,236
Licenses	602	-	-	602	414
Cleaning and waste disposal	1,479	-	-	1,479	1,425
Kitchen equipment	820	-	-	820	1,047
Café repairs and maintenance	2,126	-	-	2,126	992
Community Garden expenditure	628	616	-	1,244	468
Sea Mills 100 Project costs	433	-	-	433	328
Sea Mills Methodist expenses	7,815	644	-	8,459	6,089
Printing, postag and stationery	1,628	-	-	1,628	-
Card fees	1,459	-	-	1,459	1,264
Depreciation	3,464	-	-	3,464	3,464
Accountancy fees	365	-	-	365	250
Sundry costs	855	5,595	-	6,450	646
	<u>116,758</u>	<u>6,855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,613</u>	<u>95,698</u>

In the prior year, £674 of the Sea Mills Methodist expenses were expended from restricted funds.

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5 Staff costs and numbers

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	59,256	46,588
Pension costs	788	778
	<u>60,044</u>	<u>47,366</u>

The charity had an average of 5 employees during the year (2 full time equivalents; 2024: 5 employees and 2 full time equivalents).

6 Net income/(expenditure)

Is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

No Trustees received any remuneration in the current or prior year. Trustees were reimbursed travel expenses of £nil in the current year (2024: £nil).

7 Tangible assets

	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 November 2024	133,359	34,449	167,808
At 31 October 2025	<u>133,359</u>	<u>34,449</u>	<u>167,808</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2024	-	30,255	30,255
Charge for the year	-	3,464	3,464
At 31 October 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>33,719</u>	<u>33,719</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2025	133,359	730	134,089
At 31 October 2024	<u>133,359</u>	<u>4,194</u>	<u>137,553</u>

8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	693	646
Other debtors	1,109	1,434
	<u>1,802</u>	<u>2,080</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	924	500
Other creditors	5,595	-
Tax and National Insurance	493	472
VAT Payable	3,466	-
	<u>10,478</u>	<u>972</u>

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10 Movement in funds	At 1 Nov 2024	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2025
<i>Current year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	48,237	106,514	(112,861)	-	41,890
Fixed asset funds (designated)	7,658	-	(3,464)	-	4,194
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	951	-	(433)	-	518
	56,846	106,514	(116,758)	-	46,602
Restricted funds					
Quartet - BYCA	-	5,595	(5,595)	-	-
Quartet - Shelter	-	1,000	(616)	-	384
Quartet - Friendship Café	826	-	(644)	-	182
Redistro - Friendship Café	-	500	-	-	500
Leylandii removal fund	199	-	-	-	199
Heritage Lottery Fund	316	-	-	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	2,976	7,095	(6,855)	-	3,216
Total funds	193,181	113,609	(123,613)	-	183,177
<i>Prior year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	33,159	106,310	(91,232)	-	48,237
Fixed asset funds (designated)	11,122	-	(3,464)	-	7,658
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	1,279	-	(433)	-	951
	45,560	106,310	(95,129)	-	56,846
Restricted funds					
Quartet - Friendship Café	-	1,500	(674)	-	826
Leylandii removal fund	199	-	-	-	199
Heritage Lottery Fund	316	-	-	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	2,150	1,500	(674)	-	2,976
Total funds	181,069	107,810	(95,803)	-	193,181

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10 Movement in funds (continued)

Property

This fund represents the net book value of the property purchased and developed with grants given for that purpose.

Free reserves

These funds represent the free reserves of the charity.

Fixed asset funds (designated)

These funds represent the net book value of the Fixtures and Equipment on the charity's balance sheet.

Sea Mills 100 (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Sea Mills 100 project that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Play sessions Quartet Foundation Community Grants - these grants £5000 for weekly term time play sessions in Sea Mills and £595 half term children's play session delivery and food provision in Sea Mills. These grants were unable to be spent by SMCI and transferred to Children's Scrapstore Bristol in Dec 2025 to provide the services.

Garden shelter Quartet Foundation Community Grant - this is £1000 toward installing a small shelter for rainwater harvesting and group activities at the SMCI community garden site.

Friendship Café Grants - these grants are to support the free weekly space for women of all ages, cultures and backgrounds to meet, chat and connect. The grants are not specific in their allocation to within the scope of the Friendship Café.

Leylandii removal fund - This fund is made up of small fundraising items contributing to the specific purpose of Leylandii removal in the allotment area. This was not used and has been carried over into the next financial period.

Heritage Lottery Fund, Woodland Trust, Bristol City Council and LinkAge (West) grants

These grants are restricted for the Sea Mills 100 Heritage project. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements and, where necessary, with the permission of the grantor.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

<i>Current year</i>	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	3,216	3,216
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	41,890	41,890
Designated funds	730	3,982	4,712
	<u>134,089</u>	<u>49,088</u>	<u>183,177</u>

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

<i>Prior year</i>	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	2,976	2,976
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	48,237	48,237
Designated funds	7,658	951	8,609
	<u>141,017</u>	<u>52,164</u>	<u>193,181</u>

12 Prior year fund comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Grants and other donations	6,110	1,500	-	7,610
Charitable Activities	98,994	-	-	98,994
Investments	1,206	-	-	1,206
Total income	<u>106,310</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,810</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	95,024	674	-	95,698
Total expenditure	<u>95,024</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,698</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>11,286</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,112</u>
Total funds at start of year	<u>45,560</u>	<u>2,150</u>	<u>133,359</u>	<u>181,069</u>
Total funds at end of year	<u>56,846</u>	<u>2,976</u>	<u>133,359</u>	<u>193,181</u>

13 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

Accounts

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TRUSTEES REPORT

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity under its Memorandum is:

To further the benefit of the residents of Kingsweston ward, Bristol and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

The main focus of SMCI to date has been the operation of a community café which opened 6th December 2011. The development of a Community Garden has emerged as a significant parallel project under the leadership of the project co-ordinator appointed at the end of 2016. At the beginning of 2022 SMCI also commenced a third project to take on a short lease for Sea Mills Methodist Church to ensure that a community space remains available in the area to facilitate community groups and events following the closure of the local community centre.

The original vision for the community café project is reflected in the following principles:

- an opportunity for the three main churches in Sea Mills (St Edyth's CofE, Highgrove Church and Sea Mills Methodist) to work together for the benefit of the local community.
- a focal centre for all sections of the community – young and old.
- a project to engender a real sense of civic pride in Sea Mills; and
- a project run by the community for the benefit of the community, making a difference to all those that live in Sea Mills.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future

Achievements and performance

Due to significant changes over the previous financial year to the board, we've continued to focus on strengthening our trustee team by ensuring it is equipped with a diverse range of skills and experience.

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Café on the Square

The community café – named 'Café on the Square' - first opened for business on 6 December 2011. The small team of 2-3 paid staff are ably supported by volunteers from the local community. Over this year between 30-35 individuals have generously given of their time to help support the café in a myriad of ways including washing laundry, baking, shopping and serving in the café itself. This reflects a high level of ongoing local commitment and support for the project. The volunteers have an important influence on the ethos of the café and the friendly atmosphere which people so enjoy, and during the year volunteers have enjoyed 3 socials. Some of the volunteers have been serving year on year since the opening of the café and yet many more continue to join the team. We have had seasonal volunteers and work experience students who connect to us from local schools.

From a financial point of view the contribution of volunteers is crucial to the commercial viability of the café. We continue to take opportunities to build the practical skills and confidence of our volunteers by offering training in food safety, barista skills and taking orders. We are able to offer volunteering experiences to those who are unemployed, have additional needs or disabilities and/or might be struggling with poor mental or physical health as well as those who are retired or might just want to gain some new skills.

In August, we were delighted to promote one of our café assistants to the role of Café Manager. This transition allowed our Operations Manager to step back from day-to-day café management duties and focus on broader responsibilities within the charity. As the organisation has grown, and with increasing demands on both our catering operations and the charity sector as a whole, this change was a necessary and timely development. The financial cost of this however means that additional grant support might be needed to support what work the charity does in the future.

There has been continued positive feedback from those visiting the café, and it is clear that it has become an essential and established part of community life in Sea Mills. Demographically we have a high proportion of visitors who are above retirement age. During the year 2023-24 we noticed many regular visitors, as well as those visiting the café for the first time. An e-referral scheme has been set up with café staff for the North Bristol food bank to provide support where required.

We have seen increasingly strong relationships develop with a local community policing team. They attended some of the events run across the year to meet the community and also ran several beat surgeries at the café to give local people opportunities to connect and gain support. This has been a wonderful development to encourage from the café.

Additionally, we were pleased to host the Tea and Tech service, which successfully secured funding to run a biweekly drop-in session from the café. These sessions offer support and guidance in using technology, including help with laptops and mobile phones.

The café is used for additional events and activities and one such event is the annual Autumnal fair named Apple Day. Sea Mills is an area with sizeable gardens and many apple trees and this provides an opportunity for members of the community to bring surplus apples to crush and enjoy as juice. Despite some rainfall 2024 Apple day welcomed around 250-300 visitors to the café and the green surrounding it. There was live music, crafts, stalls, and the community (including the children) were invited to be part of the process of turning apples into juice via a traditional press. Ahead of this event a volunteer committee was formed to allow for smooth running of the day and an expansion of the offering by hosting more stalls, running a tombola, and having the live music amplified so everyone could hear and enjoy it.

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At the 2024 event we were fortunate enough to have local bee experts come and share their work and produce with us.

Another tradition that has become expected in Sea Mills is for SMCI to work with local churches to host a free carolling event at Christmas. This year SMCI took the lead on a different type of event and hosted the first Christmas Crib Weekend Festival in collaboration with the two local churches. The Methodist Hall was beautifully decorated for the season, and local residents were invited to bring their crib sets to display, creating a warm and festive atmosphere throughout the weekend. The event was a true community effort, supported by many local volunteers and contributions from various groups. Carol singing took place on Friday evening and again at Saturday lunchtime, while the rest of the weekend offered a relaxed, free opportunity for visitors to explore the diverse crib displays at their leisure. There were also dedicated play areas and a dress-up station for children, adding to the family-friendly atmosphere. Local groups such as the Climate Action Group, Brownies, and local playgroups contributed their own homemade crib scenes, further enriching the experience. Free entry and free refreshments, provided by the local churches, made this an inclusive and joyful, cross-community celebration that brought people together at the very start of the festive season.

Due to staffing capacity and financial restrictions some remedial works to the building have had to be put on hold. We were thrilled this year to have a team from the Bristol Noise Project come and do a day with us focusing on deep cleaning, tidying and sorting and improving areas in the café.

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Methodist Church Hall

The use of the Methodist Hall by community groups continued to be of benefit to users in 23-24. Income to support the space running was gathered through one-off bookings/parties and other business groups like Adventure Babies who started a new baby class in Sea Mills. One boost to our income this year was the hire of the space for a film crew to use the hall as a catering base. We were able to accommodate this booking which was a significant financial gain for the charity.

Following a local tragedy in which the lives of three young children were lost, the Methodist Church was opened as a safe and supportive space for mourners. It also served as a hub where community police and council representatives could meet with and support local residents affected by the devastating news. Having a community space available in Sea Mills proved vital, and for a week, the church became a central place for people to gather, grieve, and seek comfort.

As the tragedy deeply affected members of the Islamic and North African communities, it became clear that more local support was needed—particularly for women who may experience barriers related to language or cultural differences. This highlighted the importance of creating more inclusive and accessible support services within the community. This led to the development of a Friendship café running a free weekly space to chat and connect for women from all backgrounds. Free nutritious soup is provided from B&A Church and the council started ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) and conversation classes. Sessions targeted at young families were able to run through the holiday times.

Over the year we have been able to develop relationships with the Bristol Dementia Action Alliance (BDAA) who carried out an audit on the Methodist Hall. After we carried out the actions suggested to make the space more accessible, they awarded us a bronze level for being Dementia Aware. Towards the end of the year, they set up a regular dementia memory café in the hall. The BDAA also supported us in acquiring the abandoned planters from the closed community centre. These planters now create a lovely feature outside the Methodist Hall for our users to tend, symbolising the welcoming and community-focused spirit of the space.

Climate Action Group's Repair Café (a group of volunteers offering their practical skills to fix and mend and save items from landfill) continued to be a popular monthly event in the area.

SMCI has been able to make the most of the space and host community events and regular groups as well. Local ward meetings were held in the building connecting Sea Mills to the wider ward. A significant event made possible by the Methodist church hall being available was the annual Sea Mills flower show. This was run by a team of local enthusiastic volunteers who brought together the community and visitors from afar to admire and enjoy floral displays and prized homegrown fruits and vegetables.

The Community coffee morning, born from a warm space, continued to thrive this year, becoming an important part of the week for many of its regular attendees. Some sessions welcomed nearly twenty visitors, with a consistent weekly turnout of around 12 to 15 people. We have been thrilled this year to have a core team of volunteers manage the running of this group which has meant it's become a much more sustainable offering and has remained open through school holidays. Visitors themselves enjoy playing their part in the clearing up at the end meaning no one is left feeling put upon. The club offers free tea, coffee, cake,

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and biscuits, creating a warm and welcoming environment where laughter is shared—and, at times, tears—as people feel safe to open up about personal challenges.

One woman, who was encouraged to attend after mentioning her situation during a hairdressing appointment, shared how much the group has meant to her while navigating her husband's sudden illness. Her story is just one example of how meaningful connections and support have grown through this simple yet powerful space.

As organisers of these weekly sessions, we have been both encouraged and supported this year by the Warm Welcome Campaign, a project of the Good Faith Partnership. This growing partnership has enabled us to access valuable support for ourselves, while also providing opportunities to share experiences and stories with other warm spaces across the city.

Community Garden

The Community Garden had a busy year in 23-24. The regular groups continued to engage different parts of the community—from those who are retired, to those with additional needs, and a wide range of ages among the children.

The popular group Muddy Mondays, our outdoor toddler time in the garden, continues to be at full capacity and is thoroughly enjoyed by those who visit weekly. The community payback team, who had been tending a patch in the garden, unfortunately came to the end of their program this year. However, the Muddy Mondays group have keenly taken over tending the patch, as well as developing a woodland campfire/forest school area.

Despite having limited staff hours, the community garden team were still able to run busy Easter and summer events for local families, including a special campfire night. We saw great engagement from the local primary school, with children given opportunities to learn and explore throughout the year. The programmes now offered to schools and groups visiting have been more formalised and organised so that we have been able to reach out and connect with other schools. Relationships have begun to form with a brand new education facility in close proximity, which we hope will soon begin visiting and enjoy being part of the garden.

Our other regular volunteer sessions twice weekly continue to boost the spirits of those involved, and progress has been made on the nature pond area started in recent years. The badgers in the garden continue to mark their territory, and work is fairly regularly done to move pathways so as not to disturb their tracks.

Toward the end of the year, we were thrilled to host the annual Harvest Supper at Highgrove Church. This fundraising event welcomed both visitors and volunteers of the garden, who gathered to enjoy soup made from ingredients grown throughout the season.

We were delighted to welcome local councillor Don Alexander—a keen gardener himself—as well as Darren Jones MP, who gave a warm and supportive speech before joining us for a bowl of soup. During the afternoon, we celebrated our wonderful volunteers and garden visitors by presenting awards to people of all ages, from the very young right up. It was a joyful celebration of both the community that sustains the garden and the produce lovingly grown within it.

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Sea Mills 100

Sea Mills Community Initiative (SMCI) has primarily focused on operating a community café, which opened on 6th December 2011 and has since served as a central hub for local residents. In addition to this, the development of a Community Garden has become a significant parallel project, guided by a project coordinator appointed at the end of 2016. In early 2022, SMCI expanded its efforts by taking on a short lease of the Sea Mills Methodist Church. This move was aimed at preserving a vital community space for local groups and events following the closure of the area's former community centre. Another unique asset managed by SMCI is the Telephone Box Community Museum, which is operated through the SeaMills100 project. This vibrant and evolving display celebrates the history and heritage of Sea Mills, offering a space for community storytelling.

The museum contained displays throughout the year, chiefly highlighting the oral histories that had been recorded by volunteers in the area. The resealing of the windows which happened the previous year was successful and there have been no significant leaks. Knitted poppies were added in November for Remembrance Day.

We are extremely grateful to Judy McIntosh who continues to unlock and lock the museum everyday with other volunteers stepping in if she is away. Dave Mallard repainted the exterior this year and we have also had a couple of Duke of Edinburgh volunteers cleaning the museum over the period.

Financially we are still in reasonable shape. We found a more reasonable insurer for the project via Towergate. The Sea Mills 100 book has now completely sold out, so we will look in the future at making that material available in an online format.

Sea Mills 100 had a garland made by volunteers at the SMCI Christmas event and the museum was lit during December with flashing lights. We also started a research project over the autumn 2024 investigating the very first residents of Sea Mills who were recorded on the 1921 census.

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Plans for future periods

Future plans are centred on the following priorities:

- We have identified a need to be better connected with other organisations locally. Plans are in progress to host an event for the Bristol Community Festival in March 2025 that might encourage this.
- Further to this we would like to find ways to communicate to local people about the work we are doing and what we are about. A newsletter or social media platform has been suggested
- Continued fundraising or grants are needed for the removal of the Leylandii tree at the community garden and for better accessibility in the garden through new paths.
- The lease for the Methodist church has been extended to end in July 2025. Options are needed to be explored in discussion with the Methodist circuit. This building has become an important part of the community and how to maintain that going forward will be a key consideration for SMCI in the year ahead.
- In light of the tragic event during this year we would like to think about provision for young people in the area. Discussions have been started with various organisations who provide support or activities for young people to see if programmes could be started in Sea Mills.
- Continuing to engage with individuals and groups who have a wish to provide volunteer support to the charity in assisting with operation of the café and associated community activities.
- Progressing other potential projects, in consultation with the local community and other key stakeholders (such as Bristol City Council).

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Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income in the year to 31 October 2023 was £107,810 made up principally of income from the charitable activity of running Café on the Square of £87,942 (2023: £80,481) and grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting individuals and churches of £7,610 (2023: £8,165).

Expenditure was £95,698 (2023: £93,491) and related primarily with the running costs of Café on the Square, with £468 (2022: £1,900) relating to Community Garden expenditure and Sea Mills 100 project costs of £328 (2023: £380) expended largely from restricted funds.

The Trustees have a target level for free reserves of between 3 to 6 months of annual expenditure (excluding the cost of café ingredients that vary with income, significant repairs, depreciation, improvements and project costs typically covered by grant income). This translates to a target of between £12,500 and £25,000. Such reserves are necessary to ensure the smooth running of the café and Community Garden in the event of exceptional events or fluctuations in income. At the year end, free reserves stood at £48,237, which is above this target range – but with the high likelihood of being required to register for VAT in the next year reserves may be required while significant changes to the operating model are made to ensure the charity remains viable.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the support of our private donors and volunteers who made the operation of the café and garden possible.

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Reference and administrative details

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<u>Bankers:</u>	Bank of Scotland, 2nd Floor, Pentland House, 8 Lochside Avenue, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ

Directors and Trustees:

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

B C Hewer

S Hearsey (appointed May 2023 Chair from Dec 22)

S F Hazelden (appointed September 2023)

C Lambourne (appointed September 2023)

N White (appointed September 2023 Treasurer from Nov 22))

A Management Group oversees the activities of the Charity and consists of the Trustees and one other individual: Diane Cogan.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 13th November 2009 as Sea Mills Community Café Limited. The company changed its name to Sea Mills Community Initiatives on 23rd December 2009 and became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th June 2010.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited on the basis of the knowledge of the existing Trustees of suitable candidates. In selecting persons to be appointed, the Trustees take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her professional qualifications or experience to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of Sea Mills Community Initiatives.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

New Trustees receive an Induction Pack appropriate to their level of existing knowledge of and involvement with Sea Mills Community Initiatives. As a minimum, new Trustees receive a copy of the Charity Commission publication CC3 – The Essential Trustee: what you need to know, together with the charity's governing document and latest annual report and accounts.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Sea Mills Community Initiatives for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



S Hearsey
Chair of Trustees

28.07.25

SEA MILLS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. 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.

Paul Brown

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28th July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Grants and other donations	2	6,110	1,500	-	7,610	8,165
Charitable Activities	3	98,994	-	-	98,994	88,738
Investments		1,206	-	-	1,206	890
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total income		106,310	1,500	-	107,810	97,793
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	4	95,024	674	-	95,698	93,491
Total expenditure		95,024	674	-	95,698	93,491
Net income/(expenditure)	6	11,286	826	-	12,112	4,302
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		11,286	826	-	12,112	4,302
Total funds at start of year		45,560	2,150	133,359	181,069	176,767
Total funds at end of year	10	56,846	2,976	133,359	193,181	181,069

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

Prior year fund comparatives are detailed in note 12.

The notes on pages 16 to 21 form part of these financial statements

SEA MILLS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

Company registration number: 07076038

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	137,553	141,017
Current assets			
Debtors	8	2,080	2,035
Cash at bank		54,520	38,690
		<u>56,600</u>	<u>40,725</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(972)	(673)
Net current assets		<u>55,628</u>	<u>40,052</u>
Net assets		<u>193,181</u>	<u>181,069</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	11	48,237	33,159
Fixed asset funds	11	7,658	11,122
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	11	951	1,279
Community Garden funds (designated)	11	-	-
		<u>56,846</u>	<u>45,560</u>
Restricted funds	11	2,976	2,150
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	11	133,359	133,359
		<u>193,181</u>	<u>181,069</u>

For the year ending 31 October 2024, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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.

The 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28th July 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

S Hearsey
Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 16 to 21 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined under FRS102.

Along with other similar charities and organisations, the COVID-19 pandemic after the year end has brought many uncertainties to the global economy. The impact of this on the charity is highlighted in further detail within the Trustees' annual report. Notwithstanding these uncertainties, the Trustees have chosen to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis given the free reserves held by the charity, the careful planning of the Trustees and use of government grant schemes since the year end.

- b) Income from donations is recognised when receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to us such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.
- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities and has been included in that cost category. Support costs have been included entirely under the heading Charitable Activities.
- e) Fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised in the balance sheet and carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis on their estimated useful life of 5 years. The property is not depreciated on grounds on immateriality as the estimated residual value (based on prices at the time of construction) is not materially different from the carrying amount of the asset.
- f) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable object at the discretion of the trustees.
- g) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity, as indicated by the donor.
- h) Grant funding for tangible fixed assets for the charity's own continuing use is accounted for as expendable endowment, converted to income annually as inter-fund transfers in line with the rate at which the related asset's depreciation is recognised as expenditure in the Statement of Financial

2 Grants and other donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Grants receivable from Churches, Trusts and Local Authorities</i>	500	1,000	-	1,500	2,614
<i>Gifts from Individuals</i>	5,610	500	-	6,110	5,551
	6,110	1,500	-	7,610	8,165

In the prior year, all grants and other donations were unrestricted other than £1913 grant from Quartet for warm spaces, £792 received for café development and £199 received for Laynandii removal fund were was restricted.

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3 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Café sales	87,942	-	-	87,942	80,481
Book sales	-	-	-	-	84
Community Garden subscriptions and n	11,052	-	-	11,052	8,173
	<u>98,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,994</u>	<u>88,738</u>

In the prior year, all income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Café staff costs	47,366	-	-	47,366	42,322
Café purchases	24,118	-	-	24,118	23,746
Insurance	626	-	-	626	1,144
IT and website costs	965	-	-	965	831
Rates and utilities	6,236	-	-	6,236	5,083
Licenses	414	-	-	414	981
Cleaning and waste disposal	1,425	-	-	1,425	2,616
Rent of kitchen facilities	-	-	-	-	-
Kitchen equipment	1,047	-	-	1,047	323
Café repairs and maintenance	992	-	-	992	366
Community Garden expenditure	468	-	-	468	1,900
Sea Mills 100 Project costs	328	-	-	328	380
Sea Mills Methodist expenses	5,415	674	-	6,089	8,119
Climate action group	-	-	-	-	-
Security	-	-	-	-	127
Card fees	1,264	-	-	1,264	1,104
Depreciation	3,464	-	-	3,464	3,464
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-
Accountancy fees	250	-	-	250	113
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry costs	646	-	-	646	872
	<u>95,024</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,698</u>	<u>93,491</u>

In the prior year, £474 of the Café staff costs, £205 of the cafes purchases, £292 of the IT and Website costs, £168 of the cleaning costs, £690 of the community Garden, £1,439 of the Sea Mills Methodist expenses, £127 of the security and £22 sundry costs were expended from restricted funds.

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5 Staff costs and numbers

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	46,588	40,979
Pension costs	778	714
	<u>47,366</u>	<u>41,693</u>

The charity had an average of 5 employees during the year (2 full time equivalents; 2023: 5 employees and 2 full time equivalents).

6 Net income/(expenditure)

Is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

No Trustees received any remuneration in the current or prior year. No Trustees were reimbursed travel expenses of £nil in the current year (2023: £nil).

7 Tangible assets

	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 November 2023	133,359	34,449	167,808
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 October 2024	<u>133,359</u>	<u>34,449</u>	<u>167,808</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2023	-	26,791	26,791
Charge for the year	-	3,464	3,464
At 31 October 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>30,255</u>	<u>30,255</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2024	133,359	4,194	137,553
At 31 October 2023	<u>133,359</u>	<u>7,658</u>	<u>141,017</u>

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	646	776
Other debtors	1,434	1,259
	<u>2,080</u>	<u>2,035</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	972	673
	<u>972</u>	<u>673</u>

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10 Movement in funds	At 1 Nov 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2024
<i>Current year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	33,159	106,310	(91,232)	-	48,237
Fixed asset funds (designated)	11,122	-	(3,464)	-	7,658
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	1,279	-	(328)	-	951
	45,560	106,310	(95,024)	-	56,846
Restricted funds					
Quartet - Friendship Café	-	1,500	(674)		826
Leynandii removal fund	199	-	-	-	199
Heritage Lottery Fund	316	-	-	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	2,150	1,500	(674)	-	2,976
Total funds	181,069	107,810	(95,698)	-	193,181

	At 1 Nov 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2023
<i>Prior year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	28,757	94,250	(88,967)	(881)	33,159
Fixed asset funds (designated)	11,122	-	-	-	11,122
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	2,174	212	(1,107)	-	1,279
Community Garden funds (designated)	(1,308)	427	-	881	-
	40,745	94,889	(90,074)	-	45,560
Restricted funds					
Café development	-	792	(792)	-	-
Leynandii removal fund	-	199	-	-	199
Warm spaces	-	1,913	(1,913)	-	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	712	-	(712)	-	-
Heritage Lottery Fund	316	-	-	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	2,663	2,904	(3,417)	-	2,150
Total funds	176,767	97,793	(93,491)	-	181,069

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10 Movement in funds (continued)

Property

This fund represents the net book value of the property purchased and developed with grants given for that purpose.

Free reserves

These funds represent the free reserves of the charity.

Fixed asset funds (designated)

These funds represent the net book value of the Fixtures and Equipment on the charity's balance sheet.

Sea Mills 100 (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Sea Mills 100 project that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Café development

This fund represents donations given towards development of Café on the Square, including for a new awning and developing infrastructure. Transfers to Fixed assets NBV represent the derestriction of restricted funds used to purchase capitalised Fixed Assets.

Leylandii removal fund - This fund is made up of small fundraising items contributing to the specific purpose of Leylandii removal in the allotment area. This was not used and has been carried over into the next financial period.

Warm spaces - This grant was provided by Quartet from Bristol City Council - social action small grants and was fully allocated within the year to opening up the Methodist Hall as a warm space.

Heritage Lottery Fund, Woodland Trust, Bristol City Council and LinkAge (West) grants

These grants are restricted for the Sea Mills 100 Heritage project. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements and, where necessary, with the permission of the grantor.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
<i>Current year</i>			
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	2,976	2,976
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	48,237	48,237
Designated funds	4,194	4,415	8,609
	<u>137,553</u>	<u>55,628</u>	<u>193,181</u>
<i>Prior year</i>			
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	2,150	2,150
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	33,159	33,159
Designated funds	11,122	1,279	12,401
	<u>144,481</u>	<u>36,588</u>	<u>181,069</u>

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12 Prior year fund comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Grants and other donations	5,261	2,904	-	8,165
Charitable Activities	88,738	-	-	88,738
Investments	890	-	-	890
Total income	94,889	2,904	-	97,793
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	90,074	3,417	-	93,491
Total expenditure	90,074	3,417	-	93,491
Net income/(expenditure)	4,815	(513)	-	4,302
Transfers between funds	-	-		
Net movement in funds	4,815	(513)	-	4,302
Total funds at start of year	40,745	2,663	133,359	176,767
Total funds at end of year	45,560	2,150	133,359	181,069

13 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

Accounts

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Charity Number 1136611
Company Number 07076038

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TRUSTEES REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity under its Memorandum is:

To further the benefit of the residents of Kingsweston ward, Bristol and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

The main focus of SMCI to date has been the operation of a community café which opened 6th December 2011. The development of a Community Garden has emerged as a significant parallel project under the leadership of the project co-ordinator appointed at the end of 2016. At the beginning of 2022 SMCI also commenced a third project to take on a short lease for Sea Mills Methodist Church to ensure that a community space remains available in Sea Mills to facilitate community groups and events following the closure of the local community centre.

The original vision for the community cafe project is reflected in the following principles:

- an opportunity for the three main churches in Sea Mills (St Edyth's CoE, Highgrove Church and Sea Mills Methodist) to work together for the benefit of the local community.
- a focal centre for all sections of the community – young and old.
- a project to engender a real sense of civic pride in Sea Mills; and
- a project run by the community for the benefit of the community, making a difference to all those that live in Sea Mills.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future

Achievements and performance

Due to significant changes to the board over the year there has been a continued focus on finding new trustees with appropriate skills and abilities to Govern SMCI. Across the year 22-23 four new trustees were appointed activities.

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Cafe on the Square

The community cafe – named 'Cafe on the Square' - first opened for business on 6 December 2011. The current small team of 3 paid staff are ably supported by volunteers from the local community. Over this year between 35-40 individuals have generously given of their time to help support the cafe in a myriad of ways including washing laundry, baking, shopping and serving in the cafe itself. This reflects a high level of ongoing local commitment and support for the project. The volunteers have an important influence on the ethos of the cafe and the friendly atmosphere which people so enjoy. Some of the volunteers have been serving year on year since the opening of the cafe and yet many more continue to join the team. We have had seasonal volunteers and work experience students who connect to us from local schools.

From a financial point of view the contribution of volunteers is crucial to the commercial viability of the cafe. We continue to take opportunities to build the practical skills and confidence of our volunteers by offering training in food safety, barista skills and taking orders. We are able to offer volunteering experiences to those who are unemployed, have additional needs or disabilities and/or might be struggling with poor mental or physical health as well as those who are retired or might just want to gain some new skills.

The cafe is used for additional events and activities and one such event is the annual Autumnal fair named Apple Day. Sea Mills is an area with sizable gardens and many apple trees and this provides an opportunity for members of the community to bring surplus apples to crush and enjoy as juice. The 2023 Apple day welcomed around 300 visitors to the cafe and the green surrounding it. There was live music, crafts, stalls, and the community, including the children, were invited to be part of the process of turning apples into juice via a traditional press. Ahead of this event a volunteer committee was formed to allow for smooth running of the day and an expansion of the offering by hosting more stalls, running a tombola, and having the live music amplified so everyone could hear and enjoy it. A volunteer paid personally to have a local apple tree expert come and offer her skills and expertise to help people identify the species of their apple trees,

Another event that has become an annual celebration is "Carols on the Square" which takes place just before Christmas each year hosted by the two local churches. A local band accompanies the community carol singing, and free mulled wine and mince pies are on offer. Over 150 people flocked outside the cafe despite the poor weather for the 2022 event.

There has been continued positive feedback from those visiting the cafe, and it is clear that it has become an essential and established part of community life in Sea Mills. Demographically we have a high proportion of visitors who are above retirement age. During the year 2022-23 we noticed visitors returning to, or visiting the cafe for the first time. Many visitors had been opting to shield themselves or, who up until now, had remained unconfident in public spaces following the pandemic. This and a continuing increase in footfall post pandemic, made for a busier year in the cafe.

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The focus for the cafe has been to continue serving the community with affordable prices but high standards of service. There was a small price increase at the end of the previous financial year but on average prices remained affordable - a mug of tea for 70p. Staffing capacity has meant that evening events have not been possible as hoped, however the cafe team have worked hard to use the hours where the cafe is open to make the space as accessible and as relevant to the community as possible. A project called Tea and Tech run by the North Bristol Advice Centre received its own funding to run sessions for those struggling with technology (mobile phones/laptops). They were delighted to be able to use the cafe space for this during opening hours.

Methodist church hall

The use of the Methodist Hall by community groups continued to grow in 22-23 whilst private parties and one-off events helped maintain a good level of income. A highlight of the year was seeing the Climate Action Group's Repair Cafe (a group of volunteers offering their practical skills to fix and mend and save items from landfill) increase in popularity and be a popular monthly event in the area.

SMCI has been able to make the most of the space and host community events and regular groups as well. The big event of the year was a coronation tea party held in May. This was a free event serving tea and cakes. Approximately 120 local people came. The Climate action group supported this event and ran children's activities alongside the refreshments, which made for a wonderful cross community event.

Another significant event made possible by the Methodist church hall being available was the annual Sea Mills flower show. This was run by a team of local enthusiastic volunteers who brought together the community and visitors from afar to admire and enjoy floral displays and prized homegrown fruits and vegetables.

Towards the end of November 2022, in response to the cost-of-living crisis, SMCI applied for funding from Quartet to start a 'warm/welcoming space' in the Methodist Hall. Initially we recruited a large team of volunteers who hosted a weekly welcoming space with free hot drinks and company. In January our team also began serving free hot soups.

A significant roof leak in the building meant that this group and many others had to be stopped due to electrical safety concerns just into 2023. Some groups were cancelled, and others were given reduced rates of rent for sessions that were disrupted. Whilst emergency repairs were done in a matter of weeks, it wasn't until June that the warm space was re-launched. The new group built on valuable lessons learnt from its initial start-up rebranding itself as a community club and starting again on a different day of the week and with smaller team including a paid member of staff.

The first session of the "new" warm space/community club was a funded talk on the SS Great Britain hosted in collaboration with SeaMills100. This led to a small but regular group of visitors coming back week after week for free hot drinks and biscuits. Over the next few months this group remained small but well bonded and a core group of visitors and volunteers was established. The group continued to be run weekly in term time by volunteers and the Operations manager.

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Community Garden

The community garden had a quieter year in 22-23 due to staffing capacity. The regular groups however continued to engage different groups in the community from those who are retired, to those with additional needs and a wide range of ages of children. The year was kicked off by the annual Harvest lunch hosted at St Edyth's church. This ticketed event was open to visitors and volunteers of the garden who enjoyed soup made from ingredients grown over the season.

The new wildlife pond started at the end of the previous financial year continued to be developed and a new grid and safety fence were installed to ensure the garden remained a safe place to visit for all ages.

Despite having limited staff hours, the community garden team were still able to run a busy Easter family event and an early summer after school club for local children and their families to get to enjoy the garden with the longer lighter evenings. These events and new developments were supported by funding from the Coop Community Fund which was spent and accounted for by the end of the year.

Sea Mills 100

In 2016 SMCI purchased the old red telephone kiosk which is directly across the road from the café from British Telecom for the sum of £1. After consultation was held on possible community uses, the decision was made to progress the proposal to use it as a mini heritage museum. A locally based project manager volunteered to put together a proposal to use the telephone box in this way for celebration of 100 years since the Addison Oak was planted in 1919 as the first commitment of Bristol City Council to build Sea Mills as a place "fit for heroes". The Sea Mills 100 heritage project was successful in seeking funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Bristol City Council in 2019 and activities continued including heritage trails of the estate, chat and reminiscence events for older people and an oral history project in addition to the mini heritage museum.

Over the year of 22-23 the museum continued to be run and developed by a small team of local volunteers, the lead of whom started the project back in 2016. At the beginning of the financial year a small print run was made of a book that had been successfully published and sold previously. This was sold at the cafe and provided some ongoing funding to the museum running costs and has now sold out again. Through 22-23 the museum team collaborated with local groups and projects and hosted several displays. Over Remembrance Day there were handmade poppies hung all over the phone box. The local Climate Action group took over the museum as part of Food waste action week and eco reps from the local primary school made some art which was added to the Food Waste display. There was a "new objects" display based on a Found It! event run in 2022.

The maintenance team have re-sealed the plastic window panels making the phone box watertight again. There is currently new audio available for visitors to listen to which includes clips from a joint project with Friends of Sea Mills Library. Finally, the museum was turned into a mini greenhouse growing fresh tomatoes to support the annual Flower show. The museum continues to be well visited, has again been cleaned for most of the year by young people doing DoE awards and we plan to repaint it in 2024.

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Plans for future periods

Future plans are centred on the following priorities:

- The current chair has exceeded her expected term of service and a priority for the next year is to appoint a replacement and assign specific roles to the current trustee board.
- A potential leak has been identified in the cafe roof. Discussions are needed around the best course of action for repair and whether solar panels should be installed alongside any remedial work. Further discussion and investigation is needed.
- To find ways for the Community Club to grow and reach a wider and more diverse group. To work alongside other warm spaces to share experiences and support one another. To maintain a team of volunteers who are willing to run and manage the group so that a paid member of staff is not needed long term.
- Continued fundraising is needed for the removal of the Leylandii tree at the community garden. A small donations pot has been started.
- The lease for the Methodist church comes to an end in December 2024. Options are needed to be explored in discussion with the Methodist circuit. This building has become an important part of the community and how to maintain that going forward will be a key consideration for SMCI in the year ahead.
- Continuing to engage with individuals and groups who have a wish to provide volunteer support to the charity in assisting with operation of the cafe and associated community activities.
- Progressing other potential projects, in consultation with the local community and other key stakeholders (such as Bristol City Council).

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income in the year to 31 October 2022 was £97,793 made up principally of income from the charitable activity of running Café on the Square of £80,481 (2022: £69,188) and grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting individuals and churches of £8,165 (2022: £8,150).

Expenditure was £93,491 (2022: £85,329) and related primarily with the running costs of Café on the Square, with £1,900 (2022: £1,284) relating to Community Garden expenditure and Sea Mills 100 project costs of £380 (2022: £nil) expended largely from restricted funds.

The Trustees have a target level for free reserves of between 3 to 6 months of annual expenditure (excluding the cost of café ingredients that vary with income, significant repairs, depreciation, improvements and project costs typically covered by grant income). This translates to a target of between £12,500 and £25,000. Such reserves are necessary to ensure the smooth running of the café and Community Garden in the event of exceptional events or fluctuations in income. At the year end, free reserves stood at £33,159, which is above this target range – but it is the COVID-19 pandemic and rising cost of living has brought into sharper focus the appropriateness of holding free reserves to cover future uncertainties.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the support of our private donors and volunteers who made the operation of the café possible.

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Reference and administrative details

<u>Charity number:</u>	1136611
<u>Company number:</u>	07076038
<u>Registered office:</u>	The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol, BS48 1UR
<u>Independent Examiner:</u>	Paul Brown FCIE DChA, 2 Ger y Mynydd, Hirwaun, Aberdare, CF44 9RD
<u>Bankers:</u>	Bank of Scotland, 2nd Floor, Pentland House, 8 Lochside Avenue, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ

Directors and Trustees:

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S P I Marsh (Chair – stepped down as chair and trustee Nov 2022)
R A Cross (Chair from Nov 2022)
M Morris (Stepped Down as trustee September 2023)
J M Sinton-Hewitt (Stepped Down as trustee September 2023)
B C Hewer
G A Richardson (stepped down as trustee Nov 2022)
S Hearsey (appointed May 2023)
S F Hazelden (appointed September 2023)
C Lambourne (appointed September 2023)
N White (appointed September 2023)

A Management Group oversees the activities of the Charity and consists of the Trustees and one other individual: Diane Cogan.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 13th November 2009 as Sea Mills Community Café Limited. The company changed its name to Sea Mills Community Initiatives on 23rd December 2009 and became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th June 2010.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited on the basis of the knowledge of the existing Trustees of suitable candidates. In selecting persons to be appointed, the Trustees take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her professional qualifications or experience to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of Sea Mills Community Initiatives.

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New Trustees receive an Induction Pack appropriate to their level of existing knowledge of and involvement with Sea Mills Community Initiatives. As a minimum, new Trustees receive a copy of the Charity Commission publication CC3 – The Essential Trustee: what you need to know together with the charity's governing document and latest annual report and accounts.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Sea Mills Community Initiatives for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



S Hearsey
Chair of Trustees

10.07.24

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. 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.

Paul Brown

Paul Brown FCIE DChA
2 Ger y Mynydd
Hirwaun
Aberdare
CF44 9RD

12th July 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Grants and other donations	2	5,261	2,904	-	8,165	8,150
Charitable Activities	3	88,738	-	-	88,738	74,407
Investments		890	-	-	890	109
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total income		94,889	2,904	-	97,793	82,666
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	4	90,074	3,417	-	93,491	85,329
Total expenditure		90,074	3,417	-	93,491	85,329
Net income/(expenditure)	6	4,815	(513)	-	4,302	(2,663)
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,815	(513)	-	4,302	(2,663)
Total funds at start of year		40,745	2,663	133,359	176,767	179,430
Total funds at end of year	10	45,560	2,150	133,359	181,069	176,767

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

Prior year fund comparatives are detailed in note 12.

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

Company registration number: 07076038

		2023 £	2022 £
	Note		
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	141,017	144,481
Current assets			
Debtors	8	2,035	1,290
Cash at bank		38,690	31,786
		<u>40,725</u>	<u>33,076</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(673)	(790)
Net current assets		<u>40,052</u>	<u>32,286</u>
Net assets		<u>181,069</u>	<u>176,767</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	11	33,159	28,757
Fixed asset funds	11	11,122	11,122
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	11	1,279	2,174
Community Garden funds (designated)	11	-	(1,308)
		<u>45,560</u>	<u>40,745</u>
Restricted funds	11	2,150	2,663
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	11	133,359	133,359
		<u>181,069</u>	<u>176,767</u>

For the year ending 31 October 2023, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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.

The 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10th July 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



S Hearsey
Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined under FRS102.

Along with other similar charities and organisations, the COVID-19 pandemic after the year end has brought many uncertainties to the global economy. The impact of this on the charity is highlighted in further detail within the Trustees' annual report. Notwithstanding these uncertainties, the Trustees have chosen to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis given the free reserves held by the charity, the careful planning of the Trustees and use of government grant schemes since the year end.

- b) Income from donations is recognised when receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to us such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.
- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities and has been included in that cost category. Support costs have been included entirely under the heading Charitable Activities.
- e) Fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised in the balance sheet and carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis on their estimated useful life of 5 years. The property is not depreciated on grounds on immateriality as the estimated residual value (based on prices at the time of construction) is not materially different from the carrying amount of the asset.
- f) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable object at the discretion of the trustees.
- g) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity, as indicated by the donor.
- h) Grant funding for tangible fixed assets for the charity's own continuing use is accounted for as expendable endowment, converted to income annually as inter-fund transfers in line with the rate at which the related asset's depreciation is recognised as expenditure in the Statement of Financial

2 Grants and other donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Grants receivable from Churches, Trusts and Local Authorities</i>	701	1,913	-	2,614	6,381
<i>Gifts from Individuals</i>	4,560	991	-	5,551	1,769
	5,261	2,904	-	8,165	8,150

In the prior year, all grants and other donations were unrestricted other than £4004 donations toward Café Development, £1649 grant received from the Cop-op local community fund and £44 received from the Climater Action Group which was restricted.

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3 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Café sales	80,481	-	-	80,481	69,188
Book sales	84	-	-	84	850
Community Garden subscriptions and r	8,173	-	-	8,173	354
	<u>88,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,738</u>	<u>70,392</u>

In the prior year, all income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Café staff costs	41,848	474	-	42,322	36,468
Café purchases	23,541	205	-	23,746	21,148
Insurance	1,144	-	-	1,144	840
IT and website costs	539	292	-	831	1,322
Rates and utilities	5,083	-	-	5,083	3,529
Licenses	981	-	-	981	135
Cleaning and waste disposal	2,448	168	-	2,616	1,572
Rent of kitchen facilities	-	-	-	-	-
Kitchen equipment	323	-	-	323	2,682
Café repairs and maintenance	366	-	-	366	2,321
Community Garden expenditure	1,210	690	-	1,900	1,284
Sea Mills 100 Project costs	380	-	-	380	-
Sea Mills Methodist expenses	6,680	1,439	-	8,119	4,670
Climate action group	-	-	-	-	1,185
Security	-	127	-	127	154
Card fees	1,104	-	-	1,104	878
Depreciation	3,464	-	-	3,464	6,311
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	-
Accountancy fees	113	-	-	113	287
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	100
Sundry costs	850	22	-	872	443
	<u>90,074</u>	<u>3,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,491</u>	<u>85,329</u>

In the prior year, £361 Of the Café repairs and maintenance, £750 of the kitchen equipment and £1,185 of Climate Action Group were expended from restricted funds.

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5 Staff costs and numbers

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	40,979	35,483
Pension costs	714	436
	<u>41,693</u>	<u>35,919</u>

The charity had an average of 5 employees during the year (2 full time equivalents; 2022: 5 employees and 2 full time equivalents).

6 Net income/(expenditure)

Is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

No Trustees received any remuneration in the current or prior year. No Trustees were reimbursed travel expenses of £nil in the current year (2022: £nil).

7 Tangible assets

	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 November 2022	133,359	34,449	167,808
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 October 2023	<u>133,359</u>	<u>34,449</u>	<u>167,808</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2022	-	23,327	23,327
Charge for the year	-	3,464	3,464
At 31 October 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>26,791</u>	<u>26,791</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2023	133,359	7,658	141,017
At 31 October 2022	<u>133,359</u>	<u>11,122</u>	<u>144,481</u>

8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	776	1,107
Other debtors	1,259	183
	<u>2,035</u>	<u>1,290</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	673	790
	<u>673</u>	<u>790</u>

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10 Movement in funds	At 1 Nov 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2023
<i>Current year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	28,757	94,250	(88,967)	(881)	33,159
Fixed asset funds (designated)	11,122	-	-	-	11,122
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	2,174	212	(1,107)	-	1,279
Community Garden funds (designated)	(1,308)	427	-	881	-
	40,745	94,889	(90,074)	-	45,560
Restricted funds					
Café development	-	792	(792)	-	-
Leynandii removal fund	-	199	-	-	199
Warm spaces	-	1,913	(1,913)	-	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	712	-	(712)	-	-
Heritage Lottery Fund	316	-	-	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	2,663	2,904	(3,417)	-	2,150
Total funds	176,767	97,793	(93,491)	-	181,069

	At 1 Nov 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2022
<i>Prior year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	29,092	75,485	(73,728)	(2,092)	28,757
Fixed asset funds (designated)	13,791	-	(6,311)	3,642	11,122
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	1,654	850	(330)	-	2,174
Community Garden funds (designated)	(211)	630	(1,727)	-	(1,308)
	44,326	76,965	(82,096)	1,550	40,745
Restricted funds					
Café development	(1,342)	4,004	(1,112)	(1,550)	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	1,649	(937)	-	712
Climate Action Group	1,136	48	(1,184)	-	-
Heritage Lottery Fund	316	-	-	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	1,745	5,701	(3,233)	(1,550)	2,663
Total funds	179,430	82,666	(85,329)	-	176,767

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10 Movement in funds (continued)

Property

This fund represents the net book value of the property purchased and developed with grants given for that purpose.

Free reserves

These funds represent the free reserves of the charity.

Fixed asset funds (designated)

These funds represent the net book value of the Fixtures and Equipment on the charity's balance sheet.

Sea Mills 100 (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Sea Mills 100 project that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Community Garden funds (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Community Garden that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Café development

This fund represents donations given towards development of Café on the Square, including for a new awning and developing infrastructure. Transfers to Fixed assets NBV represent the derestriction of restricted funds used to purchase capitalised Fixed Assets.

Leynandii removal fund - Text to add

Warm spaces - Text to add

Heritage Lottery Fund, Woodland Trust, Bristol City Council and LinkAge (West) grants

These grants are restricted for the Sea Mills 100 Heritage project. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements and, where necessary, with the permission of the grantor.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
<i>Current year</i>			
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	2,150	2,150
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	33,159	33,159
Designated funds	7,658	4,743	12,401
	<u>141,017</u>	<u>40,052</u>	<u>181,069</u>
<i>Prior year</i>			
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	2,663	2,663
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	28,757	28,757
Designated funds	11,122	866	11,988
	<u>144,481</u>	<u>32,286</u>	<u>176,767</u>

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12 Prior year fund comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Grants and other donations	2,449	5,701	-	8,150
Charitable Activities	74,407	-	-	74,407
Investments	109	-	-	109
Total income	76,965	5,701	-	82,666
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	82,096	3,233	-	85,329
Total expenditure	82,096	3,233	-	85,329
Net income/(expenditure)	(5,131)	2,468	-	(2,663)
Transfers between funds	1,550	(1,550)		
Net movement in funds	(3,581)	918	-	(2,663)
Total funds at start of year	44,326	1,745	133,359	179,430
Total funds at end of year	40,745	2,663	133,359	176,767

13 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

Accounts

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Charity Number 1136611
Company Number 07076038

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity under its Memorandum is:

To further the benefit of the residents of Kingsweston ward, Bristol and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

The main focus of SMCI to date has been the operation of a community café and space for small group activities to serve the local community and for use by all, and the development of a Community Garden which has emerged as a significant parallel project.

At the beginning of 2022 we also commenced a third project to take on a short lease for Sea Mills Methodist Church to ensure that a community space remains available in Sea Mills to facilitate community groups and events following the closure of the local community centre.

The original vision for the community cafe project is reflected in the following principles:

- an opportunity for the three main churches in Sea Mills (St Edyth's CoE, Highgrove Church and Sea Mills Methodist) to work together for the benefit of the local community.
- a focal centre for all sections of the community – young and old.
- a project to engender a real sense of civic pride in Sea Mills; and
- a project run by the community for the benefit of the community ... and making a difference to all those that live in Sea Mills.

On 6 December 2022 the café began its twelfth year of operation. The progress of the Community Garden, under the leadership of the project co-ordinator who was appointed at the end of 2016, has continued to grow from strength to strength.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

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Achievements and performance

The community cafe – named ‘Cafe on the Square’ - first opened for business on 6 December 2011. The current small team of 3 paid staff are ably supported by volunteers from the local community. Over this year between 35-40 individuals have generously given of their time to help in running the cafe in a myriad of ways including washing laundry, baking, shopping, book keeping and serving in the cafe itself. This reflects a high level of ongoing local commitment and support for the project. The volunteers have an important influence on the ethos of the café and the friendly atmosphere which people so enjoy. Some of the volunteers have been serving year on year since the opening of the cafe and yet many more continue to join the team. We have had seasonal volunteers and work experience students who connect to us from local schools. Over the summer holidays we had students from a local school with additional needs come and volunteer for us with their teachers and support workers. This benefited both the cafe and built up the students' own skills, experience, and confidence.

From a financial point of view the contribution of volunteers is crucial to the viability of the café. We continue to take opportunities to build the practical skills and confidence of our volunteers by offering training in food safety, barista skills and taking orders. Each volunteer is offered opportunities in all these areas but has the choice to work as part of a team in ways that they enjoy and benefit from individually. We can offer volunteering experiences to those who are unemployed, have additional needs or disabilities and/or might be struggling with poor mental or physical health as well as those who are retired or might just want to gain some new skills. Great care is given in creating a welcoming family of cafe volunteers where individuals and their needs/abilities are respected and celebrated. Regular volunteer socials are arranged to celebrate and thank those involved.

Some of the volunteers/staff recently shared their experience of cafe on the square:

“Hub of community. Lots of people’s happy place, including mine. Old friendships renewed and new ones made.”

“Safe, caring and affordable. All welcome, Strong links with other initiatives e.g. community garden, repair shop. Establishing new traditions e.g. Apple Day. Friday evening suppers, craft evenings, special birthdays. During many years as a volunteer I have been privileged to witness many people form long and lasting friendships. If you are lonely, it is a great place to visit.”

“A great place to visit and be involved with”

“What makes this place really special is the welcome you receive”

“The warmth and welcome”

“Friendships are fed and watered in this place, it is a very special and very safe space.”

Whilst the main focus has been to use the building as a cafe, it was always the intention of the Board to also see the building used for other purposes for the benefit of the community. The Board is keen to continue to see the building used in new ways and welcomes suggestions and requests. There have been successful local events which have proved popular and beneficial to the local community that the cafe has been able to accommodate. One such event is the Autumnal fair named Apple Day. Sea Mills is an area with sizable gardens and many apple trees, and this provided an opportunity for members of the community to bring surplus apples to crush and enjoy as juice. The 2022 Apple Day welcomed over 300 visitors to the cafe and the green surrounding it. There was live music, crafts, stalls and the community, including the children, were invited to be part of the process of turning

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apples into juice via a traditional press. Another event that has become an annual celebration is "Carols on the Square " which takes place just before Christmas each year hosted by the two local churches and at which a local band accompanies the community carol singing whilst enjoying mulled wine and mince pies. Over 150 people flocked outside the cafe for the 2021 event.



Another highlight of December 2021 was celebrating the cafe's 10th birthday where a large cake was donated for the party and given away with free tea and coffee. Cards and encouragement were received. There has been continued positive feedback from those visiting the cafe, it has become an essential and established part of community life in Sea Mills.



At the time of writing there is a new emphasis on being able to offer more to the local community through the cafe and since recovering from COVID restrictions and limitations the cafe can look forward to re-establishing events that were paused and thinking of new ways to support its community. Monthly supper clubs are planned to run through the summer of 2023 and "Tea and Tech" sessions provided by the North Bristol advice centre are to be offered to

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those over the age of 55 wanting free advice on how to better use and understand technology including smart phones and laptops. The café remains receptive to ideas and needs of the area and with its strong and well-loved reputation is in a prime position to continue to be of significant benefit to the local community.



In 2016 SMCI purchased the old red telephone kiosk which is directly across the road from the café from British Telecom for the sum of £1. After a consultation was held on possible community uses, the decision was made to progress the proposal to use it as a mini heritage museum. A locally based project manager volunteered to put together a proposal to use the telephone box in this way for celebration of 100 years since the Addison Oak was planted in 1919 as the first commitment of Bristol City Council to build Sea Mills as a place “fit for heroes”. The Sea Mills 100 heritage project was successful in seeking funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Bristol City Council in 2019 and activities continue including heritage trails of the estate, chat and reminiscence events for older people and an oral history project in addition to the mini heritage museum.

Since reopening the museum after the pandemic, the display at the museum has been changed several times. This includes 2 displays provided by the Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Climate Action Group which featured items made by local school children.

In July 2022 we ran a successful event “Found It!” on Sea Mills Square in conjunction with Bristol Museums and Archives and with the Avon Archaeological Society. Locals brought found items from their homes and gardens. Some of these items are currently on display at the phone box along with an interpretation board and audio clips.

Having sold the initial 400 copies the Sea Mills 100 book we printed a further 50, which continue to sell online and at the Café on the Square for £6 each. Copies of the book have been deposited with the Bodleian, Libraries of Wales and Scotland (as required by law for all published books) as well as at Bristol Archives and Libraries.

2022 also saw the completion of a project run in conjunction with Friends of Sea Mills Library to record some new oral histories with local residents. Some clips from the recordings can be

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heard on a new audio player housed at Sea Mills Library. The audio player was made by a local volunteer and is housed inside a 1950's radio.

For most of 2022 we have had young people from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme cleaning the museum each week.

The Sea Mills 100 social media continues to be active. The Remembering Sea Mills Facebook group currently has just under 1300 members and we have 500 followers on twitter. Trip advisor currently ranks us at 84 of 239 things to do in Bristol!

We are working with Sea Mills Library who are celebrating 90th anniversary next year, also planning and looking for funding for a collaboration with Sea Mills Primary. This will involve year 6 interviewing older local residents and producing some written work.

Sea Mills 100 will be working with the Sea Mills Flower Show and the phone box will become a mini greenhouse and host a tomato plant.

The community space at Sea Mills Methodist Church is well used by various local clubs and a community run toddler group. Funding was secured from Quartet to run a 'welcome, warm space' over the winter in view of the cost-of-living crisis.

In 2021 we were pleased to be able to support the Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Community Action Group which is a new initiative in the area that supports local people to care for our environment and promotes sustainable living. Throughout the year they have undertaken monthly litter picking events.

The Community Garden has continued to be well used throughout the year with three regular sessions during the week, two for visits and volunteering and one aimed at young families. This young family sessions have continued with great popularity, and it has been wonderful to see younger children exploring nature and getting involved in gardening tasks. November 2021 began with the return of our annual harvest lunch, paused in 2020, where we celebrated together our wonderful volunteer team. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the garden, and our Wednesday and Thursday sessions include time for friendship and support as well as hard work.

The garden has produced a great variety of crops once more, with the plums giving us a particularly good harvest. We share these out across our volunteers and continue to provide ingredients for The Cafe on the Square cake making team. Community Payback, offenders serving community sentences have kept coming and working on their own area, with a new patio part funded by the film company behind The Outlaws series. We also developed a wildlife pond and meadow area in a new allotment that has recently been added to our patch.

Our Summer holiday activities for local families were very popular and our volunteer team took on the craft stall at our annual Apple Day at The Cafe on the Square. These events were supported by funding from the Coop Community Fund.

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Plans for future periods

Future plans are centred on the following priorities:

- Continuing fundraising activity. Fundraising is required to support the further improvement of the Community Garden and allotments. As much of our equipment at the café is 10 years old or more, we are also planning on further expenditure to replace equipment, carry out any significant maintenance or refurbishment of the building.
- Identify new Trustees with appropriate skills and abilities to govern SMCI.
- Continuing to engage with the local community to ensure that the activities associated with the café / community space meet the needs of all those that live in the Sea Mills area. In particular, the Board is keen to see the buildings are used in ways that are of wider benefit to the community and those that live locally.
- Continuing to engage with individuals and groups who have a wish to provide volunteer support to the charity in assisting with operation of the café and associated community activities.
- Progressing other potential projects, in consultation with the local community and other key stakeholders (such as Bristol City Council).

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income in the year to 31 October 2022 was £82,666 made up principally of income from the charitable activity of running Café on the Square of £69,188 (2021: £46,488) and grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting individuals and churches of £8,150 (2021: £18,085).

Expenditure was £85,329 (2021: £70,306) and related primarily with the running costs of Café on the Square, with £1,284 (2021: £777) relating to Community Garden expenditure and Sea Mills 100 project costs of £nil (2021: £2,278) expended largely from restricted funds.

The Trustees have a target level for free reserves of between 3 to 6 months of annual expenditure (excluding the cost of café ingredients that vary with income, significant repairs, depreciation, improvements and project costs typically covered by grant income). This translates to a target of between £12,500 and £25,000. Such reserves are necessary to ensure the smooth running of the café and Community Garden in the event of exceptional events or fluctuations in income. At the year end, free reserves stood at £28,757, which is above this target range – but it is the COVID-19 pandemic and rising cost of living has brought into sharper focus the appropriateness of holding free reserves to cover future uncertainties.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the support of our private donors and volunteers who made the operation of the café possible.

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Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1136611

Company number: 07076038

Registered office: The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol, BS48 1UR

Independent Examiner: Paul Brown FCIE DChA
2 Ger y Mynydd, Hirwaun, Aberdare, CF44 9RD

Bankers: Bank of Scotland, 2nd Floor, Pentland House, 8 Lochside Avenue, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ

Directors and Trustees:

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S P I Marsh (Chair – stepped down as chair and trustee Nov 2022)

R A Cross (Chair from Nov 2022)

M Morris

J M Sinton-Hewitt

B C Hewer

G A Richardson (stepped down as trustee Nov 2022)

A Management Group oversees the activities of the Charity and consists of the Trustees and one other individual: Diane Cogan.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 13th November 2009 as Sea Mills Community Café Limited. The company changed its name to Sea Mills Community Initiatives on 23rd December 2009 and became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th June 2010.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited on the basis of the knowledge of the existing Trustees of suitable candidates. In selecting persons to be appointed, the Trustees take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her professional qualifications or experience to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of Sea Mills Community Initiatives.

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New Trustees receive an Induction Pack appropriate to their level of existing knowledge of and involvement with Sea Mills Community Initiatives. As a minimum, new Trustees receive a copy of the Charity Commission publication CC3 – The Essential Trustee: what you need to know together with the charity's governing document and latest annual report and accounts.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Sea Mills Community Initiatives for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



R Cross
Chair of Trustees

.24/07/2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. 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.

P S Brown

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24th July 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:						
Grants and other donations	2	2,449	5,701	-	8,150	18,085
Charitable Activities	3	74,407	-	-	74,407	48,739
Investments		109	-	-	109	7
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total income		<u>76,965</u>	<u>5,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,666</u>	<u>66,831</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	4	82,096	3,233	-	85,329	70,306
Total expenditure		<u>82,096</u>	<u>3,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,329</u>	<u>70,306</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	6	(5,131)	2,468	-	(2,663)	(3,475)
Transfers between funds	10	1,550	(1,550)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(3,581)</u>	<u>918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,663)</u>	<u>(3,475)</u>
Total funds at start of year		44,326	1,745	133,359	179,430	182,905
Total funds at end of year	10	<u>40,745</u>	<u>2,663</u>	<u>133,359</u>	<u>176,767</u>	<u>179,430</u>

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

Prior year fund comparatives are detailed in note 12.

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

Company registration number: 07076038

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	144,481	147,150
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,290	1,401
Cash at bank		<u>31,786</u>	<u>31,129</u>
		33,076	32,530
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(790)	(250)
Net current assets		<u>32,286</u>	<u>32,280</u>
Net assets		<u>176,767</u>	<u>179,430</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	11	28,757	29,092
Fixed asset funds	11	11,122	13,791
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	11	2,174	1,654
Community Garden funds (designated)	11	<u>(1,308)</u>	<u>(211)</u>
		40,745	44,326
Restricted funds	11	2,663	1,745
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	11	133,359	133,359
		<u>176,767</u>	<u>179,430</u>

For the year ending 31 October 2022, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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.

The 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on...24/07/2023... and are signed on their behalf by:



R Cross
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102 SORP 2019).

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined under FRS102.

Along with other similar charities and organisations, the COVID-19 pandemic after the year end has brought many uncertainties to the global economy. The impact of this on the charity is highlighted in further detail within the Trustees' annual report. Notwithstanding these uncertainties, the Trustees have chosen to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis given the free reserves held by the charity, the careful planning of the Trustees and use of government grant schemes since the year end.

- b) Income from donations is recognised when receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to us such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.
- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities and has been included in that cost category. Support costs have been included entirely under the heading Charitable Activities.
- e) Fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised in the balance sheet and carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis on their estimated useful life of 5 years. The property is not depreciated on grounds on immateriality as the estimated residual value (based on prices at the time of construction) is not materially different from the carrying amount of the asset.
- f) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable object at the discretion of the trustees.
- g) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity, as indicated by the donor.
- h) Grant funding for tangible fixed assets for the charity's own continuing use is accounted for as expendable endowment, converted to income annually as inter-fund transfers in line with the rate at which the related asset's depreciation is recognised as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Grants and other donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<i>Grants receivable from Churches, Trusts and Local Authorities</i>	680	5,701	-	6,381	14,516
<i>Gifts from Individuals</i>	1,769		-	1,769	3,569
	<u>2,449</u>	<u>5,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,150</u>	<u>18,085</u>

In the prior year, all grants and other donations were unrestricted other than £1,500 grants received from the Climater Action Group which was restricted.

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3 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Café sales	69,188	-	-	69,188	46,488
Book sales	850	-	-	850	1,754
Rental of Sea Mills Methodist Hall	4,015	-	-	4,015	-
Community Garden subscriptions and ren	354	-	-	354	497
	<u>74,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,407</u>	<u>48,739</u>

In the prior year, all income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Café staff costs	36,101	367	-	36,468	38,937
Café purchases	21,118	30	-	21,148	13,312
Insurance	840	-	-	840	842
IT and website costs	1,322	-	-	1,322	882
Rates and utilities	3,529	-	-	3,529	2,548
Licenses	-	135	-	135	-
Cleaning and waste disposal	1,572	-	-	1,572	1,525
Rent of kitchen facilities	-	-	-	-	250
Kitchen equipment	1,932	750	-	2,682	414
Café repairs and maintenance	1,920	401	-	2,321	123
Community Garden expenditure	1,033	251	-	1,284	777
Sea Mills 100 Project costs	-	-	-	-	2,278
Sea Mills Methodist expenses	4,670	-	-	4,670	-
Climate action group	-	1,185	-	1,185	364
Security	154	-	-	154	114
Card fees	878	-	-	878	614
Depreciation	6,311	-	-	6,311	6,161
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	600
Accountancy fees	287	-	-	287	389
Governance costs	100	-	-	100	100
Sundry costs	329	114	-	443	76
	<u>82,096</u>	<u>3,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,329</u>	<u>70,306</u>

In the prior year, £727 of the Community Garden expenditure, £1,692 of the Sea Mills 100 project costs, £414 of the kitchen equipment and £364 of Climate Action Group were expended from restricted funds.

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5 Staff costs and numbers

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	35,483	38,138
Pension costs	436	486
	<u>35,919</u>	<u>38,624</u>

The charity had an average of 5 employees during the year (2 full time equivalents; 2021: 5 employees and 2 full time equivalents).

6 Net income/(expenditure)

Is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

No Trustees received any remuneration in the current or prior year. No Trustees were reimbursed travel expenses of £nil in the current year (2020: £nil).

7 Tangible assets

	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 November 2021	133,359	30,807	164,166
Additions	-	3,642	3,642
At 31 October 2022	<u>133,359</u>	<u>34,449</u>	<u>167,808</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2021	-	17,016	17,016
Charge for the year	-	6,311	6,311
At 31 October 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>23,327</u>	<u>23,327</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2022	<u>133,359</u>	<u>11,122</u>	<u>144,481</u>
At 31 October 2021	<u>133,359</u>	<u>13,791</u>	<u>147,150</u>

8 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	1,107	1,067
Other debtors	183	334
	<u>1,290</u>	<u>1,401</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	790	250
	<u>790</u>	<u>250</u>

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10 Movement in funds	At 1 Nov 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2022
<i>Current year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	29,092	75,485	(73,728)	(2,092)	28,757
Fixed asset funds (designated)	13,791		(6,311)	3,642	11,122
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	1,654	850	(330)	-	2,174
Community Garden funds (designated)	(211)	630	(1,727)		(1,308)
	44,326	76,965	(82,096)	1,550	40,745
Restricted funds					
Café development	(1,342)	4,004	(1,112)	(1,550)	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	1,649	(937)	-	712
Climate Action group	1,136	48	(1,184)	-	-
Heritage Lottery Fund	316	-	-	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	1,745	5,701	(3,233)	(1,550)	2,663
Total funds	179,430	82,666	(85,329)	-	176,767
	At 1 Nov 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2021
<i>Prior year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	27,037	60,009	(57,954)	-	29,092
Fixed asset funds (designated)	6,273	-	(6,161)	13,679	13,791
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	279	2,108	(733)	-	1,654
Community Garden funds (designated)	-	1,874	(2,085)	-	(211)
	33,589	63,991	(66,933)	13,679	44,326
Restricted funds					
Quartet (Covid)	627	-	(627)	-	-
Café development	11,587	1,340	(590)	(13,679)	(1,342)
Quartet (Express Grant)	-	1,500	(364)	-	1,136
Quartet (Megawatt)	100	-	(100)	-	-
Heritage Lottery Fund	2,008	-	(1,692)	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	15,957	2,840	(3,373)	(13,679)	1,745
Total funds	182,905	66,831	(70,306)	-	179,430

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10 Movement in funds (continued)

Property

This fund represents the net book value of the property purchased and developed with grants given for that purpose.

Free reserves

These funds represent the free reserves of the charity.

Fixed asset funds (designated)

These funds represent the net book value of the Fixtures and Equipment on the charity's balance sheet.

Sea Mills 100 (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Sea Mills 100 project that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Community Garden funds (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Community Garden that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Café development

This fund represents donations given towards development of Café on the Square, including for a new awning and developing infrastructure. Transfers to Fixed assets NBV represent the derestriction of restricted funds used to purchase capitalised Fixed Assets.

Climate action group

In 2022 we were please to be able to support the Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Community Action Group which is an initiative in the area that supports local people to care for our environment and promotes sustainable living.

Co-op Local Community Fund - Text to add

This represent funding provided by the Co op for the local community

Quartet and Earnest Cook grants

These grants are restricted for Community Garden costs. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements.

Heritage Lottery Fund, Woodland Trust, Bristol City Council and LinkAge (West) grants

These grants are restricted for the Sea Mills 100 Heritage project. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements and, where necessary, with the permission of the grantor.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
<i>Current year</i>	£	£	£
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	2,663	2,663
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	28,757	28,757
Designated funds	11,122	866	11,988
	<u>144,481</u>	<u>32,286</u>	<u>176,767</u>

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds (Continued)

	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
<i>Prior year</i>			
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	1,745	1,745
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	29,092	29,092
Designated funds	13,791	1,443	15,234
	<u>147,150</u>	<u>32,280</u>	<u>179,430</u>

12 Prior year fund comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Grants and other donations	15,245	2,840	-	18,085
Charitable Activities	48,739	-	-	48,739
Investments	7	-	-	7
Total income	<u>63,991</u>	<u>2,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,831</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	66,933	3,373	-	70,306
Total expenditure	<u>66,933</u>	<u>3,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,306</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	(2,942)	(533)	-	(3,475)
Transfers between funds	13,679	(13,679)		
Net movement in funds	<u>10,737</u>	<u>(14,212)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,475)</u>
Total funds at start of year	33,589	15,957	133,359	182,905
Total funds at end of year	<u>44,326</u>	<u>1,745</u>	<u>133,359</u>	<u>179,430</u>

13 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

Accounts

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Charity Number 1136611
Company Number 07076038

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity under its Memorandum is:

To further the benefit of the residents of Kingsweston ward, Bristol and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

The main focus of SMCI to date has been the operation of a community café and space for small group activities to serve the local community and for use by all, and the development of a Community Garden which has emerged as a significant parallel project. At the beginning of 2022 we also commenced a third project to take on a short lease for Sea Mills Methodist Church to ensure that a community space remains available in Sea Mills to facilitate community groups and events following the closure of the local community centre.

The original vision for the community cafe project is reflected in the following principles:

- an opportunity for the three main churches in Sea Mills (St Edyth's CoE, Highgrove Church and Sea Mills Methodist) to work together for the benefit of the local community;
- a focal centre for all sections of the community – young and old;
- a project to engender a real sense of civic pride in Sea Mills; and
- a project run by the community for the benefit of the community ... and making a difference to all those that live in Sea Mills.

On 6 December 2021 the café began its eleventh year of operation. The progress of the Community Garden, under the leadership of the project co-ordinator who was appointed at the end of 2016, has continued to grow from strength to strength.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

The community cafe – named 'Cafe on the Square' - first opened for business on 6 December 2011. The current small team of four paid staff are ably supported by volunteers from the local community. Over the year about 35 individuals have generously given of their time to help in running the cafe, and this reflects a high level of ongoing local commitment and support for the project. The volunteers have an important influence on the ethos of the café and the friendly atmosphere which people so enjoy. From a financial point of view the contribution of volunteers is crucial to the commercial viability of the café. Sessions when volunteers get together and are informed of new developments or old points that need re-emphasising are held on a roughly quarterly frequency.

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Whilst the main focus has been to use the building as a cafe, it was always the intention of the Board to also see the building used for other purposes for the benefit of the community. The Board is keen to continue to see the building used in new ways and welcomes suggestions and requests. Whilst the restrictions introduced as part of the COVID-19 pandemic curtailed our usual range of activities, we have still been able to use the café as the base to support our community, including the happy return of our Autumn Fair in September 2021. Sea Mills is an area with sizeable gardens and many apple trees and this provided an opportunity for members of the community to bring surplus apples to crush and take away apple juice. We were also able to provide 62 food parcels for children on in receipt of free school meals during the October 2020 half term and take referrals throughout the year to the local Foodbank and promoting local businesses; One event that uses the café facilities is "Carols on the Square" which takes place just before Christmas each year and at which a local brass band accompanies the community carol singing and is one of the highlights of the year. The café depends for its financial operation on the advantages of being a community supported activity – we continue to rely on the generous volunteer support from our community, and when the operation returns to full time opening hours we hope the team of about 35 volunteers who provide their labour for free, will help the café to continue on a fully sustainable basis. The voluntary support we receive as a charity are a huge asset to our community, and include the visible roles of serving and waiting in the café, but also much less visible roles such as baking cakes, purchasing and delivering supplies, washing linen and carrying out the bookkeeping and accountancy roles. Our volunteers have demonstrated their commitment to supporting the community of Sea Mills throughout what has, at times, been a very challenging year. On a monthly basis the cumulative margin of sales over variable costs and staff wages is monitored which gives the trustees a high level of reassurance about the trading performance of the café and its future health.

There has been continued positive feedback from those visiting the cafe, and it is clear that it has become an essential and established part of community life in Sea Mills. In November 2020 we made a number of improvements to the café infrastructure, including a rear awning and outdoor heaters to support COVID-secure café patronage. We are grateful to receive corporate support towards the purchase of this equipment as well as the support of many individuals in the community who gave so generously to the charity, demonstrating just how valued our support to the community is.

In 2016 SMCI purchased the old red telephone kiosk which is directly across the road from the café from British Telecom for the sum of £1. After a consultation was held on possible community uses, the decision was made to progress the proposal to use it as a mini heritage museum. A locally based project manager volunteered to put together a proposal to use the telephone box in this way for celebration of 100 years since the Addison Oak was planted in 1919 as the first commitment of Bristol City Council to build Sea Mills as a place "fit for heroes". The Sea Mills 100 heritage project was successful in seeking funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Bristol City Council in 2019 and activities continue including heritage trails of the estate, chat and reminiscence events for older people and an oral history project in addition to the mini heritage museum.

In 2021 we were please to be able to support the Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Community Action Group which is a new initiative in the area that supports local people to care for our environment and promotes sustainable living. Throughout the year they have undertaken monthly litter picking events.

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The Community Garden has continued to be well used and supported over the last year. Around 20 volunteers have put in over 1000 hours in helping to grow vegetables, fruit and salads, and sharing the produce. This was celebrated in early November 2021 with a harvest lunch to which over 50 people attended. We've been working on our forage garden, a wilder area with fruit trees and bushes aimed at providing food and useful materials for crafts and to use within the garden. A regular session has developed for families with around 15 under 5s coming along each week, enjoying nature and getting involved with simple gardening tasks. Community Payback, who coordinate offenders completing their community sentences continue to support us and have their own plot they are working on. Funding from Burgess Salmon and the film crew for The Outlaws TV series is going towards that area's development.

With funding from the Quartet Foundation Covid-19 response fund we ran bookable slots for families and individuals that felt particularly vulnerable until February 2021, enabling them to have an hour of protected time in the garden. We ran two socially distanced activity trails at Christmas and at Easter, giving bookable slots to over 30 families for each trail. Our Summer holiday craft sessions proved very popular with 15-20 children attending each time to take part in nature based craft activities. For all of these grants and for all our volunteers and supporters we are very grateful.

In April 2022 one of our Café Managers, Mike Lister, finished working with us having been involved right from the start of our work. We are very grateful to him for all of his hard work, diligence and ingenuity over the years and wish him the very best in his new role.

Plans for future periods

Future plans are centred on the following priorities:

- At the end of 2021 we signed a sub-lease for Sea Mills Methodist Church Hall and made this available for community use. Our lease of this facility has enabled it to continue to be available for community groups to use where otherwise it would be closed, and is an exciting opportunity to find new ways in which the charity can meet need in our community.
- Continuing fundraising activity. Fundraising is required to support the further improvement of the Community Garden and allotments. As much of our equipment at the café is 10 years old or more, we are also planning on further expenditure to replace equipment, carry out any significant maintenance or refurbishment of the building.
- Continuing to engage with the local community to ensure that the activities associated with the cafe / community space meet the needs of all those that live in the Sea Mills area. In particular, the Board is keen to see the building used in ways that are of wider benefit to the community and those that live locally.
- Continuing to engage with individuals and groups who have a wish to provide volunteer support to the charity in assisting with operation of the cafe and associated community activities.
- Progressing other potential projects, in consultation with the local community and other key stakeholders (such as Bristol City Council).

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Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income in the year to 31 October 2021 was £66,831 made up principally of income from the charitable activity of running Café on the Square of £46,488 (2020: £42,004) and grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting individuals and churches of £18,085 (2020: £42,208).

Expenditure was £70,306 (2020: £68,866) and related primarily with the running costs of Café on the Square, with £777 relating to Community Garden expenditure and Sea Mills 100 project costs of £2,278 expended largely from restricted funds.

The Trustees have a target level for free reserves of between 3 to 6 months of annual expenditure (excluding the cost of café ingredients that vary with income, significant repairs, depreciation, improvements and project costs typically covered by grant income). This translates to a target of between £12,067 and £24,135. Such reserves are necessary to ensure the smooth running of the café and Community Garden in the event of exceptional events or fluctuations in income. At the year end, free reserves stood at £29,092, which is above this target range – but it is the COVID-19 pandemic and rising cost of living has brought into sharper focus the appropriateness of holding free reserves to cover future uncertainties.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the support of our private donors and volunteers who made the operation of the café possible.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1136611

Company number: 07076038

Registered office: The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol, BS48 1UR

Independent Examiner: Paul Brown FCIE DChA
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Directors and Trustees:

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S P I Marsh (Chair)
R A Cross
M Morris
J M Sinton-Hewitt
B C Hewer
G A Richardson

A Management Group oversees the activities of the Charity and consists of the Trustees and one other individual: Diane Cogan.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 13th November 2009 as Sea Mills Community Café Limited. The company changed its name to Sea Mills Community Initiatives on 23rd December 2009 and became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th June 2010.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited on the basis of the knowledge of the existing Trustees of suitable candidates. In selecting persons to be appointed, the Trustees take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her professional qualifications or experience to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of Sea Mills Community Initiatives. Selected candidates are appointed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Trustees at a meeting.

New Trustees receive an Induction Pack appropriate to their level of existing knowledge of and involvement with Sea Mills Community Initiatives. As a minimum, new Trustees receive a copy of the Charity Commission publication CC3 – The Essential Trustee: what you need to know together with the charity's governing document and latest annual report and accounts.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Sea Mills Community Initiatives for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



S Marsh
Chair of Trustees

16th July 2022

SEA MILLS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. 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.

Paul Brown

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16th July 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:						
Grants and other donations	2	15,245	2,840	-	18,085	42,208
Charitable Activities	3	48,739	-	-	48,739	42,359
Investments		7	-	-	7	216
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total income		<u>63,991</u>	<u>2,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,831</u>	<u>84,783</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	4	66,933	3,373	-	70,306	68,866
Total expenditure		<u>66,933</u>	<u>3,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,306</u>	<u>68,866</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	6	(2,942)	(533)	-	(3,475)	15,917
Transfers between funds	10	13,679	(13,679)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>10,737</u>	<u>(14,212)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,475)</u>	<u>15,917</u>
Total funds at start of year		33,589	15,957	133,359	182,905	166,988
Total funds at end of year	10	<u>44,326</u>	<u>1,745</u>	<u>133,359</u>	<u>179,430</u>	<u>182,905</u>

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

Prior year fund comparatives are detailed in note 12.

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

SEA MILLS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

Company registration number: 07076038

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	147,150	139,632
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,401	1,427
Cash at bank		31,129	45,341
		<u>32,530</u>	<u>46,768</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(250)	(3,495)
Net current assets		<u>32,280</u>	<u>43,273</u>
Net assets		<u>179,430</u>	<u>182,905</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	11	29,092	27,037
Fixed asset funds	11	13,791	6,273
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	11	1,654	279
Community Garden funds (designated)	11	(211)	-
		<u>44,326</u>	<u>33,589</u>
Restricted funds	11	1,745	15,957
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	11	133,359	133,359
		<u>179,430</u>	<u>182,905</u>

For the year ending 31 October 2021, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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.

The 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16th July 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:



S Marsh
Chairman of Trustees

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

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1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102 SORP 2019).

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined under FRS102.

Along with other similar charities and organisations, the COVID-19 pandemic after the year end has brought many uncertainties to the global economy. The impact of this on the charity is highlighted in further detail within the Trustees' annual report. Notwithstanding these uncertainties, the Trustees have chosen to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis given the free reserves held by the charity, the careful planning of the Trustees and use of government grant schemes since the year end.

- b) Income from donations is recognised when receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to us such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.
- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities and has been included in that cost category. Support costs have been included entirely under the heading Charitable Activities.
- e) Fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised in the balance sheet and carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis on their estimated useful life of 5 years. The property is not depreciated on grounds on immateriality as the estimated residual value (based on prices at the time of construction) is not materially different from the carrying amount of the asset.
- f) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable object at the discretion of the trustees.
- g) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity, as indicated by the donor.
- h) Grant funding for tangible fixed assets for the charity's own continuing use is accounted for as expendable endowment, converted to income annually as inter-fund transfers in line with the rate at which the related asset's depreciation is recognised as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Grants and other donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<i>Grants receivable from Churches, Trusts and Local Authorities</i>	13,016	1,500	-	14,516	32,706
<i>Gifts from Individuals</i>	2,229	1,340	-	3,569	9,502
	<u>15,245</u>	<u>2,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,085</u>	<u>42,208</u>

Included in current year grants receivable is a £nil government grant from Bristol City Council (2020: £10,000) and £10,255 from HMRC under the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (2020: £10,612).

In the prior year, all grants and other donations were unrestricted other than £15,828 of grants receivable from Churches, Trusts and Local Authorities, which were restricted.

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3 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Café sales	46,488	-	-	46,488	42,004
Book sales	1,754	-	-	1,754	-
Café hire	-	-	-	-	5
Community Garden subscriptions and ren	497	-	-	497	350
	<u>48,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,739</u>	<u>42,359</u>

In the prior year, all income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Café staff costs	38,937	-	-	38,937	36,458
Café purchases	13,136	176	-	13,312	12,955
Insurance	842	-	-	842	472
IT and website costs	882	-	-	882	528
Rates and utilities	2,548	-	-	2,548	2,604
Licenses	-	-	-	-	247
Cleaning and waste disposal	1,525	-	-	1,525	2,251
Rent of kitchen facilities	250	-	-	250	500
Kitchen equipment	-	414	-	414	891
Café repairs and maintenance	123	-	-	123	788
Community Garden expenditure	50	727	-	777	6,042
Sea Mills 100 Project costs	586	1,692	-	2,278	2,091
Climate action group	-	364	-	364	-
Security	114	-	-	114	163
Card fees	614	-	-	614	413
Depreciation	6,161	-	-	6,161	614
Legal fees	600	-	-	600	750
Accountancy fees	389	-	-	389	521
Governance costs	100	-	-	100	100
Sundry costs	76	-	-	76	478
	<u>66,933</u>	<u>3,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,306</u>	<u>68,866</u>

In the prior year, £2,991 of the Community Garden expenditure, £1,790 of the Sea Mills 100 project costs, £80 of the kitchen equipment and £282 of sundry costs were expended from restricted funds.

5 Staff costs and numbers

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	38,138	38,226
Pension costs	486	468
	<u>38,624</u>	<u>38,694</u>

The charity had an average of 5 employees during the year (2 full time equivalents; 2020: 5 employees and 2 full time equivalents).

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6 Net income/(expenditure)

Is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	100	100

No Trustees received any remuneration in the current or prior year. No Trustees were reimbursed travel expenses of £nil in the current year (2020: £nil).

7 Tangible assets

	Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 November 2020	133,359	17,128	150,487
Additions	-	13,679	13,679
At 31 October 2021	133,359	30,807	164,166
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2020	-	10,855	10,855
Charge for the year	-	6,161	6,161
At 31 October 2021	-	17,016	17,016
Net book value			
At 31 October 2021	133,359	13,791	147,150
At 31 October 2020	133,359	6,273	139,632

8 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments	1,067	786
Other debtors	334	328
Gift Aid due	-	313
	1,401	1,427

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	250	3,404
Taxes and Social Security	-	91
	250	3,495

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10 Movement in funds	At 1 Nov 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2021
<i>Current year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	27,037	60,009	(57,954)	-	29,092
Fixed asset funds (designated)	6,273	-	(6,161)	13,679	13,791
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	279	2,108	(733)	-	1,654
Community Garden funds (designated)	-	1,874	(2,085)	-	(211)
	33,589	63,991	(66,933)	13,679	44,326
Restricted funds					
Quartet (Covid)	627	-	(627)	-	-
Café development	11,587	1,340	(590)	(13,679)	(1,342)
Climate Action group	-	1,500	(364)	-	1,136
Quartet (Megawatt)	100	-	(100)	-	-
Heritage Lottery Fund	2,008	-	(1,692)	-	316
Woodland Trust	500	-	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,135	-	-	-	1,135
	15,957	2,840	(3,373)	(13,679)	1,745
Total funds	182,905	66,831	(70,306)	-	179,430
	At 1 Nov 2019	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2020
<i>Prior year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	23,001	68,086	(59,034)	(5,016)	27,037
Fixed asset funds (designated)	3,072	-	(615)	3,816	6,273
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	333	247	(301)	-	279
Community Garden funds (designated)	45	622	(3,050)	2,383	-
	26,451	68,955	(63,000)	1,183	33,589
Restricted funds					
Quartet (Covid)	-	1,473	(846)	-	627
Café development	-	13,855	(1,085)	(1,183)	11,587
Quartet (Express Grant)	418	-	(418)	-	-
Quartet (Megawatt)	1,827	-	(1,727)	-	100
Heritage Lottery Fund	3,750	-	(1,742)	-	2,008
Woodland Trust	-	500	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,183	-	(48)	-	1,135
	7,178	15,828	(5,866)	(1,183)	15,957
Total funds	166,988	84,783	(68,866)	-	182,905

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10 Movement in funds (continued)

Property

This fund represents the net book value of the property purchased and developed with grants given for that purpose.

Free reserves

These funds represent the free reserves of the charity.

Fixed asset funds (designated)

These funds represent the net book value of the Fixtures and Equipment on the charity's balance sheet.

Sea Mills 100 (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Sea Mills 100 project that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Community Garden funds (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Community Garden that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Café development

This fund represents donations given towards development of Café on the Square, including for a new awning and developing infrastructure. Transfers to Fixed assets NBV represent the derestriction of restricted funds used to purchase capitalised Fixed Assets.

Climate action group - text to add

Quartet and Earnest Cook grants

These grants are restricted for Community Garden costs. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements.

Heritage Lottery Fund, Woodland Trust, Bristol City Council and LinkAge (West) grants

These grants are restricted for the Sea Mills 100 Heritage project. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements and, where necessary, with the permission of the grantor.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
<i>Current year</i>	£	£	£
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	1,745	1,745
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	29,092	29,092
Designated funds	13,791	1,443	15,234
	<u>147,150</u>	<u>32,280</u>	<u>179,430</u>
<i>Prior year</i>			
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	15,957	15,957
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	27,037	27,037
Designated funds	6,273	279	6,552
	<u>139,632</u>	<u>43,273</u>	<u>182,905</u>

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12 Prior year fund comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £
Income from:				
Grants and other donations	26,380	15,828	-	42,208
Charitable Activities	42,359	-	-	42,359
Investments	216	-	-	216
Total income	<u>68,955</u>	<u>15,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,783</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	63,000	5,866	-	68,866
Total expenditure	<u>63,000</u>	<u>5,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,866</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	5,955	9,962	-	15,917
Transfers between funds	1,183	(1,183)		
Net movement in funds	<u>7,138</u>	<u>8,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,917</u>
Total funds at start of year	26,451	7,178	133,359	166,988
Total funds at end of year	<u>33,589</u>	<u>15,957</u>	<u>133,359</u>	<u>182,905</u>

13 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

**Charity Number 1136611
Company Number 07076038**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Charity under its Memorandum is:

To further the benefit of the residents of Kingsweston ward, Bristol and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

The main focus of SMCI to date has been the operation of a community café and space for small group activities to serve the local community and for use by all, although in recent years development of a Community Garden has also emerged as a significant parallel project.

The original vision for the community cafe project is reflected in the following principles:

- an opportunity for the three main churches in Sea Mills (St Edyth's CoE, Highgrove Church and Sea Mills Methodist) to work together for the benefit of the local community;
- a focal centre for all sections of the community – young and old;
- a project to engender a real sense of civic pride in Sea Mills; and
- a project run by the community for the benefit of the community ... and making a difference to all those that live in Sea Mills.

On 6th December 2020 the café began its tenth year of operation. The progress of the Community Garden, under the leadership of the project co-ordinator who was appointed at the end of 2016, has grown from strength to strength this year.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the advice contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

The community cafe – named 'Cafe on the Square' – first opened for business on 6th December 2011. The current small team of four paid staff are ably supported by volunteers from the local community. Over the year about 35 individuals have generously given of their time to help in running the cafe, and this reflects a high level of ongoing local commitment and support for the project. The volunteers have an important influence on the ethos of the café and the friendly atmosphere which people so enjoy. From a financial point of view the contribution of volunteers is crucial to the commercial viability of the café. Sessions when volunteers get together and are informed of new developments or old points that need re-emphasising are held on a roughly quarterly frequency.

Whilst the main focus has been to use the building as a cafe, it was always the intention of the Board to also see the building used for other purposes for the benefit of the community. The Board is keen to continue to see the building used in new ways and welcomes suggestions and requests. SMCI typically organises a range of community events each year, but unfortunately the restrictions introduced as part of the COVID-19 pandemic have curtailed this in 2020. Nonetheless, we have still been able to use the café as the base to support our community, including providing 62 food parcels for children on in receipt of free school meals during the October 2020 half term; painting giant 'love hearts' on the grass in front of the café to promote social distancing and promote pride in our community; Phoning and supporting vulnerable customers and volunteers; continued collection and

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referrals to the local Foodbank and promoting local businesses; One event that uses the café facilities is "Carols on the Square" which takes place just before Christmas each year and at which a local brass band accompanies the community carol singing.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the cafe had a year of steady business and in line with national and local guidelines has continued to be open where possible for the good of the local community. On a monthly basis the cumulative margin of sales over variable costs and staff wages is monitored which gives the trustees a high level of reassurance about the trading performance of the café and its future health. The café depends for its financial operation on the advantages of being a community supported activity – whilst volunteer support has reduced this year due to COVID restrictions, we continue to rely on the generous volunteer support from our community, and when the operation returns to full time opening hours we hope the team of about 35 volunteers who provide their labour for free, will help the café to continue on a fully sustainable basis. The voluntary support we receive as a charity are a huge asset to our community, and include the visible roles of serving and waiting in the café, but also much less visible roles such as baking cakes, purchasing and delivering supplies, washing linen and carrying out the bookkeeping and accountancy roles. Our volunteers have demonstrated their commitment to supporting the community of Sea Mills throughout what has, at times, been a very challenging year.

There has been continued positive feedback from those visiting the cafe, and it is clear that it has become an essential and established part of community life in Sea Mills. In November 2020 we made a number of improvements to the café infrastructure, including a rear awning and outdoor heaters to support COVID-secure café patronage. We are grateful to receive corporate support towards the purchase of this equipment as well as the support of many individuals in the community who gave so generously to the charity, demonstrating just how valued our support to the community is.

With the lockdown following the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, the trustees took the decision to close the café and to furlough its staff under the government's Job Retention Scheme. Our staff were on full or part-time furlough through the rest of the financial year. The trustees have been mindful that the duration of the virus control measures in place into 2021 will impact the charity's operations in the next financial year and that careful planning is needed. Into 2021 the café has been on a phased, risk-based re-opening and is likely to require the charity's reserves to be used impacting upon our ability to keep within our reserves policy. The Community Garden project, with risk assessments and control measures in place, has been able to continue to offer a safe space for a limited number of people throughout the pandemic and consistent feedback from users has indicated that this has had a positive impact on the mental and physical wellbeing of users.

In 2016 SMCI purchased the old red telephone kiosk which is directly across the road from the café from British Telecom for the sum of £1. After a consultation was held on possible community uses, the decision was made to progress the proposal to use it as a mini heritage museum. A locally based project manager volunteered to put together a proposal to use the telephone box in this way for celebration of 100 years since the Addison Oak was planted in 1919 as the first commitment of Bristol City Council to build Sea Mills as a place "fit for heroes". The Sea Mills 100 heritage project was successful in seeking funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Bristol City Council in 2019 and activities continue including heritage trails of the estate, chat and reminiscence events for older people and an oral history project in addition to the mini heritage museum.

The Community Garden has continued to be a place where local people can 'grow food together', and a special highlight was our Harvest lunch attended by over 50 people in November 2019. Like everything our plans had to change in 2020, but where possible through the year we have continued to provide volunteer sessions including pre-school families and for our more mature volunteers, as well as seasonal events such as bookable sessions/slots for families in school holidays to do trail and craft activities, including a Nativity Trail. During the first lockdown we were able to allocate raised beds to individual families to enable them to have a safer quiet space for that precious hour of outdoor

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exercise.

Volunteer sessions were disrupted of course in the last year, but many volunteers continued to help out on a rota basis, and at the very least gave 1260 hours of time in 2020. Groups are now running three times per week and have enormous social value, building friendships, strengthening community, providing meaningful activity for both body and mind. Unfortunately restrictions made the weighing of produce impractical, but we think 2020 was a bumper year and will have surpassed the 408kg produced in 2019. In addition to the work of volunteers and allotment holders we have had regular support from Community Payback, who enable offenders on community centres to serve in local communities. They have their own allotment on our site and their hard work is especially evident in the Forage Garden and the planting of native hedging/edible trees and fruit bushes, with support from the Woodland Trust and funding the Quartet Foundation. In 2019/20 we continued to receive and use grant funding to support our work including Megawatt Community Energy Fund, supporting our forage garden development, and enabling families with extra need to have a safe space for exercise the first lockdown. The Quartet Foundation also supported us through their Covid 19 response fund, enabling us to run shielding slots over the Summer and Autumn, supporting families and individuals with extra need, to have the garden to themselves. For all of these grants and for all our volunteers and supporters we are very grateful.

Plans for future periods

Future plans are centred on the following priorities:

- We are currently in the final stages of agreeing a sub-lease for Sea Mills Methodist Church Hall. Our lease of this facility enables it to continue to be available for community groups to use where otherwise it would be closed, and is a new opportunity to find uses for the building that will enable the charity to meet the needs of our community.
- Continuing to support and provide help to our community as we learn to live with the changes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Continuing fundraising activity. Fundraising is required to support the further improvement of the Community Garden and allotments. Fundraising has not been necessary to support the café but may be needed when significant expenditure is required to replace equipment, or to carry out any significant maintenance or refurbishment of the building.
- Continuing to engage with the local community to ensure that the activities associated with the café / community space meet the needs of all those that live in the Sea Mills area. In particular, the Board is keen to see the building used in ways that are of wider benefit to the community and those that live locally.
- Continuing to engage with individuals and groups who have a wish to provide volunteer support to the charity in assisting with operation of the café and associated community activities.
- Progressing other potential projects, in consultation with the local community and other key stakeholders (such as Bristol City Council).

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income in the year to 31 October 2020 was £84,783 made up principally of income from the charitable activity of running Café on the Square of £42,004 (2019: £72,920) and grants and donations from charitable trusts and supporting individuals and churches of £42,208 (2019: £26,802).

Expenditure was £68,866 (2019: £87,280) and related primarily with the running costs of Café on the Square, with £6,042 relating to Community Garden expenditure and Sea Mills 100 project costs of £2,091 expended largely from restricted funds.

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The Trustees have a target level for free reserves of between 3 to 6 months of annual expenditure (excluding the cost of café ingredients that vary with income, significant repairs, depreciation, improvements and project costs typically covered by grant income). This translates to a target of between £12,067 and £24,135. Such reserves are necessary to ensure the smooth running of the café and Community Garden in the event of exceptional events or fluctuations in income. At the year end, free reserves stood at £27,037, which is above this target range – but it is anticipated that continued closure of the café into 2020/21 will reduce these reserves. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought into sharper focus the appropriateness of holding free reserves to cover future uncertainties.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the support of our private donors and volunteers who made the operation of the café possible.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1136611

Company number: 07076038

Registered office: The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court, Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol, BS48 1UR

Independent Examiner: Paul Brown FCIE DChA
2 Ger y Mynydd, Hirwaun, Aberdare, CF44 9RD

Bankers: Bank of Scotland, 2nd Floor, Pentland House, 8 Lochside Avenue, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ

Directors and Trustees:

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

S P I Marsh	(Chair)
R A Cross	
M Morris	
J M Sinton-Hewitt	(appointed 6 November 2019)
B C Hewer	(appointed 6 November 2019)
G A Richardson	(appointed 8 May 2021)
A Street	(resigned 6 November 2019)
J Monaghan	(resigned 27 March 2020)
M L Temple	(resigned 6 November 2019)

A Management Group oversees the activities of the Charity and consists of the Trustees and one other individual: Diane Cogan.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 13th November 2009 as Sea Mills Community Café Limited. The company changed its name to Sea Mills Community Initiatives on 23rd December 2009 and became registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 28th June 2010.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

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New Trustees are recruited on the basis of the knowledge of the existing Trustees of suitable candidates. In selecting persons to be appointed, the Trustees take into account the benefits of appointing a person who is able by virtue of his or her professional qualifications or experience to make a contribution to the pursuit of the objects or the management of Sea Mills Community Initiatives. Selected candidates are appointed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Trustees at a meeting.

New Trustees receive an Induction Pack appropriate to their level of existing knowledge of and involvement with Sea Mills Community Initiatives. As a minimum, new Trustees receive a copy of the Charity Commission publication CC3 – *The Essential Trustee: what you need to know* together with the charity's governing document and latest annual report and accounts.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Sea Mills Community Initiatives for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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 financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

S Marsh
Chair of Trustees

24 July 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. 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.

Paul Brown FCIE DChA

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24 July 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Grants and other donations	2	26,380	15,828	-	42,208	26,802
Charitable Activities	3	42,359	-	-	42,359	75,117
Investments		216	-	-	216	-
Other		-	-	-	-	200
Total income		68,955	15,828	-	84,783	102,119
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	4	63,000	5,866	-	68,866	87,280
Total expenditure		63,000	5,866	-	68,866	87,280
Net income/(expenditure)	6	5,955	9,962	-	15,917	14,839
Transfers between funds	10	1,183	(1,183)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,138	8,779	-	15,917	14,839
Total funds at start of year		26,451	7,178	133,359	166,988	152,149
Total funds at end of year	10	33,589	15,957	133,359	182,905	166,988

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

Prior year fund comparatives are detailed in note 12.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

Company registration number: 07076038

		2020	2019
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	139,632	136,431
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,427	1,404
Cash at bank		<u>45,341</u>	<u>34,139</u>
		46,768	35,543
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,495)	(4,986)
Net current assets		<u>43,273</u>	<u>30,557</u>
Net assets		<u><u>182,905</u></u>	<u><u>166,988</u></u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	11	27,037	23,001
Fixed asset funds	11	6,273	3,072
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	11	279	333
Community Garden funds (designated)	11	<u>-</u>	<u>45</u>
		33,589	26,451
Restricted funds	11	15,957	7,178
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	11	133,359	133,359
		<u><u>182,905</u></u>	<u><u>166,988</u></u>

For the year ending 31 October 2020, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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.

The 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 July 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

S Marsh
Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined under FRS102.

Along with other similar charities and organisations, the COVID-19 pandemic after the year end has brought many uncertainties to the global economy. The impact of this on the charity is highlighted in further detail within the Trustees' annual report. Notwithstanding these uncertainties, the Trustees have chosen to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis given the free reserves held by the charity, the careful planning of the Trustees and use of government grant schemes since the year end.

- b) Income from donations is recognised when receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to us such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- c) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.
- d) Most expenditure is directly attributable to charitable activities and has been included in that cost category. Support costs have been included entirely under the heading Charitable Activities.
- e) Fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised in the balance sheet and carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated on a straight line basis on their estimated useful life of 5 years. The property is not depreciated on grounds on immateriality as the estimated residual value (based on prices at the time of construction) is not materially different from the carrying amount of the asset.
- f) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable object at the discretion of the trustees.
- g) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity, as indicated by the donor.
- h) Grant funding for tangible fixed assets for the charity's own continuing use is accounted for as expendable endowment, converted to income annually as inter-fund transfers in line with the rate at which the related asset's depreciation is recognised as expenditure in the Statement of Financial

2 Grants and other donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Grants receivable from Churches, Trusts and Local Authorities</i>	24,733	7,973	-	32,706	23,965
<i>Gifts from Individuals</i>	1,647	7,855	-	9,502	2,837
	<u>26,380</u>	<u>15,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,208</u>	<u>26,802</u>

Included in current year grants receivable is a £10,000 government grant from Bristol City Council (2019: £5,000) and £10,612 from HMRC under the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

In the prior year, all grants and other donations were unrestricted other than £22,861 of grants receivable from Churches, Trusts and Local Authorities, which were restricted.

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3 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Café sales	42,004	-	-	42,004	72,920
Café hire	5	-	-	5	90
Facilitating Library Consultation	-	-	-	-	1,200
Community Garden subscriptions and r	350	-	-	350	907
	<u>42,359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,359</u>	<u>75,117</u>

In the prior year, all income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Café staff costs	36,458	-	-	36,458	38,286
Café purchases	12,955	-	-	12,955	21,376
Insurance	472	-	-	472	860
IT and website costs	528	-	-	528	503
Rates and utilities	2,604	-	-	2,604	3,365
Licenses	247	-	-	247	339
Cleaning and waste disposal	2,251	-	-	2,251	2,034
Rent of kitchen facilities	500	-	-	500	500
Kitchen equipment	88	803	-	891	419
Café repairs and maintenance	788	-	-	788	1,016
Community Garden expenditure	3,051	2,991	-	6,042	4,822
Sea Mills 100 Project costs	301	1,790	-	2,091	11,797
Security	163	-	-	163	107
Card fees	413	-	-	413	433
Depreciation	614	-	-	614	-
Legal fees	750	-	-	750	-
Accountancy fees	521	-	-	521	748
Governance costs	100	-	-	100	100
Sundry costs	196	282	-	478	575
	<u>63,000</u>	<u>5,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,866</u>	<u>87,280</u>

In the prior year, £3,886 of the Community Garden expenditure and £11,797 of the Sea Mills 100 project costs were expended from restricted funds.

5 Staff costs and numbers

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	38,226	39,501
Pension costs	468	448
	<u>38,694</u>	<u>39,949</u>

The charity had an average of 5 employees during the year (2 full time equivalents; 2019: 5 employees and 2 full time equivalents).

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6 Net income/(expenditure)

Is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	100	100

No Trustees received any remuneration in the current or prior year. No Trustees were reimbursed travel expenses of £nil in the current year (2019: £nil).

7 Tangible assets

	Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 November 2019	133,359	13,313	146,672
Additions	-	3,815	3,815
At 31 October 2020	133,359	17,128	150,487
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2019	-	10,241	10,241
Charge for the year	-	614	614
At 31 October 2020	-	10,855	10,855
Net book value			
At 31 October 2020	133,359	6,273	139,632
At 31 October 2019	133,359	3,072	136,431

8 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments	786	677
Other debtors	328	125
Gift Aid due	313	602
	1,427	1,404

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	3,404	4,855
Taxes and Social Security	91	131
	3,495	4,986

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10 Movement in funds

	At 1 Nov 2019	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2020
<i>Current year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	23,001	68,086	(59,034)	(5,016)	27,037
Fixed asset funds (designated)	3,072	-	(615)	3,816	6,273
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	333	247	(301)	-	279
Community Garden funds (designated)	45	622	(3,050)	2,383	-
	26,451	68,955	(63,000)	1,183	33,589
Restricted funds					
Quartet (Covid)	-	1,473	(846)	-	627
Café development	-	13,855	(1,085)	(1,183)	11,587
Quartet (Express Grant)	418	-	(418)	-	-
Quartet (Megawatt)	1,827	-	(1,727)	-	100
Heritage Lottery Fund	3,750	-	(1,742)	-	2,008
Woodland Trust	-	500	-	-	500
LinkAge (West)	1,183	-	(48)	-	1,135
	7,178	15,828	(5,866)	(1,183)	15,957
Total funds	166,988	84,783	(68,866)	-	182,905

	At 1 Nov 2018	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Oct 2019
<i>Prior year</i>					
Capital (expendable endowment) funds					
Property	133,359	-	-	-	133,359
Unrestricted funds					
Free reserves	18,790	77,673	(70,390)	(3,072)	23,001
Fixed asset funds (designated)	-	-	-	3,072	3,072
Sea Mills 100 (designated)	-	333	-	-	333
Community Garden funds (designated)	-	1,252	(1,207)	-	45
	18,790	79,258	(71,597)	-	26,451
Restricted funds					
Quartet (Wessex Water)	-	1,131	(1,131)	-	-
Ernest Cook	-	500	(500)	-	-
Quartet (Express Grant)	-	2,000	(1,582)	-	418
Quartet (Megawatt)	-	2,500	(673)	-	1,827
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	10,000	(6,250)	-	3,750
Bristol City Council	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
LinkAge (West)	-	1,730	(547)	-	1,183
	-	22,861	(15,683)	-	7,178
Total funds	152,149	102,119	(87,280)	-	166,988

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10 Movement in funds (continued)

Property

This fund represents the net book value of the property purchased and developed with grants given for that purpose.

Free reserves

These funds represent the free reserves of the charity.

Fixed asset funds (designated)

These funds represent the net book value of the Fixtures and Equipment on the charity's balance sheet.

Sea Mills 100 (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Sea Mills 100 project that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Community Garden funds (designated)

These funds represent monies generated by the Community Garden that have been allocated to that project but are not restricted gifts.

Café development

This fund represents donations given towards development of Café on the Square, including for a new awning and developing infrastructure. Transfers to Fixed assets NBV represent the derestriction of restricted funds used to purchase capitalised Fixed Assets.

Quartet and Earnest Cook grants

These grants are restricted for Community Garden costs. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements.

Heritage Lottery Fund, Woodland Trust, Bristol City Council and LinkAge (West) grants

These grants are restricted for the Sea Mills 100 Heritage project. Monies unspent are being carried forward to be spent in future periods in line with the grant agreements and, where necessary, with the permission of the grantor.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
	£	£	£
<i>Current year</i>			
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	15,957	15,957
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	27,037	27,037
Designated funds	6,273	279	6,552
	<u>139,632</u>	<u>43,273</u>	<u>182,905</u>
<i>Prior year</i>			
Capital (expendable endowment) funds			
Property	133,359	-	133,359
Restricted funds	-	7,178	7,178
Unrestricted funds			
Free reserves	-	23,001	23,001
Designated funds	3,072	378	3,450
	<u>136,431</u>	<u>30,557</u>	<u>166,988</u>

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12 Prior year fund comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £
Income from:				
Grants and other donations	3,941	22,861	-	26,802
Charitable Activities	75,117	-	-	75,117
Other	200	-	-	200
Total income	<u>79,258</u>	<u>22,861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,119</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	71,597	15,683	-	87,280
Total expenditure	<u>71,597</u>	<u>15,683</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,280</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	7,661	7,178	-	14,839
Net movement in funds	<u>7,661</u>	<u>7,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,839</u>
Total funds at start of year	18,790	-	133,359	152,149
Total funds at end of year	<u>26,451</u>	<u>7,178</u>	<u>133,359</u>	<u>166,988</u>

13 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.