

SUSSEX STEEL

Charity Registration No 1160159

**Annual Report and Accounts for the 12 Months
31st December 2024**

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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.

Funds of £ 401, from a busk, was donated to Children in Need.

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

Our Function Band is now up and running

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

To celebrate the charity's 20th anniversary next year, a large showcase performance is planned at the Worthing Pavillion Theatre, which will include an Alumin Band as well as all the current bands from Angmering and Brighton.

Members from across the Sussex Steel groups will be invited to attend workshops for mass bands including a workshop with guest tutor Kishan

5. Financial Review

The Charity made an operating surplus of just under £ 8k in the year, which was in line with expectations and similar to the previous year. Membership continues to grow generating increased tuition income.

Investment in new pans and other musical equipment increased to £ 5.7k in the year.

The Trustees recognise the need to invest in new and replacement pans and other musical equipment. The Restricted fund has been increased to £6k to meet these demands, leaving £ 17.1k 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

27/08/2025

Date

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the accounts for the twelve months ended 31st December 2024 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

27/08/2025

Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT


For year ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Total £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
INCOME FROM				
Donations and Grants	1,104	842	1,946	2,613
Functions	3,925		3,925	7,505
Tuition	19,130		19,130	15,848
Busking	1,330		1,330	684
Workshops	1,850	-	1,850	-
Gift Aid	3,972		3,972	3,377
Fund Raising & Other Income	200	-	200	1,449
Annual Concerts	4,206		4,206	1,149
Trips and tours		3,270	3,270	2,314
TOTAL INCOME	35,717	4,112	39,829	34,939
EXPENDITURE ON				
Travel	394		394	70
Stationery, IT & General admin	334		334	429
Uniforms	95	-	95	37
Tuition & Performances	15,497		15,497	16,412
Vehicle Expenses	1,416	-	1,416	1,039
Venue Hire	3,263		3,263	3,054
Tuning & minor equipment	1,105	2,253	3,358	1,229
Annual Concerts	1,760		1,760	480
Insurance	1,088		1,088	1,034
Charitable Donations	401		401	
Other Event Costs	-	300	300	-
Maintenance & repairs	-		-	100
Trips & tours		4,365	4,365	2,391
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	25,353	6,918	32,271	26,275
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	10,364	(2,806)	7,558	8,664
ASSET PURCHASES	3,530	2,194	5,724	164
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	(6,000)	6,000		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	834	1,000	1,834	8,500
Cash funds brought forward	16,282	5,000	21,282	12,782
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	17,116	6,000	23,116	21,282

SUSSEX STEEL**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

For year ended 31st December 2024

	Original Cost £	Accumulated Depn £	Current Value £	2023 Current Value £
Unrestricted Fixed Assets				
Pans and instruments	17,127	11,232	5,895	2,602
Gazebo	1,173	848	325	433
IT and Other Equipment	634	541	93	125
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	18,934	12,621	6,313	3,160
	Unrestricted Total £	Restricted Total £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Cash Funds				
Cash at Bank	17,116	6,000	23,116	21,282
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	17,116	6,000	23,116	21,282
Other Assets				
Stock of CD's for sale			-	
Liabilities				
Suppliers			-	-
	-		-	-
NET ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	23,429	6,000	29,429	24,442


 C Hawes
 Trustee

27/08/2025