

# Sussex Tornados

## Trustees Annual report

Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Last AGM: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Charity Name:** Sussex Tornados Cheerleaders

**Registered Charity Number:** 1140922

**Charity Principal Address:** 13 Gosden Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 6DY.

The Sussex Tornados Cheerleaders Charity is managed by the following Trustees:

TRUSTEE NAME:	OFFICE	ACTING TERM:
Mr Phil Jeffery	Chairman	Part Year 01.08.2022 – 29.06.2023
Mrs Lil Weston	Treasurer	Full Year 2022-2023
Mrs Helen Best	Trustee / Secretary	Full Year 2022-2023
Mrs Lianne Jane Blackwood	Secretary / Chairman	Full Year 2022-2023
Miss Carley Pia Johnson	Programme Director	Full Year 2022-2023
Mr Peter Weston	Trustee	Full Year 2022-2023
Mrs Tracy Jones	Fundraising Secretary	Full Year 2022-2023
Ms Charmaine Charman	Parent Representative	Full Year 2022-2023
Miss Jordan Burdon	Cheerleader Representative	Full Year 2022-2023

## Structure, Governance & Management

Our Governing Document is a constitution which was adopted on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and our trustees can be appointed on recommendation from current trustees, with a majority vote to confirm. Rules and Constitution can be found on our website. [www.sussexornados.com](http://www.sussexornados.com)

We have a child protection policy and Helen Best as of 29/06/2023 is our new appointed child protection and safeguarding officer. DBS Checks are carried out prior to commencement of trusteeship and these documents are regularly reviewed. 5 years for trustees and 3 years for coaches. These time frames comply with the requirements of our competition event providers.

All of our Trustees are volunteers, none get any kind of remuneration for their time.

We have had a change to the Trustees this year, the main change being that Lianne Blackwood has taken over the role of Chairman, as of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023, And Helen Best has moved into the role of Secretary as of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## Objectives and Activities

The Sussex Tornados Cheerleaders are a voluntary run cheerleading programme, who are a registered charity. Our aim is to provide a facility for children, youth & young adults in the local community, where they learn championship cheerleading routines and life skills to help them in their future and to become the best they can be.

We continue to train coaches from existing athletes as this helps them to improve skills for later life as well as helps the teams progress with them knowing all too well the commitment needed and the need to become a team. We ensure our coaches are qualified to the highest of their ability and that these qualifications are kept up to date. They then learn the other side of these routines which involve hours of time planning each training session, routines right through to each athletes uniform size & competition logistics. We are extremely grateful for each and everyone and their time and expertise to make us the

programme we are today. An extra special mention to Carly Johnson, who makes it all happen, alongside a fulltime job and being a parent, all for the love of the Sport, Team, Coaches and Athletes!

The Sussex Tornados Trustees will always proactively seek sponsorship and attend fundraising opportunities to make the sport as affordable as we can to the local community. We understand that the cost of living crisis is in some way affecting nearly all and we will always endeavour to keep costs to a minimum to cover overheads such as Rent, Rates and utilities.

We will always try our very best to ensure we support the local community in their own fundraising events and always support other charity's to fundraise as much as we can.

### **Achievements & Performance 2022**

At the end of the Season, we had around 80 active athletes both male and female. Aged 4.5 to 45.

Sussex Tornados have 15 extremely talented Coaches that as above give up their time for no remuneration, choreographing their teams' routines, Coaching their athletes week in and week out, committing fully to their teams for the season. As they ended the 25<sup>th</sup> Season with the 10 competitive teams, between them they competed at 8 competitions around the UK.

They brought home:

2 x 12<sup>th</sup> Places, 2 x 11<sup>th</sup> Places, 3 x 8<sup>th</sup> Places, 2 x 7<sup>th</sup> Places, 6 x 6<sup>th</sup> Places, 7 x 5<sup>th</sup> Places, 7 x 4<sup>th</sup> Places, 8 x 3<sup>rd</sup> Places, 9 x 2<sup>nd</sup> Places and a whopping 15 x 1<sup>st</sup> Places.

They also in May 2023 when attending Ice blast in Crawley, returned as not only Grand Champions but also as Bid Winners. Ultimate Storm our Junior Level 2 Team received a bid to the All-star Worlds Cheerleading Championship which is being held in Florida USA in 2024.

The above results are the proof that the try-out process of placing each athlete in a team to suit their ability works.

Alongside the above they continue to offer a Cheer 4 Fun Recreation team, a flyer stretch class and Open Gym weekly.

We continue to hire out the gym to other local teams and for Birthday Partys. We are always looking to hire the gym out during the day, to bring in more turnover but have been unsuccessful in our searches thus far.

We attended the Town Show again this year showing our support for the local community. We put on a great show and received some lively feedback from those watching on.

We held our end of season presentation evening at a new venue – The Worthing Rugby club as we have outgrown our previous venues. This was a great success and gave the athletes a chance to get out of their training gear and into their glam. Its so nice for us trustees and Coaches to see the athletes let their hair down and present them with the medals and recognition they deserve for the season.

### **Financial Review**

At our Year end we held £26,393 as always, these funds are towards our Rent and Running costs. We will always update our safety equipment as and when is needed to put the athlete's safety first. As well as that of the public who use our facilities.

Our main source of income as always is from that of the Athletes Monthly Fees. A Full and Audited version of our accounts accompanies this report and will be uploaded to the charity commission following this AGM.



### The Future

As always competitive athletes' commitment is a must! Teams cannot progress to their full potential with athletes missing. So, we ask that you continue to commit once placed on a competition team and thank you in advance for this.

We appreciate the Standing order and Bank Transfers set up for monthly fees, we ask kindly when making payment direct into the account to change the reference of the payment as to what is being paid and the cheerleaders name. This makes the allocation of payments much easier and less chance of allocating incorrectly.

As we move into Season 26, The Sussex Tornados are the strongest they have ever been with 148 competitive athletes signed up across 12 Teams. 2 more being added this year to accommodate the huge number of new registrations and ensuring every athlete is being placed as per their ability and in a division that will allow them to progress.

This year we will be Fundraising hard for the Ultimate storm team to accept their bid to Florida. As of today, we have raised around £4000. We will be taking 22 Athletes to compete at Allstar Worlds. This is such an amazing achievement. We will also be competing in more divisions this year at competitions that will offer these bids. In the hope to offer this opportunity to more Sussex Tornados Athletes.

The whole programme of 12 competitive teams this season will be competing at the following competitions:

Winter Wonderland – Essex - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023  
Future Cheer Essentials - Crawley – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Cheer City Winter Spectacular – Warwick university - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Future Cheer Spotlight Showdown - Colchester – 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
BCA Spring spirit – Crawley – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Allstar Worlds – Florida – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Cheer City Summer Games – Hertfordshire Uni – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
BCA Allstar Nationals – Telford – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
ICC Southern Jam – Guildford – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Future Nationals – Bournemouth – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

We can not wait to see what this season holds, and see the journey of those going to Florida.

Finally, as always, my personal thanks go to my committee and the coaches.

(Maybe a little speech about handing over to me???)

### Declaration

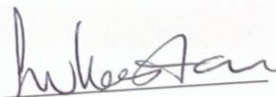
The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:

Secretary:



Treasurer:





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Sussex Tornadoes**

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2022	To	Period end date 31/07/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	45,862	-	-	45,862	32,868
Uniforms & T shirts	435	-	-	435	40
grants & donations	-	-	-	-	10
uk competitions	70,129	-	-	70,129	74,177
Competitions Holiday Camps	4,953	-	-	4,953	5,156
Fund Raising	3,503	-	-	3,503	3,200
ID cards/crb/Exams	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>124,882</b>	-	-	<b>124,882</b>	<b>115,451</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>124,882</b>	-	-	<b>124,882</b>	<b>115,451</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
BCA m/ships & insurance	156	-	-	156	156
Uniforms bows & t shirts	13,018	-	-	13,018	5,235
ID Cards/crb/exams	525	-	-	525	58
uk competitions	67,282	-	-	67,282	77,939
Stationary-other running costs	260	-	-	260	1,431
Gym Utilities & Premises	1,265	-	-	1,265	1,327
Rent	30,232	-	-	30,232	30,712
Fund Raising	1,061	-	-	1,061	523
Music & Equipment	2,534	-	-	2,534	8,725
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>116,333</b>	-	-	<b>116,333</b>	<b>126,106</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>116,333</b>	-	-	<b>116,333</b>	<b>126,106</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,549</b>	-	-	<b>8,549</b>	<b>10,655</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>26,393</b>	-	-	<b>26,393</b>	<b>37,048</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>34,942</b>	-	-	<b>34,942</b>	<b>26,393</b>



**Sussex Tornados**  
**Income and Expenditure**  
**Year ending 31 July 2023**

Income	Main account £	Trip account £	Total £
Subs	45,862.68	-	45,862.68
Uniform Deposits	-	-	-
T Shirts	435.00	-	435.00
Grants and donations	-	-	-
UK competitions	60,882.66	9,246.50	70,129.16
Competition/tickets	4,952.00	-	4,952.00
Fundraising	3,503.24	-	3,503.24
ID cards/CRB/exams	-	-	-
	<u>115,635.58</u>	<u>9,246.50</u>	<u>124,882.08</u>

Expenditure	Main account £	Trip account £	Total £
BCA m/ship & insurance	155.97	-	155.97
Uniforms	11,420.67	-	11,420.67
bows and T-shirts	1,597.35	-	1,597.35
ID cards+crb/exams	525.45	-	525.45
UK Competitions/camps	56,209.77	11,071.66	67,281.43
cash pay/f/raising-awards	1,061.04	-	1,061.04
stationery-other running costs gym	260.00	-	260.00
gym utilities and premises	1,265.49	-	1,265.49
rent	30,231.90	-	30,231.90
Bank fees, credit c	32.00	-	32.00
music	2,502.38	-	2,502.38
equipment	-	-	-
	<u>105,262.02</u>	<u>11,071.66</u>	<u>116,333.68</u>

Inc £ rent  
deposit

	Main account £	Trip account £	Total £
Balance b/fwd	21,389.35	5,004.02	26,393.37
Balance c/fwd	31,762.91	3,178.86	34,941.77

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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Sussex Tornado's Cheerleaders

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/07/23

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1140922

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

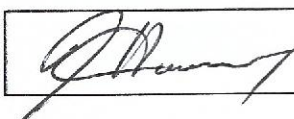
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or

1. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.



Signed:



Date:

25<sup>th</sup> September  
2023

Name:

John Harvey

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)