

# OASIS COMMUNITY PROJECT - EAST HASTINGS

England & Wales · Charity number 1161078

## Details

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**Other names** OASIS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-03-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF EDUCATION.THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH GENERALLY.THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS AND THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY.TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH,AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

**Activities:** group walks and lunches, cooking sessions, craft group, quiz nights, reminiscence sessions, outings, physical activities, volunteer support, family history sessions, men's group,one to one support, afternoon teas, .

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- East Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	-	-	-	-
2024-03-31	£34,739	£42,012	-	-
2023-03-31	£37,745	£42,060	-	-
2022-03-31	£36,000	£36,000	-	-
2021-03-31	£36,640	£31,202	-	-
2020-03-31	£30,580	£31,068	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Maureen Gardiner</b>	Chair	2014-09-10
Lynda Beeney		2023-06-24
Pauline Woodcock		2023-06-24

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# Accounts

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# **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

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## **Trustee Report and Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**OASIS Community Project - East Hastings  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

<b>Full name</b>	OASIS Community Project - East Hastings
<b>Legal structure</b>	Charitable Incorporate Organisation. Registered with the charity commission on 26 March 2015.
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1161078
<b>Principal address</b>	Broomgrove Community Centre, 85 Malvern Way, Hastings, TN34 3PY
<b>Trustees</b>	Maureen Gardiner Lou Woodcock Lyn Beeney Lisa Bartholomew Alan Turner
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank, Hastings branch
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Laura Dawson, employee of Hastings Voluntary Action Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN
<b>Governance and management</b>	The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted January 2015. The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is laid down in the constitution.
<b>Aims and objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The advancement for the public benefit of education.</li><li>• The advancement of health and the preservation and protection of public health generally.</li><li>• The relief of persons who are in need, hardship or distress and the prevention and relief of poverty.</li><li>• To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.</li><li>• Such other charitable purposes for the public benefit as the trustees shall from time to time determine.</li></ul>

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April 2023 seems like years ago when reading through the minutes of meetings. We were preparing to take over the running of Broomgrove community Centre by dipping our toes into the water by covering parties at weekends, looking into what our responsibilities would be on health and Safety with Rachel from Southern Housing and we started to put our mark on the centre by buying some lovely second hand sofas and chairs for the meeting room. We also had new shelving in our cupboard which were put up by Reg from the Men's shed.

We had 5 women regularly attend sewing sessions on Saturday mornings, Energise Sussex Coast were visiting each Wednesday to help residents acquire new white goods or provide advice on keeping draughts out and lowering utility bills. Our Projects Manager was also gearing up for summer outings with bid writing and scouring the internet for prices of venues and emailing coach companies for prices of transport

Through the following couple of months we held quiz nights to help raise a few pounds for our unringfenced funds, added our Chairperson Mo to our online banking so we could pay bills more easily, and we were in discussion about setting a new bank account for the centre for when we were taking over. This was a very busy period of time for us. So many new things to think about while still needing to find the time to organise outings and activities, attend meetings and look after the finances..... and of course this workload has not stopped as delved deeper into the day to day running of the centre.

Oasis Projects Manager and Oasis Trustees continued meeting the Trustees of Broomgrove Residents Association and the meetings were overseen by Steve Manwaring from Hastings voluntary Action to help us navigate our way through all the information.

June saw us all take and pass our Health and Hygiene certificates in preparation for events and future cooking sessions, and this came in handy when we were called on to help heat up food for a groups party, and the temperatures the food needed to reach to be safe all kicked in again, so we really put into practice what we had learnt.

The Projects Manager and Trustees continued to attend meetings at Education Futures Trust, Big local – North East Hastings (our Projects Manager is Vice Chair), Ageing Well and the Hastings food Network to find out what projects were being delivered in the town, meet people from other organisations and information to take back to our group. These have been very informative and certainly help us to try new activities and see what other groups are delivering and learn from their experiences. Our Projects Manager also starting attending meetings about funding for Broomgrove estate through a government funding programme – Shared Prosperity.

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This funding was to provide activities and opportunities for local residents for the longer term to help to revitalise the neighbourhood increase prospects for residents and improve the general look of the estate. This funding of capital and revenue funding is to last a year so there has been lots of discussion to make decisions to ensure outcomes are met in the timescale. The panel meets to decided on the activities that were to be delivered and how the funding was to be spent.

The busy summer saw us go on group walks, group meals at Indian and Turkish restaurants, lunch at the Isabel Blackman centre, outings to Drusillas, Knockhatch, Kent County Show, Kent and East Sussex Railway for the 1940s weekend, ten pin bowling, Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch railway to name a few.

As meetings progressed with Broomgrove Residents Association, an agreement and a lease were signed in December 2023. This gives Oasis a 25 year lease with a 5 year break clause to run the community centre day to day, and the length of the lease is great to be able to apply for funding bids as funders prefer a longer lease to ensure their funding has long term outcomes. There were also lots of meetings and emails with Shared Prosperity and at the end of 2023 it was decided to provide £200,000 to the community Centre for us to make additions to the centre to enable the venue to run on a more efficient and productive way. The additions are to increase the size of the office and kitchen, to add a new cupboard for the tables and chairs as the current cupboard is too small and unsuitable for so many tables and chairs. This extra cupboard space will mean Oasis can expand into the cupboard next door and be able to actually see all of our equipment and this in turn will make us a bit more efficient. being able to store items on more shelves.

Chairperson Mo added "This year has been quite eventful one way or another. We have done a lot this year of interesting activities and outings. A few examples are group meals out, theatre trips, summer trips for families, panto, fruit picking and Warm Welcome Wednesdays to name just a few.

We have at last taken over the running of the Broomgrove centre, by lease but Residents Association have retained the building and its repairs. It has been a busy time with a lot achieved so far since we took over the day to day running with the centre, been cleared of a lot of outdated furniture and clutter making better use of storage and cupboards etc. We have had new purchases of a new cupboard for the office, a range cooker, and microwave purchased along with 2 long tables which can be folded.

There is exciting building work planned to improve the centre and make it even more usable and attractive. One disappointment was being turned down for 2 grants that usually pay or go towards summer outings, which means we will still put some on just trimmed down. The Oasis numbers have increased due to talking to residents at all the sports activities the Levelling Up Funding have put on and the fun days St Michael's Hospice have delivered at the centre.

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The bookings are going well and parties at the centre are proving very popular. So far so good, plenty of new ideas in the offing. Onwards and Upwards are the new watch words for Oasis Community Hub at Broomgrove”

In 2024 we began to make more progress in understanding what needed to be achieved in the running of the centre with taking bookings, covering parties at weekends and covering groups in the weekday evenings that do not have a key, reporting repairs, ensuring health and safety is maintained, managing buying resources for the centre like hand towels, washing up liquid etc keeping and ensuring the building is able to function efficiently. This extra work means our Projects Manager Jackie now has two roles - that of Manager of Oasis and now Centre Manager and of course the with extra titles comes extra responsibility and extra workload, and to cover the new roles, we decided to change Jackie's title to Oasis Community hub and Development Manager – so it says what it does on the tin.

Oasis Trustees and staff have a vision for the centre for the future and going forward we want to refer to the building as a Hub, because we want to see it thrive and be full of residents all gaining use out of it, and we will all be working hard in the future to see this happen and our vision come to fruition.

This sentiment is also echoed by our Treasurer Lyn, who writes “We have continued throughout this last financial year working with Broomgrove Residents Association and supported by Hastings Voluntary Action in taking over the management of the Community Centre to facilitate the day to day running of this. It has brought much extra work for all concerned. We have tried to encourage visitors and new members to our many sessions we have (lunches and fundraising) and to participate in these.

We look forward to the future with thanks to the levelling up fund whereby the community centre will be extended and hopefully more residents will be able to enjoy the facility and all we have to offer”.

In February 2024, we took stock of the funds we had in in preparation to book summer outings, look at what activities we could deliver in the Hub and our Community Hub Manager contacted coach companies and venues to begin our summer programme, spoke to local residents about joining our mailing list so they find out what activities we deliver and attended more meetings with other organisations that we can work with more. Our Community hub Manager sits on the panel for Shared prosperity so she can have input into the spending of the funds to have knowledge of what the programme is delivering and has an in depth knowledge of the building works that will happen in the hub, Jackie is also Vice Chair of Big Local - which is a ten year programme run by local residents that is nearing the end of ten years and Jackie writes " I am very proud to have been involved in Big Local North East Hastings, seeing how we have helped transform the North Hastings area,

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increased the interaction between all the different organisations that work in the area and provided funds to local groups with much less red tape than some other funders. Big Local has improved the overall feel of North-East Hastings improving the residents panel insight into what activities are in our area and has achieved a better community. Reflecting on all the events and groups however small that we have helped in the last 10 years, the fun we had watching a Panto be put on by local residents, large fun days organised and our funds leading to groups being able to secure larger grants is satisfying, and to know I have helped be a part of that outcome is a good feeling”

The end of the financial year saw us in a great position of setting up a new bank account to take in bookings payments, set up new systems, gathering in funding from bids and having a variety of groups using the centre.

One of our Trustees Alan wrote “This is my first year being an Oasis Trustee and the first time of taking over the running of a community venue, meeting with the Broomgrove Residents Association, so there has been a lot of learning for me. It will be a good thing if we can KEEP the centre open & stop one more centre from folding as well as enhancing all the other things Oasis does.”

Our other Trustees for 2023/24 were Lou (Secretary) and Lisa.

Our Oasis Community Hub and Development Manager ends this report by writing

“2023/24 has been a more challenging year than the past 27 years Oasis has been going. I have seen the project start from one of the sub groups of Ore Valley Forum, and set up and run by Clare Croft (as was then) when we were based in the parade of shops on Malvern Way – about a minute’s walk from the venue we are based in now. Then we moved into the Surestart (as was then) building before landing in the Broomgrove Community centre over 10 years ago. We became independent from Hastings Trust and applied to become a registered Charity, then an Incorporated Charity, all staying with the Broomgrove estate.

I have seen the estate evolve through the years through troubles and good times and a community Centre has been the mainstay of the community all this time. The original building was literally hand built and fundraised for by local residents, this was demolished and the current building was built 20 years ago and was quite modern in its time. In 20 years, technology has changed beyond what we would have recognised then so we are in the process of updating systems, updating some furniture, installing new products like the large range gas cooker which will really help when we have cooking classes in the building, and we are updating booking procedures to be online although paper booking will still be taken.

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Our online presence in advertising will be increasing to enable us to reach many more people and we are really excited about the building works that are taking place this year which will help increase bookings, improve the general running and will increase storage, all positives. The building work is being funded through Shared prosperity, a government scheme which is also funding a one year post of a Community Development Worker who will be bringing in more residents, helping to increase the activities we provide and develop the building as we travel through this next phase for Oasis, and we are looking forward to her starting working with us.

We were fortunate to have gained a grant from the lottery "Cost of Living" Fund in December 2023 and this grant enabled us to continue to deliver our Warm Welcome Wednesday – a warm lounge type project – which has helped residents enormously through the winter months as they didn't have to put heating on at home while they were at the Hub, and residents could participate in a range of activities followed by a FREE two course home made lunch. This project has helped residents not to be isolated or lonely at home, they have made new friends and the project provided volunteer opportunities to increase skills and knowledge.

One of the providers of free food bags in the area is no longer able to deliver these to residents and Oasis alongside Hastings Voluntary Action from funding provided by Shared Prosperity will be starting a social supermarket. This will be open once a week and is aimed at Broomgrove residents to come and pay a small donation and choose 10 items of food that will be available. This service will be of great benefit to families that are really struggling with the raised prices of food and utility bills and we are overjoyed to be able to offer this service to Broomgrove residents. Alongside this service we are aiming to have a wraparound service with organisations that can help people in need such as Citizens Advice, HARC, and these services will be invaluable towards us helping residents in these difficult times.

For the future we are aiming to add in a variety of activities for residents, and to build on the work St Michael's Hospice and Active Hastings have been delivering in the area, working more with The Hastings food network and the Ageing better Network, increasing meeting up with new residents, encouraging local people to come and use the hub and help them feel they have a stake in the building and it's future success.

We do have further plans to increase the building and would love to be able to offer a café and other meeting rooms, a health facility and office space to rent out, so watch this space for 2024/ 25 to see what we have achieved".

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for the year ended 31 March 2024 (cont'd)**

The charity's policy on reserves  
The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

L. S. Beeny  
Trustee

L. S. BEENY  
Print name

Lou Woodcock  
Trustee

P. Woodcock.  
Print name

Date: 8. 6. 24.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of  
OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

I report on the accounts of the charity which are set out on pages 2 to 11.

**Respective responsibilities of committee & 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.

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 report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 supporting documentation 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:

- 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
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.



Laura Dawson  
Finance Manager  
Hastings Voluntary Action  
Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

Dated: 13/6/202

## OASIS Community Project - East Hastings

### Receipts & Payment accounts

for the period  
**01 April 2023** to **31 March 2024**

	Current Year				Previous Year
	Community Hub Account	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants		23,966	400	24,366	28,774
Lettings for Hub	220	-	-	220	-
Membership		-	1,057	1,057	885
Donations		-	991	991	640
Trips & activities		-	6,277	6,277	5,268
Fundraising		-	1,827	1,827	2,178
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>23,966</b>	<b>10,553</b>	<b>34,739</b>	<b>37,745</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Activities		12,612	8,774	21,385	15,977
Salaries & oncosts		10,787	3,870	14,657	21,637
Insurance		663	47	710	640
Transport & Parking		447	-	447	395
HVA Services		139	59	198	175
Office costs		3,358	1,118	4,476	2,964
Independent examination		110	-	110	-
Equipment		-	-	-	272
Hub Costs	29	-	-	29	-
Accounts		-	-	-	-
Misc/Sundry		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28,116</b>	<b>13,866</b>	<b>42,012</b>	<b>42,060</b>
Net surplus/(deficit)	191	(4,150)	(3,314)	(7,273)	(4,314)
Fund balances b/f	1/4/23	-	5,374	20,855	25,169
Fund balances c/f	31/3/24	191	2,060	13,582	20,855

## OASIS Community Project - East Hastings

### Statement of Assets & Liabilities

as at

31 March 2024

	Community Hub Account	Restricted Income	Unrestricted Income	Total	Previous year Total
<b>Current assets</b>					
Current Account @ 31/03/24		11,331	1,711	13,042	20,666
Cash in hand @ 31/03/24			349	349	188
Hub Current Account @ 31/03/24	170			170	
Hub Petty Cash @ 31/03/24	21			21	
Receipts awaiting banking				-	-
	<u>191</u>	<u>11,331</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>13,582</u>	<u>20,856</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Uncashed cheques		-	-	-	-
	<u>191</u>	<u>11,331</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>13,582</u>	<u>20,856</u>

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993. The trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

approved by the Trustees on 8th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by

L. S. Beeney Lyn Beeney - Treasurer

P Woodcock Lou Woodcock - Secretary

**OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**  
**Breakdown of restricted funding at 31 March 2024**

Notes

<b>1 Lottery - Reaching Communities</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		3,576	
Grant received		-	
Expenditure (items)			3,556
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>20</b>
<b>3 Big Local Activities May 21</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		256	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			256
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>4 Big Local - Outings 2022</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		808	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			808
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>5 Orbit</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		1,278	
Grant received		-	
Expenditure (items)			641
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>637</b>
<b>6 Chalk Cliff</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		3,870	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			3,870
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>7 Sussex Community Foundation - Mens</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		972	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>972</b>

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(continued)

<b>8 Sussex Community Foundation - Warm</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		2,650	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			2,650
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>9 Active Sussex</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		162	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			162
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>10 Isabel Blackman Foundation</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		520	
Grant received		-	
Expenditure (items)			520
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>11 Magdalen &amp; Lasher Outings</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		200	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			200
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>12 Awards for All</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		127	
Grant received		-	
Expenditure (items)			127
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>13 Big Local - March 23</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		1,065	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			516
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>549</b>
<b>14 Isabel Blackman Outings 2023</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		-	
Grant received		1,500	
Expenditure (items)			1,409
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>91</b>
<b>15 Magdalen &amp; Lasher 2023</b>	£		£
Grant b/f		-	
Grant received		1,500	
Expenditure (items)			913
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>587</b>

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	£	£
<b>16 Food Partnership - Bag Scheme</b>		(continued)
Grant b/f	-	
Grant received	2,500	
Expenditure (items)		133
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>2,367</b>
<b>17 Big Local - Dec 23</b>		
Grant b/f	-	
Grant received	1,066	
Expenditure (items)		742
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>324</b>
<b>18 Southern Housing for Pop up Café</b>		
Grant b/f	-	
Grant received	3,000	
Expenditure (items)		-
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>3,000</b>
<b>19 Lottery - Cost of Living</b>		
Grant b/f	-	
Grant received	12,900	
Expenditure (items)		11,615
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>1,285</b>
<b>20 Mag &amp; Lash March 24</b>		
Grant b/f	-	
Grant received	1,500	
Expenditure (items)		
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>1,500</b>
 <b>Total Restricted Funding Held</b>		 <b>11,331</b>

## **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings Notes**

### **1 Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debt as they become due.

### **2 Premises & staff**

The premises are provided by Broomgrove Residents Association.  
The organisation has one paid staff member.

### **3 Trustees' remuneration**

During the accounting period trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits.

### **4 Previous period comparison**

The previous period's figures have been included for comparison.

### **6 Glossary of terms**

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

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for the year ended 31 March 2023**

<b>Full name</b>	OASIS Community Project - East Hastings
<b>Legal structure</b>	Charitable Incorporate Organisation. Registered with the charity commission on 26 March 2015.
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1161078
<b>Principal address</b>	Broomgrove Community Centre, 85 Malvern Way, Hastings, TN34 3PY
<b>Trustees</b>	Valerie Coleman Moir Ward Maureen Gardiner Lou Woodcock Lyn Beeney
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank, Hastings branch
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Laura Dawson, employee of Hastings Voluntary Action Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN
<b>Governance and management</b>	The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted January 2015. The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is laid down in the constitution.
<b>Aims and objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The advancement for the public benefit of education.</li><li>• The advancement of health and the preservation and protection of public health generally.</li><li>• The relief of persons who are in need, hardship or distress and the prevention and relief of poverty.</li><li>• To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.</li><li>• Such other charitable purposes for the public benefit as the trustees shall from time to time determine.</li></ul>

## **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

### **Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont'd)**

We started last April 2022 with bit of a buzz, looking forward to celebrating the Queens Jubilee by organising a group afternoon tea, and we kept ourselves busy fundraising with a sponsored silence and a quiz.

In June 2022 we visited the Kent County Show on a day that became one of the hottest in the year! It was a great feeling, being able to shake off the shackles of COVID after two years, with less restrictions while keeping vigilant.

During the summer, we had exercises for older people and playing archery, boules and seated football and outings to Maidstone and ten pin bowling, a day on Hastings seafront, Drusillas and Knockhatch, Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway and Wingham Wildlife centre. We also ran a sewing course at the Community Centre with a local seamstress. Our membership numbers grew as new families joined us for our summer outings and we had some great feedback about the venues we visited.

We had funding for the outings and activities from Big Local -North East Hastings, Magdalen & Lasher Foundation, Isabel Blackman Foundation and our fundraising efforts.

Autumn and winter saw the cost of living rise for everyone and as gas and electric prices increased more people attended the weekly food bag collections as their budgets were not matching their outgoings. We applied for funding from Asda Community Foundation and we successfully gained £500 which started our "Warm lounge" project to cover the winter period. This project meant we could open up a day a week for the whole day delivering a range of different activities in the morning, a two course lunch then afternoon activities and finishing before it got dark so residents could get home safely. The all day sessions mean that residents would not need their heating on while they were at the centre, they would be less isolated in the dark winter months, ate a meal and they could take home what was left to make another meal, so again saving them money. A successful bid to Sussex Community Foundation meant we were able to continue this important work further and for longer with funding of £3,820. We fed on average 12 people at each session.

We invited Energise Sussex coast to hold a stall each week during the winter months and they were excellent at helping residents with solving problems with bills, helping residents on low incomes obtain new white goods, giving out items to help keeping draughts out and the heating in. residents who used the free service were really pleased at the help they were given.

## **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

### **Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont'd)**

One of our returning Trustees, Lyn shared her thoughts on this project “ **Creating the warm lounge project has been a highlight for Oasis, giving good food and companionship for users. Excellent conversations, laughter and sharing experiences through reminiscence sessions. The table games created a competitive edge, albeit friendly competition.**

**We have worked closely with social prescribers who brought new people to our group.**

**We walked the length of the seafront to raise some much needed funds and held a musical bingo night with a curry supper, this proved very popular as it was a fun evening and new residents attended”**

Trying out new fundraising ideas, means there is a way most of our members can get involved and we do not get stuck in a rut doing the same things year after year.

Our Chairperson Mo says “ **We have had many achievements in this last year and the warm lounge was a successful project we worked on. We have increased our networking, by attending more meetings with other organisations and invited guest speakers to come and provide information to the group. We tried a new fundraiser in Musical bingo, and this turned out to be a great income boost to our unringfenced funds.**

**We also supported other organisations in the town by attending their quizzes and events, meeting new people, having a laugh and helping to boost their profits as its important to help each other out.**

**We had two six week courses of sewing class which brought in two new residents, who heard about oasis through our social media platform, we are now awaiting the finished clothes to be paraded on the catwalk.**

**We added to our fundraising efforts with quizzes, a sponsored walk, a sponsored silence and donations and this enabled Oasis to subsidise evening meals out, exercise classes and group lunches out.**

**We have lots in the pipeline for the future with training courses, summer outings for 2023 /24 and the planned taking over of the community centre on a day to day basis. Hopefully everything will be finalised soon and this will give us more scope to fulfil our aim of decreasing isolation, loneliness and increasing the bringing together of all ages together to help improve residents lives, as Oasis has certainly helped me in my life**

## **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

### **Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont'd)**

**One of our new Trustees Lou, echoed Mo's thought saying "Oasis provides a range of great activities including musical bingo, quizzes, theatre shows, group walks and group lunches for all ages. These are good for bringing residents together and most of all is a feel good factor, improved sense of wellbeing and making new friends"**

One of our Trustees Moira, stepped down from her Treasurers position and being a Trustees at the end of the financial year in March 2023. Moira had been a Trustee for a few years and had played a vital role in gathering information on the income and the outgoings of Broomgrove Community Centre for the last three years to see if the finances were strong enough for us to consider taking over the day today running of the centre. The present organisation running the Community centre are Broomgrove Residents Association and they have decided they all wanted to step down so were looking for another charity with similar aims and objectives to take over the centre. Oasis have been attending meetings each month for the last year, to discuss all the relevant information that we needed to ensure the decision was right for Oasis and that we were the right people to run the community centre. Moira gathered figures so we would be aware of the extra costs and responsibilities we would be taking on and also asked an expert on saving costs on heating to come and look around the centre to give us some pointers on how we could lower costs, especially in the winter months. We give a big thank you to Moira for all the work she put into this.

The work into taking over the Community Centre is not over yet, and we remain in meetings, working away behind the scenes to put everything in place. There will be lots more work involved with running Oasis and running the Community Centre. We will be applying to funders for bids for wages for new members of staff and we will be trying to recruit new volunteers to help us with the smooth running of the centre.

Of course we are always pleased to welcome new Trustees to Oasis too, so please do have a think through today if you would be involved. We hold a meeting each month and we change this to a time and day of the week that is convenient to most Trustees.

Trustees make decisions about funding and expenditure, activities, outings, who we work with, what our plans are for the future and we also have a laugh !

## **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

### **Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont'd)**

Oasis staff and Trustees have been attending lots of meetings to help with networking and finding out what else goes on in the area. We attend the Education Futures Trust East Hastings hub meetings which provides us with lots of information. Education futures trust are based in Elphinstone Road, so it is within walking distance to our venue. We have also been involved in meetings at Central Hall in Hastings town centre for Ageing well meetings. These meeting help us meet other residents from other organisations to discuss how hastings can help older people have a better life in the town.

Near the beginning of 2023 we also worked with "The grumpy Cook" and he provided cooked breakfasts at the Community centre for £2 for four weeks on a Tuesday morning which included bacon, a sausage, fried egg, a slice of toast and a cup of tea. We had a stall at Winchelsea grounds in August 2022 and a Christmas stall at an event Association of Carers organised In December 2022, and we put together a team to join in the Association of Carers quiz night, although we didn't win, we have a lovely time. Our Projects Manager Jackie also represents us on the Big Local Partnership where she is vice chair (The Chair, Richard and others from Big Local are also in attendance today) and Jackie also sits on the panel of the Levelling up Fund / Prosperity Fund (again with Richard and Andy who is the Chair of that group is also here today).

This government fund was announced for the Broomgrove area in December 2022 and has 1 million pounds to spend over three years on Broomgrove community centre, the environment and other organisations as the Adventure playground. Andy was invited to inform this AGM a bit more about the funding and what changes will be happening. So as you have heard working behind the scenes of all the activities and outings, we have all had a very busy year, increasing our networking, meeting new people, visiting other community centres and working on the taking over of Broomgrove Community Through winter holiday of 2022 we organised a group trip to the local panto (oh yes we did!), an evening trip to see the spectacular winter lights at Bedgebury, and arranged a group Christmas dinner which saw a range of ages attend and add another good time to their family memories together

In January 2023 Our Projects Manager Jackie, sent out a survey to all our members and mailing list to see what they might be interested in taking part in for 2023, and this included outings, cooking, sewing, art, training and places for a group walk. These responses feed into our plans for the rest of the financial year and knowing what residents will attend means you are only spending funds on delivering activities you know will be supported and gives good value to our funds that have been raised through bid writing or by our own efforts.

## **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

### **Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont'd)**

One of our other new Trustees, Lisa shared her thoughts "After becoming a Trustee of Oasis is when I realised just how much Oasis do for our community. So much work goes on behind the scenes to organise projects. It's not just about trips out for families and individuals, although they have proved successful tackling isolation and for children to experience new adventures that they probably wouldn't usually do. because of cost.

One thing that sticks in my mind is a musical bingo evening at the community centre, this sounds trivial, however, I could see how much people enjoyed the evening with a meal. Some residents really appreciated the event as it got people out to socialise and to eat, it proved very popular.

Partnership working with other organisations and projects are a necessity and oasis excels at it. We have projects in the pipeline partnering organisations that will potentially benefit residents with health care, social isolation, education and more, with the UK prosperity fund investment, there are exciting times ahead".

One of our long standing trustees Val, added "I really enjoyed the free sewing sessions that were held at the community centre last year. These sessions were advertised on our social media and attracted two new people that were not previously members of Oasis. I made a pair of culottes and others made others clothes too, so it helped us save money and learn lots of new sewing skills. Other venues offering sewing were quite expensive, and we were lucky to have been offered these free, from a funding pot that Jackie applied for."

#### **Our plans for this year coming up – from April 2023**

Last year we said in our annual report that our plans for 2022 and 2023 included increasing our workload to start working with Broomgrove Residents Association in running the centre. These discussions, a year on, are still ongoing but we do think it will be very imminent that Oasis will take over the running day to day of Broomgrove Community Centre.

*We said "This will mean more challenges, certainly more work and more freedom to try new activities and ways of Oasis working. This will be gradual as there is lots for us all to learn and understand. It will mean more time spent working on projects and talking to organisations that offer activities at the centre.*

## **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

### **Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont'd)**

*A big step for us, in taking more of a role, but we are working as a team to build up our knowledge by arranging some training courses for our Trustees and our members, recruiting volunteers to help with some small tasks, making new partnerships with organisations and working with new people in the town, so after being unable to deliver so much in the last two years, we are using our strengths –our team of Trustees -building upwards, adding to our promotion and publicity and we hope that you will come with us on this new adventure”*

Oasis Community Project is based in Broomgrove Community Centre, which sits in the heart of the estate and our work, and our future plans are now boosted by the UK prosperity Fund which has a million pounds to spend over three years to help improve the area of Broomgrove as I spoke about earlier.

We are working with Heather, who is the new physical activity sports worker for Broomgrove, Hastings Borough Council and the levelling up panel to bring lasting changes to the area.

This funding will help towards bringing activities to the area and other local projects, improving environmental areas around the estate and making building improvements to the community centre to leave a legacy for years to come and we are excited to play a part in this improvement work for the area in which we work and for the residents that live in this area ..... exciting and busy times ahead !

Our other plans include raising more funds so we can deliver more outings and activities, write more applications to funders to gather ringfenced money in, attend more meetings to widen the number of other organisations that know about our services and network more help even more residents on a one to one basis – as we have not at least 6 in

Can I finish by Thanking all the Trustees (and past Trustees for 2022/23) and staff at Oasis for all the work that has been put in during the last year and remind anyone that might have two hours a month for meetings (day or evenings) and a little time to help at events to please sign up to be a Trustee to support all the activities Oasis provides.

**OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

**Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2023 (cont'd)**

The charity's policy on reserves  
The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

M Gardiner  
Chair

M. GARDINER  
Print name

L. S. Beeny  
Secretary

L. S. BEENY  
Print name

Date: 24/6/2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of  
OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

I report on the accounts of the charity which are set out on pages 2 to 10.

**Respective responsibilities of committee & 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.

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 report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 supporting documentation 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:

- 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
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.



Laura Dawson  
Finance Manager  
Hastings Voluntary Action  
Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

Dated: 23.06.2023

## OASIS Community Project - East Hastings

### Receipts & Payment accounts

for the period

01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Current Year			Previous Year
	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	28,774	-	28,774	32,619
Membership	-	885	885	-
Donations	-	640	640	30
Trips & activities	-	5,268	5,268	2,167
Fundraising	-	2,178	2,178	1,640
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>28,774</b>	<b>8,972</b>	<b>37,745</b>	<b>36,456</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Activities	9,224	6,753	15,977	8,252
Salaries & oncosts	21,637	-	21,637	23,135
Insurance	640	-	640	701
Transport & Parking	395	-	395	-
HVA Services	176	-	176	-
Office costs	2,964	-	2,964	2,392
Travel, committee expenses, A/c	-	-	-	324
Independent examination	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	272	272	140
Office rental	-	-	-	618
Training	-	-	-	100
Accounts	-	-	-	30
Misc/Sundry	-	-	-	3
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>35,035</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>42,060</b>	<b>35,696</b>
Net surplus/(deficit)	(6,261)	1,947	(4,314)	760
Fund balances b/f 1/4/22	21,742	3,427	25,169	24,409
Fund balances c/f 31/3/23	15,481	5,374	20,855	25,169

## OASIS Community Project - East Hastings

### Statement of Assets & Liabilities


as at


31 March 2023

			Restricted Income	Unrestricted Income	Total	Previous year Total
<b>Current assets</b>						
Current Account	@	31/03/23	15,481	5,186	20,666	25,031
Cash in hand	@	31/03/23		188	188	139
Receipts awaiting banking					-	-
			<u>15,481</u>	<u>5,374</u>	<u>20,855</u>	<u>25,169</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Uncashed cheques			-	-	-	-
			<u>15,481</u>	<u>5,374</u>	<u>20,855</u>	<u>25,169</u>

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993. The trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 24/6/23 and signed on their behalf by

  
Maureen Gardiner

  
Moira Ward

**OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**  
**Breakdown of restricted funding at 31 March 2023**

Notes

<b>1 Lottery - Reaching Communities</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		14,527	
Grant received		14,861	
Expenditure (items)			25,811
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>3,576</b>
<b>3 Big Local Activities May 21</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		560	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			305
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>256</b>
<b>4 Big Local - Outings 2022</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		259	
Grant received		4,158	
Expenditure (items)			3,609
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>808</b>
<b>5 Orbit</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		1,673	
Grant received		-	
Expenditure (items)			395
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>1,278</b>
<b>6 Asda Foundation</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f			
Grant received		500	
Expenditure (items)			500
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>7 Chaik Cliff</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f			
Grant received		3,870	
Expenditure (items)			
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>3,870</b>
<b>8 Sussex Community Foundation - Mens</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		982	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			10
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>972</b>

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**OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**  
**Breakdown of restricted funding at 31 March 2023**  
(continued)

<b>9 Sussex Community Foundation - Warm</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		-	
Grant received		3,820	
Expenditure (items)			1,170
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>2,650</b>
<b>10 Active Sussex</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		775	
Grant received			
Expenditure (items)			614
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>162</b>
<b>11 Isabel Blackman Foundation</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		1,500	
Grant received		-	
Expenditure (items)			981
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>520</b>
<b>12 Magdalen &amp; Lasher Outings</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f			
Grant received		500	
Expenditure (items)			300
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>200</b>
<b>13 Awards for All</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f		1,467	
Grant received		-	
Expenditure (items)			1,340
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>127</b>
<b>14 Big Local - March 23</b>	£	£	
Grant b/f			
Grant received		1,065	
Expenditure (items)			
<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>1,065</b>
<b>Total Restricted Funding Held</b>			<b>15,481</b>

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**OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**  
**Breakdown of restricted funding at 31 March 2022**  
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<b>8 Sussex Community Foundation</b>	£	£
Grant b/f	982.00	
Grant received	-	
Expenditure (items)		(0.01)
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>982.01</b>
<b>9 Active Sussex</b>	£	£
Grant b/f	1,690.00	
Grant received	-	
Expenditure (items)		915.00
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>775.00</b>
<b>10 Isabel Blackman Foundation</b>	£	£
Grant b/f	1,500.00	
Grant received	-	
Expenditure (items)		-
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>1,500.00</b>
<b>11 Big Local Food Bags</b>	£	£
Grant b/f	-	
Grant received	1,066.00	
Expenditure (items)		1,066.00
<b>Balance c/f</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Total Restricted Funding Held</b>		<b><u>21,742.05</u></b>

## OASIS Community Project - East Hastings

### Receipts & Payment accounts

for the period

01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

	Current Year			Previous Year
	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	32,619	-	32,619	35,743
Membership	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	30	30	-
Trips & activities	-	2,167	2,167	756
Fundraising	-	1,640	1,640	141
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>32,619</b>	<b>3,837</b>	<b>36,456</b>	<b>36,640</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Activities & food bags	5,670	2,583	8,252	4,077
Salaries & oncosts	23,135	-	23,135	24,084
Insurance	701	-	701	708
Disclosure & barring	-	-	-	-
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Office costs	2,218	174	2,392	1,967
Travel, committee expenses, AG	324	-	324	76
Independent examination	-	-	-	30
Equipment	140	-	140	260
Office rental	618	-	618	-
Training	100	-	100	-
Accounts	-	30	30	-
Misc/Sundry	-	3	3	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>32,906</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>35,696</b>	<b>31,202</b>
Net surplus/(deficit)	(287)	1,047	760	5,438
Fund balances b/f 1/4/21	22,029	2,380	24,409	18,970
Fund balances c/f 31/3/22	21,742	3,427	25,169	24,408

# **OASIS Community Project - East Hastings**

**Registered charity, number 1161078**

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**OASIS Community Project – East Hastings**

**Registered charity, number 1161078**

**Trustee Report and Financial statements  
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## **OASIS Community Project – East Hastings**

### **Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2021**

**Full name** OASIS Community Project – East Hastings

**Legal structure** Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Registered with the charity commission on the 26 March 2015.

**Registered charity number** 1161078

**Principal address** Broomgrove Community Centre, 85 Malvern Way,  
Hastings, TN34 3PY

**Trustees** Valerie Coleman  
Moirá Ward  
Maureen Gardiner  
Shelagh Lavender  
Lynda Skillen

**Bankers** Barclays Bank, Hastings branch

**Independent examiner**

Pat Weaver, employee of Hastings Voluntary Action, Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted January 2015

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is laid down in the constitution.

**Aims and objectives**

- THE ADVANCEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF EDUCATION.
- THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH GENERALLY.
- THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS AND THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY.
- TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.
- SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

## Trustees annual report for the AGM - September 2021

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Maureen Gardiner, Chairperson, read through the report to the meeting

Thank you all for attending this year, at a different venue with lots of fresh air, plenty of space and a tasty lunch to follow.

In April 2020, we were starting the beginning of the first national lockdown, things were suddenly very strange. Most of us had never known such times as this and were having to get used to working from home, not having to organise different activities as everywhere was closed and having the constant thought that we needed to stay away from everyone as much as possible, wash our hands constantly, use anti bacteria gel as much as we could after everything we did and not really know how long this isolation would last.

When you are used to working with the community, knowing their needs will have increased and the fear, confusion and anxiety some residents had it was a somewhat easy decision to say we would be involved when we are asked by Hastings Voluntary Action if we wanted to help deliver an emergency food bag scheme.

Before the Pandemic we had Dom's Food Mission deliver food to the community centre twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday evening. Residents would come in and help themselves to various items and there would be lots of volunteers to help tidy up afterwards. In these restrictive times, the numbers of people involved would have been limited, the procedures of providing food to residents would need a real rethink to ensure everyone's safety.

A discussion took place and The Oasis Project's Manager decided to get onboard and be a part of the team.

The Food Bag scheme partnership set up policies to ensure cleanliness, social distancing, personal protection and resources were all in place. The food was to be brought into the centre during the day and residents would be served from the door. After a few weeks, the Big Local small grants were to be distributed again and Oasis applied for a grant to buy additional dry goods (tins, packets, jars etc) that could be also given to residents as an addition to Dom's Food Mission which was mainly perishable foods. We were awarded £2,000 and Jackie, the Projects Manager shopped at different supermarkets, gaining the best value for money to ensure there were plenty of different goods on the table each week to give away. There was a variety of food ranging from boxes of cereal, tin vegetables – like carrots, beans, sweetcorn, mushrooms, jars of jam, tin ham, crisps, tin baked beans, tin spaghetti, tin tomatoes, tin fruit, dried pasta, packets of rice, microwave rice, packets of ready made custard, jars of marmalade, jars of sauces, vegetarian jars and packets, microwave pasta meals, long life milk, tea bags, coffee, biscuits, pasta meals in a cup, soap, toilet rolls, sanitary products, toothpaste, and baby wipes.

On average, the project served 30 – 40 families each week. Lots of the residents were single people of different ages, families with several children and older people. We kept a record each week of how many households were using the service and a breakdown if they are families with children, couples or single people living alone. We needed to keep in mind while buying products that some residents only have a microwave to heat up any food, others as they live on their own, told us they didn't really cook a whole meal, but snacked a lot, while some of the larger families needed items such as baked beans and tin vegetables to bump up a meal and make it stretch further, so a lot of thought has to go into getting the right foods to suit different lifestyles

**Maureen the Oasis Chairperson** recalls "Oasis has been instrumental in being part of the partnership running the food scheme, keeping going all through lockdown and has been a real lifeline to families. Oasis could not run activities or hold meetings, but after a few months the Projects Manager set up a "what's app group so all Trustees could interact with each other over things that needed discussion, we even have had a couple of committee meetings using "What's app" which involved the trustees all learning new skills on our tablets, Pcs and phones. It's been a very odd year, but thanks to our Project Manager, Oasis is still alive and kicking, and personally I am looking forward to restarting everything, learning new skills and going to different venues for meals, meetings etc.

Once we had mastered that, our AGM for 2020 which had needed to be delayed was held on a "Zoom" meeting which again was a new experience. We sent out a survey to our members, asking them for suggestions regarding activities and outings, to see what things residents might be interested in attending. It has been a most peculiar year for everyone with lockdown lasting longer than anyone would have predicted, and all have coped in their own way and all looking forward to meeting up once again. We have some interesting things planned and some fundraising ideas in the pipeline".

Oasis **Secretary Lynda** remembered "how all the trustees learned how to have a video meeting on "What's app", so we could continue the committee meetings. Lynda added that the AGM for 2020 was delayed due to COVID 19 restrictions but with the trustees new found skills, the AGM was held on a Zoom meeting, which again increased the knowledge of technology. Lynda added, I would like to say a thank you to our Project Manager Jackie for your energy in keeping us all motivated in this exceptional time".

**Treasurer Moira** wished to acknowledge the Project Managers role during the pandemic. "In spite of the Covid restrictions our Project Manager has played a vital role in planning, organising and running the Food Project together with other community organisations and volunteers. As a result, the local community received food which helped them to cope with the many problems resulting from COVID 19 for example, unemployment, furlough and home schooling children. Working with In2play meant that activity bags were provided for children who were experiencing problems with their education being disrupted.

This was a good example of joint working, Oasis was working with Dom's Food Mission, In2play, Big Local and Broomgrove Community Centre to the benefit of the local community.

The Trustees want to record their thanks to our Project Manager Jackie for the way in which she has continued to work for the local community in difficult circumstances showing great ingenuity in getting value for money when purchasing food".

**Val, one of Oasis Trustees** gave out praise when reporting "Oasis has been excellent in providing food parcels and generally giving a helping hand to people less fortunate. Well done to all those who gave their time"

**Shelagh, another Oasis Trustee** added "Oasis has been delivering the food bag scheme every Tuesday and had an AGM meeting on Zoom. It is a shame that we have not been able to go on any trips, walks, go out for meals or go to the theatre, pantomime or fruit picking"

At the beginning of April 2020, we heard that our bid to Sussex Community Foundation had been successful. This was funding for the Oasis men's group which had run weekly. Due to vulnerable older people with underlying health conditions having to shield as advised by the government, we had to shut the men's group early on, so we have yet to use this funding but it great to know we have funding to enable us to restart this group straight away when it is safe to do so.

During the summer, things had started to ease slightly, and a few of us ventured to a new café at Tibbs Farm, in the Udimore county side for a reconnaissance mission to see if the venue would be ok to take a group. We were able to sit outside so there was plenty of fresh air. Though rules had relaxed slightly, there was still "the rule of six" still in place, but we started to anticipate that we might start getting back to normal soon, but unfortunately this was not the case as we had two more lockdowns in the following few months.

On a brighter note, we managed some fundraising even though we were not meeting. Val made some face coverings and had raised £65 by selling these to friends and family and we sold some fabric from the shop "Liberty" which raised £30 on Ebay. Holding a fete or other fundraising ideas were out of the question, so this piece of funding was much appreciated and very much needed.

We also received funding from Isabel Blackman to run activities for children, a grant from Active Sussex to run physical activities to help residents to re-adjust to using community venues again, but we were unable to use this funding yet either, due to restrictions. We had funding from local funders - Magdalen and Lasher Foundation to buy food for the food bags at Christmas and children's activities to give away by In2play at Christmas. This funding enabled us to buy lots of extras to add to the food bags such as boxes of stuffing, packets of biscuits, packets of gravy, tins of vegetables, dried pasta, tins of baked beans etc to help tide families over the holiday period while children were at home. This funding was really important, to enable us to provide extra food to families in the area over the festive time.

We importantly also received our second and third tranch of funding from the National Lottery large grant that was paying for the salary and on costs of the Projects Manager and the running costs of the Oasis project. This funding has been vital to pay for the running costs which still occur even though staff are working from home. Expenses such as insurance, mobile phone, Internet at the office, travel expenses of the Projects Manager, ink, paper and stamps, all these costs and no extra fundraising opportunities so we were very grateful for receiving the funding and being able to continue to help our local residents in their greatest time of need, uncertainty, anxiety and income drops through being furloughed.

#### **Future plans**

We are encouraged by Hastings having a really low rate of infection again at this time (March 2021) and the country as a whole decreasing the R rate that we have booked the local panto and walk in the woods at Bedgebury to see spectacular Christmas lights in December 2021 and we have two theatre shows with reserved tickets for 2022. We have also booked a stall at a summer fete in Winchelsea and are putting plans together on how we can raise funds there. We have also a had local man Tom, who has raised some funds by growing his beard quite long then shaving it all off again raising funds for Oasis. We thank Tom for his efforts in helping us raise funds.

The Projects Manager and Treasurer have attended several Hastings voluntary Action zoom meetings on the best practice to be re using community venues and what we can and can't do yet and intend keeping up with legislation to ensure compliance. Through discussions with different people who are running venues, it seemed to be that people needed to "feel safe" when they entered a building, so the officers have been looking at ways we can do this by putting up posters reminding people to keep a distance from each other, providing hand sanitiser when they come into the building for Oasis groups, keeping everything clean and opening windows and doors as much as possible for fresh air. The windows which have been boarded up in the community centre while lockdowns were happening, will soon be replaced with glass again and we are looking forward to delivering groups in the community centre once again.

We are aiming for group walks in small groups, continuing with the food bag scheme, and maybe rescheduling gentle exercise outside in the warmer months to limit risks. We still have funding for cooking sessions, a sewing group, ti chi sessions, table tennis, seated football, archery, family history and for the Oasis men's group, so we are looking forward to be able to deliver these to residents and set ourselves new challenges in fundraising and learning new skills.

With the increased need to learn new skills in digital technology we plan to re run some classes teaching how to run a zoom meeting, what's app groups and video calls so single people, especially the older residents can meet up online and not feel isolated and lonely while we get to the "new normal".

We also need to ensure we retain our existing members, recruit for new members, increase our publicity via leaflets and our online presence via our Facebook page and website to let as many residents know about the continued work of the Oasis Community Project.

End of March 2021

**OASIS Community Project – East Hastings**

**Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2021 – cont'd**

**The charity's policy on reserves**

The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

M. Gardner  
Chair

Lynda Skillen  
Secretary

M. GARDNER  
Print name

Lynda SKILLEN  
Print name

Date: 8/9/2021

## Independent examiner's report to OASIS Community Project – East Hastings for the year ended 31 March 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 2 to 10.

### Respective responsibilities of committee & 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.

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

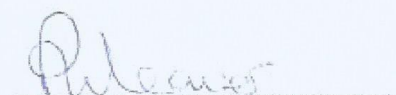
### Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 examiners statement

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

1. which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.



Pat Weaver  
Community Accountancy worker  
Hastings Voluntary Action  
Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

Dated: 8/9/21

**OASIS Community Project – East Hastings**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the period 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021**

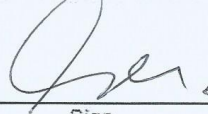
		01/04/20 - 31/03/2021			19/20
		Restricted income	Unrestricted income	Total	Total
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Grants and donations</b>					
Grants:	Notes				
	Magdalen & Lasher	-	-	-	1,000
	Big Local food bag scheme	2,000	-	2,000	-
	Magdalen & Lasher – food bags	400	-	400	-
	Donation for food bags	250	-	250	-
	Sussex Community Foundation	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Active Sussex	1,690	-	1,690	-
	Isabel Blackman	1,500	-	1,500	-
	Donation for food bags	30	-	30	-
	Isabel Blackman	-	-	-	1,500
	Community Fund – lottery	28,873	-	28,873	14,297
	Big Local – Mens Group	-	-	-	1,066
	Optivo	-	-	-	579
Membership		-	-	-	1,420
Donations		-	-	-	279
Trips and activities - White Rock refund		758	-	758	8,098
Fundraising & quizzes		-	141	141	2,243
		<b>36,499</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>36,640</b>	<b>30,590</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Activities & food bags		3,605	471	4,077	18,407
Salaries + oncosts		24,084	-	24,084	8,947
Insurance		708	-	708	763
Disclosure & banking		-	-	-	-
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	429
Office costs incl printing, postage & stationery		1,947	20	1,967	1,533
Travel & committee expenses incl AGM		76	-	76	505
Independent examination		30	-	30	20
Equipment		260	-	260	484
		<b>30,712</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>31,202</b>	<b>31,068</b>
Net surplus/(deficit)		<b>5,787</b>	<b>-350</b>	<b>5,439</b>	<b>-187</b>
Fund balances b/f at 01/08/2020		16,242	2,729	18,970	19,457
Fund balances c/f at 31/03/2021		<b>22,029</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>24,409</b>	<b>18,970</b>

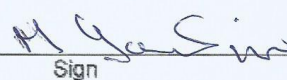
**OASIS Community Project – East Hastings**

**Statement of assets and liabilities  
at 31 March 2021**

	31/03/2021			31/03/2020
	Restricted income	Unrestricted income	Total	Total
<u>Current assets</u>				
Barclays current account	-	-	24,268	18,656
Unbanked income	-	-	-	-
Cash in hand	-	140	140	314
	-	140	24,408	18,970
<u>Current liabilities</u>				
Outstanding cheques	-	-	-	-
	-	140	24,408	18,970

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Treasurer  Sign MOIRA WARD Print

Chair  Sign M. GARDNER Print

Date 8.9.21

**OASIS Community Project – East Hastings**

**Breakdown of restricted funding  
 at 31 March 2021**

Notes

<b>1</b>	<b>Magdalen &amp; Lasher</b>	£	£
	Grant b/f	182	
	Grant		
	Expenditure		
	Trips		
			<u>182</u>
<b>2</b>	<b>Big Local food bag scheme</b>	£	£
	Grant	2,000	
	Expenditure		
	Food		<u>2,000</u>
			-
<b>3</b>	<b>Magdalen &amp; Lasher</b>	£	£
	Grant	400	
	Expenditure		
	Food bags		<u>400</u>
			-
<b>4</b>	<b>Donation</b>	£	£
	Grant	250	
	Expenditure		
	Food bags		<u>250</u>
			-
<b>5</b>	<b>Sussex Community Foundation - Men's Group</b>	£	£
	Grant	1,000	
	Expenditure		
	Activities		<u>18</u>
			<u>982</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Active Sussex</b>	£	£
	Grant	1,660	
	Expenditure		
	Sport sessions		<u>1,660</u>

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<b>7</b>	<b>Isabel Blackman</b>		
	Grant	£	£
	Expenditure	1,500	
	<u>Outings</u>		
			<u>1,500</u>
<b>8</b>	<b>Donation</b>		
	Grant	£	£
	Expenditure	30	
	<u>Food bags</u>		
			<u>30</u>
<b>9</b>	<b>Orbit</b>		
	Grant b/f	£	£
	Expenditure	2,045	
	<u>Activites</u>		
			<u>84</u>
			<u>1,981</u>
<b>10</b>	<b>Isabel Blackman</b>		
	Grant b/f	£	£
	Grant	479	
	<u>Expenditure</u>		
	Activities		
			<u>479</u>
<b>12</b>	<b>Big Local</b>		
	Grant b/f	£	£
	Expenditure	828	
	<u>                    </u>		
			<u>828</u>
<b>15</b>	<b>Awards4All</b>		
	Grant b/f	£	£
	Expenditure	1,727	
	<u>                    </u>		
	Fridge		
			<u>260</u>
			<u>1,467</u>
<b>16</b>	<b>Big Local</b>		
	Grant b/f	£	£
	Expenditure	732	
	<u>                    </u>		
	Craft items		
			<u>88</u>
			<u>644</u>

20 Lottery Community Fund

	£	£
Grant b/f	10,249	
Grant	28,873	
Expenditure		
Insurance	708	
Salary incl pension and HMRC	24,084	
Office costs	1,847	
Travel	76	
Independent Examination	30	
Room rental	300	26,846
		<u>12,276</u>

Remaining restricted funds 22,029

## OASIS Community Project – East Hastings

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

**2. Premises & staff**

The premises are provided by Broomgrove Residents Association  
The organisation has 1 paid staff member, who is paid when funds permit.

**3. Trustees' remuneration**

During the accounting period trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits.

**4. Previous period comparison**

The previous period's figures have been included for comparison

**5. Glossary of terms**

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.