



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report (including Directors' report) for the period**

**From: 1 July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Charity name: Bexhill & Rother Homeless Unity Group (HUG) CIO**

**Charity registration number: 1182306**

**Company number: N/A**

### **Objectives and activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p><b>The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit and are based on the Christian principles of loving, caring, and standing with those most in need:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. To relieve the charitable needs of people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or recovering from homelessness and who either have a local connection to Rother District or who are currently present in Bexhill Town Wards, East Sussex, by working with such people and others to provide or support the provision of support services, including where appropriate, for their pet animals.</b></li><li><b>2. For the avoidance of doubt 'homelessness' is understood to mean a lack of safe, secure, affordable and permanent accommodation.</b></li></ol>

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	<b>HUG runs a ‘drop in’ centre at St Barnabas church in Sea Road Bexhill on three days a week, where Homeless people can get a meal, a shower and change of clothes if required. HUG also helps in trying to get homeless people accommodation, so they do not have to live on the streets and those at risk of losing their home.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.</b>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>With only one part time paid employee, the hours undertaken by volunteers are essential to keep the charity running</b>
Other		

## Achievements and performance

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><b>We have about 10 to 15 volunteers that help to run the charity.</b></p> <p><b>We have kept going the drop-in centre at St Barnabas Church in Bexhill on three days a week.</b></p> <p><b>Once guests are known to HUG, the charity would continue to help them, wherever possible, on a 'one to one' basis.</b></p> <p><b>The charity has helps with the welfare of any pets the homeless keep and try and see that the pets are inoculated and any of their health needs are also met.</b></p>
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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	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>With the removal of the Local Authority Grant, the charity is now starting to draw on its reserves, till alternative sources of funding can be found.</b>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The charity tries to hold about 6 months expenses in reserve in case of need</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>At the reporting date reserves were :-  Unrestricted Reserves    £41604</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Replacing Local Authority Funding which the Charity has lost</b>

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	
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: for example, <a href="#">trust deed</a> ,	Para 1.25	<b>The Charity is governed by its constitution document</b>

memorandum and articles of association etc		
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
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	<b>The Trustees would appoint any new Trustee, having regard to the skills they could bring to the Charity</b>

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	<b>Bexhill &amp; Rother Homeless Unity Group (HUG) CIO</b>
Other name the charity uses	<b>It also uses its shortened name 'HUG'</b>

Registered charity number	<b>1182306</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>56A Haslam Crescent Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2QH</b>

### 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	Pauline Goubert	Chairperson		
2	Neil Hobden	Treasurer		
3	Dr Luke Flanagan			
4	John Price			
5	Joyce Streeter			
6	Benjamin Gibson			
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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

<b>Independent Scrutineer</b>	David Winchester	

### **Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)**

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## **Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## **Other optional information**

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## **Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

**Signature(s)**

*Pauline Goubert*

*Neil Hobden*

**Full name(s)**

Pauline Goubert

Neil Hobden

**Position (for example  
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chairperson

Treasurer

**Date**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024





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Charity Name <b>Bexhill and Rother Homelessness Unity Group (HUG) CIC</b>	No (if any) <b>1182306</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Jul-23	To	Period end date 30-Jun-24
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	10,000	13,187	-	23,187	33,000
Donations	10,560	-	-	10,560	14,660
Other Income	1,543	-	-	1,543	558
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>22,103</b>	<b>13,187</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,290</b>	<b>48,218</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>22,103</b>	<b>13,187</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,290</b>	<b>48,218</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Guest Grants	2,204	260	-	2,464	11,932
Equipment	60	439	-	499	50
Phone/IT/Website	872	-	-	872	1,730
Employee costs	13,195	-	-	13,195	12,151
Rent	1,568	4,500	-	6,068	4,322
Food	1,908	6,450	-	8,358	5,405
Pet Expenses	559	240	-	799	920
Insurance	-	1,162	-	1,162	1,033
Security	3,092	-	-	3,092	-
Sundry Expenditure	1,308	136	-	1,444	1,759
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,766</b>	<b>13,187</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>39,302</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>24,766</b>	<b>13,187</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>39,302</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,663</b>	<b>8,916</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>44,267</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,267</b>	<b>35,351</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>41,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,604</b>	<b>44,267</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		41,604	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	41,604	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Neil Hobden	NEIL HOBDEN	12th July 2024



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Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts

Section A  
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Bexhill and Rother Homelessness Unity Group (RHUG) CIO

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1182306

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**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').

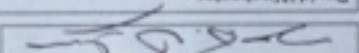
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out  
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I  
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission  
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have  
come to my attention 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.

Signed:  Date: 21/12/24

Name: David Winchester

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

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