



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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

From: 1 July 2024 to 30th June 2025

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>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.2. For the avoidance of doubt 'homelessness' is understood to mean a lack of safe, secure, affordable and permanent accommodation.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those	Para 1.17 and 1.19	HUG runs a 'drop in' centre at St Barnabas church in Sea Road Bexhill on

purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.		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.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance 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	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	With only one part time paid employee, the hours undertaken by volunteers are essential to keep the charity running
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>We have about 10 to 15 volunteers that help to run the charity.</p> <p>We have kept going the drop-in centre at St Barnabas Church in Bexhill on three days a week.</p> <p>Once guests are known to HUG, the charity would continue to help them, wherever possible, on a 'one to one' basis.</p> <p>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.</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	<p>The charity has to do all its own fundraising, till any alternative sources of funding can be found.</p> <p>This is a great challenge as it diverts resources away from our main objective i.e helping the homeless and their pets</p> <p>We need to refurbish the kitchen used by the charity to cope with the ever-increasing demand on our services and to provide a safe environment for our volunteers to work.</p> <p>We are therefore need to start fundraising for this project as well as raising funds to keep going.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity tries to hold about 12 months expenses in reserve, in case of need.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>At the reporting date reserves were :-</p> <p>Unrestricted Reserves £32170</p> <p>(Restricted funds £520)</p> <p>(Against total Expenses this year £38784)</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The charity needs to fundraise to keep going.</p> <p>The charity also needs to recruit and maintain sufficient volunteers, with the necessary skills, to properly run the charity.</p>

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	<p>Donations from the public</p> <p>Grants</p> <p>Fund raising activities</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy	Para 1.46	

adopted		
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, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	The Charity is governed by its constitution document
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	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	The Trustees would appoint any new Trustee, having regard to the skills they could bring, against the needs of the Charity.

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	Bexhill & Rother Homeless Unity Group (HUG) CIO
Other name the charity uses	It also uses its shortened name 'HUG'
Registered charity number	1182306
Charity's principal address	56A Haslam Crescent Bexhill-on-Sea TN40 2QH

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	Dr Luke Flanagan	Chairperson		
2	Neil Hobden	Treasurer		
3	Pauline Goubert	Project Manager		
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	Cash £520 (Restrictive Fund)
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Segregated in the accounts

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser Name Address

Independent Scrutineer	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
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Full name(s)	Pauline Goubert	Neil Hobden
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Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Project manager	Treasurer
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Date	22 nd October 2025
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Charity Name Sexhill and Rother Homelessness Unity Group (HUG) CIO	No (if any) 1182306
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jul-24	To	Period end date 30-Jun-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	1,500	11,500	-	13,000	23,187
Donations	15,396	-	-	15,396	10,560
Other Income	1,474	-	-	1,474	1,543
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,370	11,500	-	29,870	35,290
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,370	11,500	-	29,870	35,290
A3 Payments					
Guest Grants	2,822		-	2,822	2,464
Equipment	211		-	211	499
Phone/IT/Website	1,037	-	-	1,037	872
Employee costs	9,171	4,676	-	13,847	13,195
Rent	4,395	1,350	-	5,745	6,068
Food	4,584	3,804	-	8,388	8,358
Pet Expenses	40		-	40	799
Insurance	1,247		-	1,247	1,162
Security	2,990	1,150	-	4,140	3,092
Sundry Expenditure	1,307		-	1,307	1,444
Sub total	27,804	10,980	-	38,784	37,953
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,804	10,980	-	38,784	37,953
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,434	520	-	- 8,914	- 2,663
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,604	-	-	41,604	44,267
Cash funds this year end	32,170	520	-	32,690	41,604

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		32,170	520	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,170	520	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Neil Hobden	NEIL HOBDEN	9th July 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Bexhill and Rother Homelessness Unity Group (HUG) CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

30th June 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1182306

Set out on pages

1 To 2

(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 **30th June 2025**.

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:

Date:

4.8.2025

Name:

David Winchester

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

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