



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 To 31st Dec 2023

Charity name: Sustainable Charlbury CIO

Charity registration number: 1177404

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of Sustainable Charlbury (SusCha) are to promote the advancement of environmental protection or improvement for the benefit of the public in particular but not exclusively, within 25 miles of Charlbury OX7 3EW, by promoting the deployment of sustainable energy, promoting education in climate change, reducing energy demand and carbon emissions and making grants to such organisations as the Trustees shall see fit in order to promote and encourage the development of a sustainable energy system.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During 2023 SusCha were involved in many community projects and granted over £42k of funds.</p> <p>Here is a summary of the funding made by SusCha:</p> <p>Community Buildings - Energy Efficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SusCha continued to support Charlbury Bowls Club on their journey towards making their clubhouse a net-zero carbon building. Grants were made to fund energy efficient windows, doors, appliances and a cycle rack. (£7,033)• Insulation upgrade of the Charlbury Community Workshop (£2788)• Assessment and Whole Building Plan for the Corner House. This was as initial step in the project to retrofit this community building (£1104)• Building improvements of Charlbury Preschool - insulation, double glazing and LED lighting (£8017) <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wildlife and ecology programme at Chipping Norton School (£880)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollinator workshop at Charlbury Primary School (£1713) <p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot performance costs for 'Nor any drop to drink' by Waywood Song (£2000) <p>Land & Nature / Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mill Field wild meadow restoration (to be paid over 2/3 years, this year £980) • Replacement equipment for Oxford Conservation Volunteers (£1000) <p>Home Comforts Project</p> <p>In 2022 we received a grant of £21,000 from the Evenlode Foundation to fund the “Home Comforts Project”. During 2023 this project was led by the town councils’ Buildings Working Group and surveyed a range of typical houses in the town, to give a holistic view of what is required to retrofit the whole town. £16,490 of funds were granted to fund this, with the balance of £4510 reserved to complete the project in 2024..</p> <p>Book</p> <p>We have continued to promote and sell our book “Power to the People - The Story of Southill Solar”, which we self-published in 2022. This tells the story of how our small town in the Cotswolds came together to create a community-owned and controlled solar farm.</p> <p>We made sales of £145 in 2023, and will continue to sell the remaining stock in 2024 to recoup some of the costs.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Invitations for community environmental projects are invited on an ongoing basis. Appropriately constituted groups may submit an application for funding assistance on projects that fall within the following activities or similar in intent: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-operation• Education• Energy• Health• State of Infrastructure• Transport• Biodiversity
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The following projects were supported, by the award of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlbury Bowls Club, helping to make the building carbon-neutral. • Charlbury Primary School, to run a nature and sustainability programme. • Finstock for Nature, to establish a community orchard. <p>SusCha worked with stakeholders from the following community buildings to make more energy efficient and support their path to net-zero:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlbury Bowls Club • Charlbury Community Workshop • Corner House • Charlbury Preschool <p>Education Programmes were funded at Chipping Norton School and Charlbury Primary School, both promoting ecology and biodiversity.</p> <p>SusCha funded a pilot performance of 'Nor any drop to drink' by Waywood Song</p> <p>SusCha gave financial support to Oxford Conservation Volunteers to purchase new equipment, to help them with their practical work.</p> <p>Partnering with the Town Council SusCha committed to a 3 year programme to fund wild meadow restoration of the Mill Field.</p> <p>SusCha also supported the Town Council with the Home Comforts Project. This gave a holistic view of what is required to retrofit the whole town.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Sustainable Charlbury received grant funding of £30,000 in the year from Southill Solar, a local Community Investment Company, with the goal for distribution to local projects in accordance with its charitable objectives. This is our primary source of funds.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Sustainable Charlbury has £40k in a 95 day notice bank account account, otherwise no invested funds.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	A small surplus of £357 on unrestricted funds and a remaining balance of £61,604 on restricted funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have no general policy of holding reserves, though are currently running at a surplus, so in October '23 we moved surplus to a NatWest 95 day notice account, which yields 4.25% AER.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We are currently engaged with community building stakeholders who are planning retrofit measures, so expect large grant applications during 2024/25.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Southill Solar
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sustainable Charlbury
Other name the charity uses	SusCha
Registered charity number	1177404
Charity's principal address	Sharenergy, The Pump House, Coton Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 2DP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tim Crisp	Chair Trustee		
2	Gareth Epps	Trustee		
3	Hugh Goyder	Trustee		
4	Sean Hosking	Treasurer		
5	Liz Reason	Trustee		
6	Mark Gregory	Trustee		
7	Louise Nemeshanyi	Trustee	Joined July 23	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Exemptions from disclosure

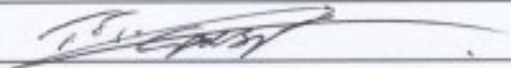
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	TIMOTHY JAMES CRISP
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
Date	22/08/2024



No. 1177404

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Period end date
31st Dec 23

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		357	61,604	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	357	61,604	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SUSTAINABLE CHARLBURY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1177404

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity (~~"the Trust"~~) for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

A. Brander

Date:

28/08/2024

Name:

Alice Brander

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CIPFA (retired)

Address:

16 Sandford Park

Charlbury

OX7 3TH

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

There were no matters of concern for the accounts of Sustainable Charlbury CIO for year ending 31 December 2023.