

**SHEFFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT**  
**(SEM)**  
**(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER – 1166426)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

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## **SEM TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT MARCH 2023 – APRIL 2024**

### **SHEFFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT (SEM)**

#### **Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

##### **Charity's Full Name**

Sheffield Environmental Movement

##### **Trustees**

Mahmood Hussain – Chair

Marcella Daye – Vice Chair

Horum Dean

Johanne Gilroy

##### **Principal Contact Address**

Unit Ca, Sheaf Bank Business Park, 20 Prospect Row, Sheffield, S2 3EN

##### **Independent Examiner**

Claringbolds Accountancy Services

111 Haigh Moor Way, Swallownest, Sheffield, S26 4SG

##### **Governing Document**

Sheffield Environmental Movement with registered charity number 1166426 was registered on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and is governed by a CIO – Foundation dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

##### **Organisation and Management**

The overall management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the governing document. Day to day project activity of the charity is managed and carried out by volunteers.

## **Sheffield Environmental Movement (SEM)**

### **Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

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#### **SEM Trustees Annual Report 2023/2024**

#### **SEM's charitable objects, mission, vision, values and core activities**

##### **Objects**

The Charity's objects as set out in SEM's governing document are:

*'To promote and advance the health, wellbeing and education of Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic people & Refugees (BAMER) by facilitating access to and participation in environmental activities'.*

##### **Mission**

*To help improve the quality of life, health, and wellbeing of primarily Black Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugees (BAMER) in the natural environment.*

##### **Vision**

1. A broker between BAMER communities and environmental organisations to increase access and participation in the natural environment.
2. An advocate of the environment as a key to health and wellbeing via strong links with external agencies.
3. The deliverer of a regular programme of activities in the natural environment that promote the mental and physical health of people.
4. A strong organisation with robust policies and procedures and a sound long-term funding strategy.

##### **Values underpinning this vision.**

- The environment is a source of sustenance for the health and well-being of everyone.
- People from all walks of life have a right of access to a clean, healthy environment.
- Culturally sensitive approaches are required in engaging marginalised communities.

##### **Vision delivered via the following core activities.**

1. Having sufficient organisational capacity to deliver the aims and objectives.
2. Organising and delivering a range of outdoor and indoor workshops enabling access to local green spaces and the wider countryside.
3. Delivering educational courses on environmental issues.
4. Supporting minoritized groups to navigate barriers accessing environmental opportunities.
5. Providing routes into volunteering, paid employment and involvement with environmental stewardship and active citizenship.
6. Providing advice and people development to environmental organisations and other bodies on how to engage with BAMER groups.

## **Overview of SEM's work in 2023/24**

### **Introduction:**

Throughout the year, Sheffield Environmental Movement (SEM) provided vital environmental services for African, Asian and Minoritized groups as well as forging partnerships within the environmental sector. The sterling work of the CEO was recognised with the award of the Order of the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the 2023 King's New Year's Honours list for services to the environment and South Yorkshire.

SEM leads on the delivery of environmental provision including:

- promotion of the health and wellbeing of its beneficiaries,
- environmental stewardship which supports efforts by Natural England to deliver nature recovery.
- environmental information and education about the ecological and cultural history of the English landscape
- play pivotal role making input into policies and strategies of various environmental organisations that are keen to promote inclusion, equality, and diversity.

To enable African, Asian and, Minoritized groups (AAMG) to have sense of belonging in these landscapes and enjoy leisure and recreation for health and wellbeing.

### **Collaboration**

SEM advocates on behalf of those sections of society without a voice in the environmental decision-making process. The organisation is a member of the 'Everyone's Environment' a collaboration of 80 social and environmental charities currently co-ordinated by the New Philanthropy Capital (NPC) committed to making sure environmental policy better reflects needs of different social groups.

SEM contributes to evolving Government frameworks to ensure equitable distribution of the costs and benefits of environmental policies. SEM is a member of the Green Social Prescribing Advisory Committee which aims to promote nature-based activities as part of supporting cross-government policy with regards to the social context. Its role, articulating the lived experiences of (AAMG) in relation to access to nature-based activities offered by General Practitioners (GPs). Green Social Prescribing (GSP) is regarded as an alternative to prescribing anti-depressants.

The following is a sample of the types of collaboration activities:

- invitation to the launch of the Heritage Lottery Fund's 10-Year Strategy Review in London. The Strategy Review is aimed at addressing the deficit in heritage provision among communities that have historically been underrepresented and how grassroots charities can be brought on board.

- working with Groundwork Trust UK to participate in the Outdoors Citizens discussions aimed at how as UK citizens people can be actively involved in citizen science activities.
- keynote at the 91<sup>st</sup> Kinder Mass Trespass held at Hayfield House, Edale, Peak District National Park, commemorating the 1932 Kinder Mass Trespass.
- participated in the Future Countryside event at Hayfield House, London. The event, attended by over 200 delegates aimed at addressing the need for a better political debate on rural issues which was later featured in the Future Countryside Event Digest Report, titled, 'Rural Solutions'. SEM was the only AAMG environmental organisation to be represented at this very high-profile event attended by the former Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Rt. Honourable Therese Coffey and other high-profile officials, dignitaries and representatives from various environmental organisations, farmers, MPs, and DEFRA officials.
- participated in the DEFRA's Air Quality Information Community Engagement consultation. DEFRA was keen to understand the impact of air pollution on people from AAMG communities. DEFRA is of the view that SEM is best placed to participate in these consultations due to its extensive experience across the sector.
- the Government's Building Confidence in Green Recovery on net zero emissions and green jobs.
- involvement with DEFRA efforts to raise awareness of Government policies in relation to climate change, air pollution and nature recovery within the AAMG communities.

## **Advocacy**

- launch of Save Our Wild Isles Reception at Westminster Abbey College Gardens in London. The invitation was as a result of delivering a keynote speech to the 50 members of the People's Assembly for Nature leading to the launch of the Peoples' Assembly Plan for Nature in July 2023.
- attendance at Natural England's annual Parliamentary reception at the House of Lords, as part of the launch of Natural England's Environment Improvement Plan.
- presentation to over a thousand plus Sheffield College teaching and administrative staff of the as part of their staff 'sustainability' development day.
- keynote at the Sisterhood Social event attended by 100 people about how the environment impacts on health & wellbeing.

- organised guided walks for individuals from minoritized backgrounds as part of the YHA's Walking Festival at Hadrian's Wall, Northumberland National Park, a landscape rich with the historical evidence of the history of the presence of Black people and contributions to the English landscape.

## Publicity and local events

- An award ceremony was held for SEM's CEO at Sheffield Town Hall as the recipient of His Majesty's Medal of the Order of the British Empire in the 2023 New Year Honours' list, in recognition of services to the UK environment and the South Yorkshire Community.
- CEO was interviewed alongside the President of the Ramblers Association on ITV Calendar News in relation to efforts at promoting access to the countryside for people from African, Asian and Minoritized communities.
- featured in the Future Countryside Report' publication (2024)
- to promote access to rural farms and farming as well as the Yorkshire Agricultural Show, featured on ITV Calendar News, BBC Look North, BBC Radio, Yorkshire Life Magazine and the Farmers Guardian Newspaper (see pictures below).



Yorkshire Life Magazine (2023)



The Farmers Guardian Newspaper (2023)

## Contributors

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation (EFF) has been instrumental in supporting the organisation's ambitions to shape cultures within the environmental sector.

EFF recognises the critical importance of resilient funding and SEM continues to forge strong partnerships and collaborations to ensure long-term sustainability.

## Impact

During this period SEM's environmental offer reached a range of adults and young people promoting employability opportunities in green jobs and using the environmental realm to address health inequities faced by people from AAMG communities.

Through attendance at local and national events SEM has reached over 4500 people demonstrating the impact the charity is making in the environmental sector in the UK.

*'I would like to Thank you for the opportunity of visiting the Great Yorkshire Show. It was an incredible learning experience for the us all. All the hard work of planning, organising, printing, distributing and collecting forms, endless text messages to parents and phone calls paid off, may the grace of God. Both students and staff had a great time, and we could not have asked for better company and weather.'*

*(Ferida)*





## **Sheffield Environmental Movement (SEM)**

### **Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

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#### **Trustees Responsibility for Financial Statements**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements for the financial year which should give a clear view of the state of affairs of the charity.

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them accordingly.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity.

The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and irregularities.

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

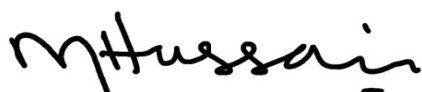
**Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees**

**Signed**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**

**Name: MAHMOOD HUSSAIN**

**Position: Chair**



## **Sheffield Environmental Movement (SEM)**

### **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner**

Is the responsibility of the Trustees to maintain proper books and records and prepare the Accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (Under Section 114 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examiner 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 2011 Act)
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes the review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in any audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

#### **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 appropriate accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

Signed: 

Date: 22.01.2025

Signed: Roy Claringbold

Claringbolds Accountancy Services

**Sheffield Environmental Movement (SEM)**

**Statement of Financial Activities**

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Donation and Grants	145286	145286
Bank Interest	0	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b><u>145286</u></b>	<b><u>145286</u></b>
 <b>Resources Expenses</b>		
Office Costs	3110	3796
Administrative Expenses	4162	3109
Travel Expenses	4961	3360
Event Costs	12077	5779
Sessional Work	0	0
Printing and Stationery	637	676
Computer Expenses	597	1122
Consultancy Fees and Evaluation	10108	4720
Depreciation	103	138
Wages	58191	49729
Professional Fees	8420	15303
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b><u>102366</u></b>	<b><u>87732</u></b>
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</b>	<b><u>(6881)</u></b>	<b><u>57554</u></b>
<b>Total Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b><u>93626</u></b>	<b><u>36072</u></b>
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b><u>86745</u></b>	<b><u>93626</u></b>

**Sheffield Environmental Movement (SEM)**

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Equipment	309	412
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtor	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	88809	96952
	89118	97364
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within One Year</b>	<u>2064</u>	<u>3326</u>
<b>Current Assets over Current Liabilities</b>	<u>87054</u>	<u>94038</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>87054</u></b>	<b><u>94038</u></b>

**Represented by:**

Fixed Assets	309	412
Unrestricted Income	86745	93626
Restricted Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>87054</u>	<u>94038</u>

The Trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

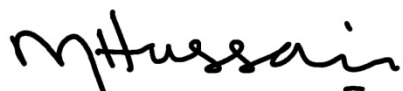
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**Signed**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**

**Name: MAHMOOD HUSSAIN**

**Position: Chair**



## **Sheffield Environmental Movement (SEM)**

### **Notes to the Accounts**

#### **For The Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

### **1 Accounting Policies**

#### **(a) General**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” Statement of Recommended Practice SORP 2005) and applicable accounting standards.

(b) All material incoming resources have been included on a receivable basis i.e. they are included if the date falls within the period covered by these accounts.

### **2 Donation, Legacies and other similar Incoming Resources**

#### **Donations and Grants are from:**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Patagonia	0	4489
Esmee Fairburn	88186	123460
WWF	0	2350
Uni Of Glasgow	0	6150
Awards For All	0	8837
YHA	4776	0
Yorkshire AG Society	2000	0
National Trust	523	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>95485</b>	<b>145286</b>

### **3 Unrestricted Funds**

These are grants and donations received or receivable for the object of the charity without restriction as to the purpose of their application as are available as general fund.

### **4 Trustee Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses**

Trustees received no remuneration, benefits or expenses in this period.