

SUSSEX STEEL

Charity Registration No 1160159

**Annual Report and Accounts for the 12 Months
31st December 2023**

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1. Reference & Administration Details

CHARITY NAME

Sussex Steel

STRUCTURE

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered on 26th January 2015. Charity Number 1160159

The charity was established under a constitution which established the objects and powers of the charitable incorporated organisation.

TRUSTEES

Trustees who served office during the year were

J. Acott
M. Klanczkowski
S. Allen
C. Hawes
L. Acott

The trustees are all unpaid positions.

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

The Co-operative Bank.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Pauline Farr ACMA

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2. Objectives & activities

Sussex Steel provides education in the art of steelpan for all.

Activities include running workshops and giving tuition both in schools and within the wider community. We provide the loan of free pans for schools to start their groups going. We provide opportunities for steelpan players of all ages to perform in public.

We provide opportunities for all members of society to participate in music

3. Achievements and performance

We have continued to work with schools across the region, and have invited other children to join our youth band.

Our largest growth this year has been within the adult bands. There are two bands in Brighton for adults and three at Angmering. Progress between the different bands has been encouraged with several of the beginners band having moved to the intermediate band and some of the intermediate players joining the community band.

The Community band were once again invited to play at the Swanage Carnival, which was very successful and led to further bookings.

All the Sussex Steel bands played at the Christmas event held at a local Church.

A successful fund raising sponsored walk was organised going from Brighton to Littlehampton with the proceeds going towards new equipment

Members of the Community band have successfully arranged a piece of music for the band to play.

4. Plans for future periods

We will continue to work with schools and the community, providing free access to steelpans where necessary.

The Community Band will play again over two days at the Swanage Carnival/Regatta.

We will continue to build links with other community groups and organisations.

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4. Plans for future periods (Cont)

Provide further opportunities for players to perform in public, allowing them to build up their confidence and gain performance experiences at different types of events

Continue with fund raising

We will introduce a Minis Band for Primary School children

We will introduce and promote a function band that can provide smaller groups for private parties and weddings etc, when requested.

5. Financial Review

A review of our tutoring activity across the many schools in East and West Sussex has resulted in an improvement in our financial stability. The Charity can report an operating surplus of £ 8.7k in the year

There was £ 1.3k spent on Capital, specialist tuning and new equipment.

The Trustees recognise the need to invest in new and replacement pans and other musical equipment. The Restrictd fund has been increased to £ 5k to meet these demands, leaving £ 19.4k of unrestriced funds at the year end.

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity at the period-end, and are confident that the current level of funding will be sufficient to enable the charity to continue in accordance with its objectives.

6. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:-



Colin Hawes
Treasurer

Date 23/9/2024

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the accounts for the twelve months ended 31st December 2023 as set out on pages 5 and 6.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 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.

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.

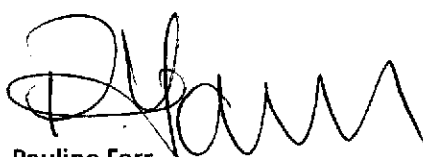
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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 2011 Charities Act.

have not been met; or

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



Pauline Farr
Examiner

Date 23/9/24


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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 For year ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Total £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
INCOME FROM				
Donations and Grants	738	1,875	2,613	1,085
Functions	7,505		7,505	10,285
Tuition	15,848		15,848	17,495
Busking	684		684	952
Workshops	-	-	-	550
Gift Aid	3,377		3,377	4,667
Fund Raising & Other Income	221	1,228	1,449	1,067
Annual Concerts	1,149		1,149	-
Trips and tours		2,314	2,314	1,160
TOTAL INCOME	29,522	5,417	34,939	37,261
EXPENDITURE ON				
Travel	70		70	2,298
Stationery, IT & General admin	429		429	187
Uniforms	37	-	37	285
Salaries & payroll expenses	16,412		16,412	33,120
Vehicle Expenses	1,039	-	1,039	1,766
Venue Hire	3,054		3,054	3,192
Tuning & minor equipment	-	1,229	1,229	686
Annual Concerts	480		480	-
Insurance	1,034		1,034	812
Other Event Costs	-		-	240
Maintenance & repairs	100		100	-
Trips & tours		2,391	2,391	1,069
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	22,654	3,621	26,275	43,655
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	6,867	1,796	8,664	(6,394)
ASSET PURCHASES		164	164	2,985
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	(3,368)	3,368		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	3,499	5,000	8,500	(9,379)
Cash funds brought forward	12,782		12,782	22,161
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16,281	5,000	21,282	12,782

SUSSEX STEEL**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

For year ended 31st December 2023

	Original Cost £	Accumulated Depn £	Current Value £	2022 Current Value £
Unrestricted Fixed Assets				
Pans and instruments	12,133	9,531	2,602	3,469
Gazebo	1,173	740	433	414
IT and Other Equipment	634	509	125	166
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	13,940	10,780	3,160	4,049
	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Total £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Cash Funds				
Cash at Bank	16,281	5,000	21,282	12,532
Expenses Advance			-	250
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	16,281	5,000	21,282	12,782
Other Assets				
Stock of CD's for sale			-	
Liabilities				
HMRC & Pensions				632
Suppliers			-	-
	-		-	632
NET ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	19,441	5,000	24,442	16,199



C Hayes
Trustee