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Main activities undertaken for the public benefit.

Women's Voice is run by women for local women in Hastings and St Leonards. Our aim is to help empower women by providing safe spaces where local women can meet, share experiences and gain confidence and skills.

We are particularly concerned to reach marginalised and vulnerable women, many of whom have been affected by austerity measures. We have also focused on ways of helping women during the coronavirus pandemic.

Women's Voice aims to challenge sexism and misogyny in all its forms and welcomes women of all faiths, and none, of all sexualities, ages and abilities. Women's Voice works in partnership with a number of organisations and agencies, including Hastings Borough Council (HBC), Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA), Active Hastings, MIND, the Hastings Refugee Buddy Project and Eggtooth.

Covid continued to impact on Women's Voice activities for much of the previous 12 months. During that time Women's Voice:

*Focused very largely on violence against women locally. In particular we launched our video This Is Not Love using a local online outlet, Isolation Station. Guaranteeing anonymity, we had invited local women to send in real life accounts of domestic abuse/coercive control. Women actors then presented the accounts to camera, working from their own homes. The result is a very powerful 45-minute video, This Is Not Love. Its online launch included a panel of women, who answered questions from viewers. The video formed part of a larger Comic Relief-funded programme, also entitled This Is Not Love (see below).

* Celebrated International Women's Day by hanging hearts, decorated by local women, in the local park, the Old Town and St Leonards: each carried a statement or slogan protesting violence against women.

*Received funding from Heart of Hastings to produce an illustrated map of women's suffrage activities, focusing on the 'Trinity Triangle', an area of Hastings which housed the local headquarters of the

Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). The project is due for completion in January 2022.

*Received funding from Comic Relief (via Groundworks) for a project This Is Not Love, focusing on coercive control and violence against women, Women's Voice hosted an online planning meeting with younger women from the community, view a view to drawing up appropriate activities. The project will run through until 2022.

Women's Voice
Statement of assets and liabilities
At 31 August 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Current Assets		
Current account as at	4,758	3,749
Cash in hand (not physically counted)	26	
58		
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	4,785	3,817
General liabilities		
Outstanding cheques		
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	4,785	3,817
Represented by		
Funds brought forward	3,817	
Net surplus/deficit for the period	968	

	4,785	

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

Signed
Treasurer

Dated

Signed
Chair

Dated

