

Cuckmere Haven SOS

Charity's principal address: The Sanctuary, Winton Street, Alfriston, East Sussex, BN26 5UL

Charity Commission Registration Number 1161529

Trustees' Annual Report For the year ended 31 December 2023

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity:

Trustee name	Office
Professor Michael Davies	Chair
Daniel de Belder	
Rodney Castleden MA MSC (Oxon)	
Crispin Freeman FCA	
Sir Alan Moses	
Charles Peck	

Structure, governance and management

The charity's governing document is its constitution adopted 5 May 2015, and it is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation. New trustees may be appointed to serve for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. Each of the trustees shall retire at the end of their term of appointment but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

The trustees review the skills and competencies required for the board of trustees, and where a requirement is identified they initiate a recruitment process. New trustees receive training from the existing trustees. There is no formal training programme.

The charity holds its bank account with Barclays Bank Plc, and has a donation facility with CAF Donate.

Regular trustee meetings are held, and the trustees met six times during the year.

Objects and activities

The charity's objects are to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Cuckmere Haven west beach and cliffs.

When planning and carrying out their activities, the charity trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2011 Charities Act, to have due regard to Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The charity last year had appointed Whaleback Ltd, the chartered town planning consultancy to co-ordinate the assembly of the necessary design and reports to enable a fresh planning application to be submitted for a scheme to protect the eastern end of the Cuckmere Haven west beach and cliffs. Whaleback issued tender applications to professional consultants for each aspect of the project, reviewed the responses and put forward shortlists to the trustees for their consideration. The trustees selected the professionals to appoint, and Whaleback then issued instructions and oversaw the production of the initial design and the various reports. Whaleback initiated the drafting of a pre-application statement for submission to South Downs National Park Planning Authority (SDNPA). All this work was ongoing at the year end, and the pre-application statement was completed and submitted to SDNPA in late January 2024.

The charity's website continued to attract donations from the public.

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Achievements and performance

The website has been maintained which has details of the history of the Cuckmere Haven area, the erosion problems, and an outline of the proposals for the protection of the west beach and cliffs. It includes a donation facility through CAF Donate. Donations during the year, including gift aid, were £4,226 from the general public together with marvellous donations from Celebrate Cuckmere of £10,000 from their 2022 event, and £9,000 from their 2023 event. In addition, Seaford Town Council kindly made a grant to the charity of £149 from donations from the general public in the collecting box at Seaford Head Barn. The trustees are most grateful for all these generous contributions.

The charity incurred professional fees of £44,930 on work on the design and reports required for the planning application, £443 on publicity, £144 on website maintenance and £222 on bank charges and donation platform commission. In accordance with section 189 of the Charities Act 2011 the charity purchased trustee indemnity insurance £592.

The deficit for the year was £22,956 which was deducted from the charity's reserve.

No trustee received any remuneration or benefits.

Financial review

It is the reserves policy of the charity that funds will be built up to finance the protection scheme for the Cuckmere Haven west beach and cliffs. This is a large project and it is anticipated it will take time to achieve the necessary funding. At 31 December 2023 the charity held £33,188 in reserve for this purpose.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above and the receipts and payments accounts below.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature *Michael Davies*

Full name **Professor Michael C R Davies**

Position **Chair**

Date **19 February 2024**

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Receipts & Payments Accounts
For Year to 31 December 2023

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	YE 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations - non-gift aid	20,467	0	0	20,467	2,983
Donations - gift-aided	2,234	0	0	2,234	1,029
Gift aid tax recovery	525	0	0	525	255
Event receipts	0	0	0	0	1,200
Grants	149	0	0	149	146
Other receipts	0	0	0	0	1
Total Receipts	23,375		0	23,375	5,614

Payments

Conservation	44,930	0	0	44,930	0
Fundraising	0	0	0	0	1,200
Publicity	443	0	0	443	391
Website	144	0	0	144	144
Postage, stationery, computer	0	0	0	0	0
Donation platform commission	120	0	0	120	53
Insurance	592	0	0	592	592
Bank charges	102	0	0	102	111
Total Payments	46,331	0	0	46,331	2,491

Net of receipts/(payments)	(22,956)	0	0	(22,956)	3,123
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	56,144	0	0	56,144	53,021
Cash funds this period end	33,188	0	0	33,188	56,144

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds
		£	£	£
Cash funds	Bank account	33,188	0	0

Signed on behalf of all the trustees on 19 February 2024

Michael Davies

Professor Michael C R Davies

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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Cuckmere Haven SOS is a charitable incorporated organisation set up to meet the charitable objectives detailed in the Trustees' Report.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.