

# SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX

England & Wales · Charity number 1182997

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-04-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.1 THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN THE COUNTIES OF WEST SUSSEX AND EAST SUSSEX FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY:1) PROVIDING SUPPORTED VOLUNTEERING, REAL-WORK EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT; AND2) DELIVERING SUCH SERVICES IN WAYS WHICH ENHANCE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE.3.2 TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE‘SOCIALLY EXCLUDED’ MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

**Activities:** Sustainable Sussex supports people who find accessing the workplace difficult through providing real-work experience and education on and around Sompting Estate. Our activities include gardening, building, carpentry, animal care, mindfulness, crafts and making value added products and selling them as

part of our social enterprise Sussex Chilli Farm.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- East Sussex
- West Sussex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,975	£16,847	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,862	£42,650	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,840	£24,757	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,855	£14,487	-	-
2021-03-31	£9,397	£10,391	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
LIANE WEBB	Chair	2019-04-15
GERARD NOEL JAMES CRONIN		2019-04-15
KEITH LAWRENCE COLIN		2019-04-15
MICHAEL GUY TRISTRAM		2019-04-15
Ruth Elizabeth Kenward		2021-01-22

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182997

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 1182997

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 March 2025



**SustainableSussex**  
Experience | Education | Employment | Environment

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Charity name** Sustainable Sussex CIO

**Charity registration number** 1182997

**Principal office**

Sompting Estate Office  
Lambleys Lane  
Worthing  
West Sussex  
BN14 9JX

**Trustees**

Liane Webb  
Mike Tristram  
Ruth Kenward  
Keith Colin  
Gerard Cronin

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## **SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO TRUSTEES' REPORT 2024 - 2025**

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is governed by a constitution dated 15 April 2019.

### **Reserves policy**

Funds are held at the year end, all for intended use in the following year with none consciously held as longer term reserves. Funds will be raised for future activities.

### **Risk assessment**

Trustees have kept under review the major risks facing the trusts and have taken appropriate steps to manage them.

### **Public benefit reporting**

The trustees have considered the various risks to which the trust is potentially exposed, and are satisfied that adequate measures are in place to identify, assess and mitigate the effects of these risks.

Over the last year the charity delivered 1289 individual opportunities, resulting in 5043 volunteer-beneficiary hours.

The charity welcomed 107 individual visitors for introductory tours and a total of 220 guided hours on the farm.

The charity supported 19 individual young people from Northbrook College, totaling 89 hours. The Sustainable Mind delivered mental health provision at the farm in the form of mindfulness meditation and nature connection to 89 individuals totalling 132 hours.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The Trustees understand how the above objects of the charity are beneficial to the public, and confirm that they have regard to guidelines from the Charity Commission on the same.

## **Objectives and activities**

Sustainable Sussex primarily supports people who find accessing the workplace difficult by providing real-work experience, education, social and environmental connection on and around Sompting Estate. Activities include gardening, building, carpentry, animal care, mindfulness, crafts and making value added products and selling them as part of social enterprise Sussex Chilli Farm, which is a vehicle for education and social inclusion.

Sustainable Sussex is developing The Fen Farm - Sompting community farm, nature trail and community orchard, in partnership with Sompting Estate and Titch Hill Farm.

This year saw a continued increase in beneficiary engagement and vegetable production which was primarily donated to local food banks and to charity beneficiaries.

January saw vandalism and arson on site, impacting the projects significantly and delaying horticultural production for Sussex Chilli Farm.

## **Mission Statement**

Sustainable Sussex provides welcoming spaces, diverse experiences and community connections to help people grow and share their skills, knowledge and passion. We build resilience by furthering the wellbeing, relationships and abilities of people and nature.

## **Vision**

Growing together we thrive

## **Financial review**

The charity ended the period with £2,893 of Unrestricted funds . It also had £16,396 of restricted purpose grant funds. The trust aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure the day to day operations continue, and to contribute to future activities. Whilst trustees aspire in the future to develop a 6-12 month reserve so as to assure future continuity, no minimum reserve level is currently held.

Operational funds are raised as and when needed including as backstop from our principal funding partner the Sompting Estate.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by M Tristram

Date: 8 December 2025



SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations from businesses		8,198	-	8,198	6,550	-	6,550
Donations from charities		451	-	451	135	-	135
Donations from individuals		418	-	418	145	-	145
Project funding			-	-	8,600	-	8,600
Sale of expended assets			-	-	1,500	-	1,500
<b>Charitable activities:</b>							
Trading activities		2,508	-	2,508	735	-	735
Grant income		-	20,400	20,400	-	16,197	16,197
<b>Total income</b>		<b>11,575</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>31,975</b>	<b>17,665</b>	<b>16,197</b>	<b>33,862</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	2	8,872	7,975	16,847	17,669	24,981	42,650
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>8,872</b>	<b>7,975</b>	<b>16,847</b>	<b>17,669</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>42,650</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>2,703</b>	<b>12,425</b>	<b>15,128</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(8,784)</b>	<b>(8,788)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>190</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>4,161</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>12,755</b>	<b>12,949</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>2,893</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>19,289</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>4,161</b>

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2025 or 2024 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Office equipment		-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank		<u>19,380</u>	<u>4,192</u>
		<b>19,380</b>	<b>4,192</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>(91)</b>	<b>(31)</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>19,289</u>	<u>4,161</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>19,289</b>	<b>4,161</b>
		<u><u>19,289</u></u>	<u><u>4,161</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds		2,893	190
Restricted funds		16,396	3,971
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>19,289</u></u>	<u><u>4,161</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by



M G Tristram

Date: 8 December 2025

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Principal accounting policies

*Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 (SORP) applicable to charities.

*Incoming resources*

All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

*Resources expended*

Expenditure is recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay and is accounted for on an accruals basis.

2 Charitable activities expenditure

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
<b>Direct charitable activities spend</b>			
Costs of direct charitable activities	7,651	7,759	15,410
Advertising & Marketing	-	-	-
Consulting	-	-	-
Minibus	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet	565	216	781
Insurance	656	-	656
Stationery and Computer	-	-	-
Accountancy	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
	<b>8,872</b>	<b>7,975</b>	<b>16,847</b>
	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
<b>Direct charitable activities spend</b>			
Costs of direct charitable activities	8,692	24,981	33,673
Advertising & Marketing	-	-	-
Consulting	8,600	-	8,600
Minibus	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet	377	-	377
Insurance	-	-	-
Stationery and Computer	-	-	-
Accountancy	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
	<b>17,669</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>42,650</b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

I report on the accounts of the charitable trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed under its constitution.

It is my responsibility to

examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act), follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) the 2011 Act), and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

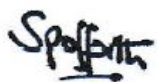
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**Alexander Spofforth FCA for and on behalf of Spofforth Partners Limited**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Byne Cottage, Manley's Hill**  
**Storrington. West Sussex RH20 4BN**

**Date: 8 December 2025**

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182997

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 1182997

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 March 2024**



**SustainableSussex**

Experience | Education | Employment | Environment

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Charity name** Sustainable Sussex CIO

**Charity registration number** 1182997

**Principal office**

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**Trustees**

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## **SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **Structure, governance and management**

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### **Reserves policy**

Funds are held at the year end, all for intended use in the following year with none consciously held as longer term reserves. Funds will be raised for future activities.

### **Risk assessment**

Trustees have kept under review the major risks facing the trusts and have taken appropriate steps to manage them.

### **Public benefit reporting**

The trustees have considered the various risks to which the trust is potentially exposed, and are satisfied that adequate measures are in place to identify, assess and mitigate the effects of these risks.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The Trustees understand how the above objects of the charity are beneficial to the public, and confirm that they have regard to guidelines from the Charity Commission on the same.

### **Objectives and activities**

Sustainable Sussex primarily supports people who find accessing the workplace difficult by providing real-work experience, education, social and environmental connection on and around Sompting Estate. Activities include gardening, building, carpentry, animal care, mindfulness, crafts and making value added products and selling them as part of social enterprise Sussex Chilli Farm, which is a vehicle for education and social inclusion.

Sustainable Sussex is developing The Fen Farm - Sompting community farm, nature trail and community orchard, in partnership with Sompting Estate and Titch Hill Farm.

This year saw a continued increase in beneficiary engagement and vegetable production which was primarily donated to local food banks and to charity beneficiaries.

Volunteer facilities were improved, with solar power being installed on our temporary tea room.

Funding from The National Lottery, CLA and Rampion Fund allowed the charity to:

Install a commercial poly tunnel to increase food production, as well as to provide improved growing conditions for Sussex Chilli Farm.

Restore and install a Mongolian yurt (ger) which was donated to the charity to provide shelter for mindfulness as well as crafting.

Plant the canopy layer of a Forest Garden which will provide education, resources and food for people and nature.

Leader training included Mental Health First Aid, Grief first aid study towards RHS Horticulture qualification.

The charity engaged with Persimmon Homes, on the design of a volunteer facility at a community orchard which will be managed by the charity once created.

Community outreach included attending the Worthing Mental Health awarenessExpo 2023 and running Sussex Chilli Farm's first mini-chilli fair at The Fen Farm site.

## **Mission Statement**

Sustainable Sussex provides welcoming spaces, diverse experiences and community connections to help people grow and share their skills, knowledge and passion. We build resilience by furthering the wellbeing, relationships and abilities of people and nature.

## **Vision**


Growing together we thrive

## **Financial review**

The charity ended the period with £190 of Unrestricted funds . It also had £3,971 of restricted purpose grant funds.. The trust aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure the day to day operations continue, and to contribute to future activities. Whilst trustees aspire in the future to develop a 6-

12 month reserve so as to assure future continuity, no minimum reserve level is currently held. Operational funds are raised as and when needed including as backstop from our principal funding partner the Sompting Estate.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by  
M G Tristram

Date: 03.12.2024 

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations from businesses	6,550	-	6,550	2,000	-	2,000	
Donations from charities	135	-	135	1,075	9,495	10,570	
Donations from individuals	145	-	145	-	-	-	
Project funding	8,600	-	8,600	8,400	-	8,400	
Insurance claim	-	-	-	3,250	-	3,250	
Sale of expended assets	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	
<b>Charitable activities:</b>							
Trading activities	735	-	735	620	-	620	
Grant income	-	16,197	16,197	-	-	-	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>17,665</b>	<b>16,197</b>	<b>33,862</b>	<b>15,345</b>	<b>9,495</b>	<b>24,840</b>	
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	2	17,669	24,981	42,650	17,054	7,703	24,757
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>17,669</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>42,650</b>	<b>17,054</b>	<b>7,703</b>	<b>24,757</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(4)</b>	<b>(8,784)</b>	<b>(8,788)</b>	<b>(1,709)</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>194</b>	<b>12,755</b>	<b>12,949</b>	<b>1,903</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>12,866</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>190</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>4,161</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>12,755</b>	<b>12,949</b>

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2024 or 2023 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Office equipment			-		-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors		-		98	
Cash at bank		4,192		13,008	
		<u>4,192</u>		<u>13,106</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		(31)		(157)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>4,161</u>		<u>12,949</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>4,161</u>		<u>12,949</u>
			<u><u>4,161</u></u>		<u><u>12,949</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Unrestricted funds			190		194
Restricted funds			3,971		12,755
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u><u>4,161</u></u>		<u><u>12,949</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by

M G Tristram

Date: 4 December 2024

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**1 Principal accounting policies**

***Basis of accounting***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 (SORP) applicable to charities.

***Incoming resources***

All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

***Resources expended***

Expenditure is recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay and is accounted for on an accruals basis.

**2 Charitable activities expenditure**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
<b>Direct charitable activities spend</b>			
Costs of direct charitable activities	8,692	24,981	<b>33,673</b>
Advertising & Marketing	-	-	-
Consulting	8,600	-	<b>8,600</b>
Minibus	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet	377	-	<b>377</b>
Insurance	-	-	-
Stationery and Computer	-	-	-
Accountancy	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-
	<b>17,669</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>42,650</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
<b>Direct charitable activities spend</b>			
Costs of direct charitable activities	7,438	7,703	<b>15,141</b>
Advertising & Marketing	(63)	-	<b>(63)</b>
Consulting	8,400	-	<b>8,400</b>
Minibus	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet	57	-	<b>57</b>
Insurance	627	-	<b>627</b>
Stationery and Computer	448	-	<b>448</b>
Accountancy	-	-	-
Depreciation	147	-	<b>147</b>
	<b>17,054</b>	<b>7,703</b>	<b>24,757</b>

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Liane Webb and Keith Colin received payment for their services to the charity of £4,300 and £4,300 respectively until December 2023 (2023: £4,200 and £4,200).

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

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**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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It is my responsibility to

examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act), follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) the 2011 Act), and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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**Independent examiner's statement**

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- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
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have not been met; or

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**Alexander Spofforth FCA for and on behalf of Spofforth Partners Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
Byne Cottage, Manley's Hill  
Storrington. West Sussex RH20 4BN**

**Date: 4 December 2024**

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182997

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 1182997

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 March 2023**



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**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Charity name** Sustainable Sussex CIO

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## **SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **Structure, governance and management**

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#### **Objectives and activities**

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Funds are held at the year end, all for intended use in the following year with none consciously held as longer term reserves. Funds will be raised for future activities.

#### **Risk assessment**

The trustees have considered the various risks to which the trust is potentially exposed, and are satisfied that adequate measures are in place to identify, assess and mitigate the effects of these risks.

#### **Public benefit reporting**

The Trustees understand how the above objects of the charity are beneficial to the public, and confirm that they have regard to guidelines from the Charity Commission on the same.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

This reporting period saw a significant increase in activity as some charity beneficiaries returned post pandemic and more new volunteer-beneficiaries joined the ranks. The installation of shared temporary volunteer facilities, including a tea-room and composting toilet helped towards attracting people to the projects. A view was taken by trustees and project leaders to develop a strong core team of volunteers who may become leaders themselves later on and allow the charity to safely increase capacity as it grows. This has meant implementing a somewhat stricter volunteer-beneficiary application and trial period process than we have traditionally used. This is to ensure that work on the farm remains productive and safe, while also demonstrating to all, the mixed needs groups and work ethos that is core to our vision.

Volunteer sessions were expanded from two days a week to three in order to build additional capacity. Total number of beneficiary opportunities delivered over the reporting period were in excess of 530 with over 2500 hours of volunteer work by mixed-need beneficiaries.

The charity supported a partnership with Sompting Parish Council and a local conservation grazing shepherd who has additional needs - through performing vaccinations and fly-strike treatment and prevention.

Volunteers attended training sessions including first aid, DBS training and child safeguarding and fundraising training to further develop the charity's reach and observe legal compliance.

## SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

### TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued

#### Achievements and Performance. Continued

Sustainable Sussex recruited a volunteer fundraiser and a social media and website developer. The fundraising volunteer was successful in gaining funds from Sussex Community Foundation towards the market garden development and commercial poly tunnel to aid germination of seeds for crops that are donated to beneficiaries, local food banks and for sale to offer beneficiaries real-work experience and cash handling skills. Southern Water granted £3,000 towards an educational Green Roof Cycle Shelter - part funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund via partnership with the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust and Sompting Estate. This partnership also saw the installation of shared tea-room, composting toilet and the cycle shelter on the community farm site.

Sustainable Sussex's social enterprise Sussex Chilli Farm was re-started in February 2023 - a month later than was ideal due to leader's health problems. Some 400 seeds were sown and the plants tended throughout the reporting period with anticipated harvest from July to October in the next reporting period.

Food donations to beneficiaries, food banks and other community projects exceeded 350Kg of fresh produce as well as donations of value added products - namely Sussex Chilli Farm chilli infused salts to help local CICs and other groups to raise funds, while raising the profile of the charity.

Sustainable Sussex's partnership with The Sustainable Mind delivered mental health interventions including mindful-in-nature walks and retreats and encouraged several attendees to volunteer for the charity and engage in regular community activities.

Unfortunately the Sustainable Sussex minibus previously donated by Sompting Big Local was written off by youths who broke into the site and smashed the majority of the windows. The insurance payment was insufficient to replace the vehicle and so this was used for other operating costs. This incident forced us to install CCTV. Another criminal incident involved youths damaging said CCTV equipment, smashing the compost toilet window and kicking the door in. As Sussex Police were limited in their response, our own enquiries using CCTV images seemed to put a stop to the trespassing. Site security, asset safety and monitoring by CCTV will now take a more prominent role in managing the site and the charity's equipment into the future. These incidents highlighted the need for community engagement in the area and to share ownership of the community farm with local families.

Voluntary donations were made by Ace Football Academy, Waitrose, The Sustainable Mind, Agecraft and Sompting Estate as well as multiple individual donors.

Sustainable Sussex collaborated with Agecraft CIC to deliver a 'Weaving Wool Together' project, working with beneficiaries to tend sheep, watch them being shawn, taking part in washing and natural dying and then weaving, wet felting, needle-felting and finally producing a collaborative artwork that was displayed at Collonade House in Worthing Town Centre.

<https://colonnadehouse.co.uk/project/weaving-wool-together/>

Sustainable Sussex also raised additional funds through charitable trading with sales of fresh produce as well as value added goods through their social enterprise, Sussex Chilli Farm. All of these sales were direct and by charity beneficiaries, usually at community events or via word-of-mouth.

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued**

**Financial review**

The charity ended the period with £193 of Unrestricted funds. It also had £12,755 of restricted purpose grant funds. The trust aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure the day to day operations continue, and to contribute to future activities. Whilst trustees aspire in the future to develop a 6-12 month reserve so as to assure future continuity, no minimum reserve level is currently held. Operational funds are raised as and when needed including as backstop from our principal funding partner the Sompting Estate.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



M G Tristram

Date: 8 January 2024

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations from businesses		2,000	-	2,000	5,000
Donations from charities		1,075	9,495	10,570	-
Project funding		8,400	-	8,400	8,400
Insurance claim		3,250	-	3,250	-
<b>Charitable activities:</b>					
Trading activities		620	-	620	500
Grant income		-	-	-	12,955
<b>Total income</b>		<b>15,345</b>	<b>9,495</b>	<b>24,840</b>	<b>26,855</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	2	17,054	7,703	24,757	14,487
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>17,054</b>	<b>7,703</b>	<b>24,757</b>	<b>14,487</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(1,710)</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>12,368</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>1,903</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>12,866</b>	<b>498</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>193</b>	<b>12,755</b>	<b>12,949</b>	<b>12,866</b>

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2023 or 2022 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Office equipment		-	147
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	98	-	-
Cash at bank	13,008	17,286	17,286
	<u>13,106</u>	<u>17,286</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	(157)	(4,567)	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>12,949</u>	<u>12,719</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>12,949</u>	<u>12,866</u>
		<u><u>12,949</u></u>	<u><u>12,866</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds		193	1,903
Restricted funds		12,755	10,963
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>12,949</u></u>	<u><u>12,866</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by



M G Tristram

Date: 8 January 2024

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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**1 Principal accounting policies**

***Basis of accounting***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 (SORP) applicable to charities.

***Incoming resources***

All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

***Resources expended***

Expenditure is recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay and is accounted for on an accruals basis.

**2 Charitable activities expenditure**

	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds
<b>Direct charitable activities spend</b>				
Costs of direct charitable activities	7,438	7,703	15,141	3,709
Advertising & Marketing	(63)	-	(63)	130
Consulting	8,400	-	8,400	8,520
Minibus	-	-	-	661
Telephone & Internet	57	-	57	269
Insurance	627	-	627	914
Stationery and Computer	448	-	448	284
Accountancy	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	147	-	147	-
	<u>17,054</u>	<u>7,703</u>	<u>24,757</u>	<u>14,487</u>

**3**

Liane Webb and Keith Colin received payment for their services to the charity of £4,200 and £4,200 respectively (2022: £4,320 and £4,200).

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

I report on the accounts of the charitable trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed under its constitution.

It is my responsibility to

examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),  
follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) the 2011 Act), and  
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**Alexander Spofforth FCA for and on behalf of Spofforth Partners Limited**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Byne Cottage, Manley's Hill**  
**Storrington. West Sussex RH20 4BN**

**Date: 8 January 2024**

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX**

England & Wales - Charity number 1182997

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 1182997

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 March 2022**



**SustainableSussex**  
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## **SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Charity name** Sustainable Sussex CIO

**Charity registration number** 1182997

#### **Principal office**

Sompting Estate Office  
Lambleys Lane  
Worthing  
West Sussex  
BN14 9JX

#### **Trustees**

Liane Webb  
Mike Tristram  
Ruth Kenward  
Keith Colin  
Gerard Cronin

[www.facebook.com/SustainableSussex](http://www.facebook.com/SustainableSussex)

## **SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The trust is governed by a Trust Deed dated 15 April 2019.

Trustees have kept under review the major risks facing the trusts and have taken appropriate steps to manage them.

#### **Objectives and activities**

Sustainable Sussex supports people who find accessing the workplace difficult through providing real-work experience and education on and around Sompting Estate. Our activities include gardening, building, carpentry, animal care, mindfulness, crafts and making value added products and selling them as part of our social enterprise Sussex Chilli Farm.

#### **Reserves policy**

Funds are held at the year end, all for intended use in the following year with none consciously held as longer term reserves. Funds will be raised for future activities.

#### **Risk assessment**

The trustees have considered the various risks to which the trust is potentially exposed, and are satisfied that adequate measures are in place to identify, assess and mitigate the effects of these risks.

#### **Public benefit reporting**

The Trustees understand how the above objects of the charity are beneficial to the public, and confirm that they have regard to guidelines from the Charity Commission on the same.

## **SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued**

#### **Achievements and Performance**

This reporting year began with some Covid restrictions still in place and so lambing took place at the Fen Farm with closed doors to the public for infection control reasons. Given the vulnerable nature of volunteers and beneficiaries the utmost caution was practiced until Covid vaccination boosters were completed and measures relaxed somewhat.

As restrictions reduced Sustainable Sussex utilised the local council-funded support services of BH Community Works to advertise volunteer opportunities, including opportunities in the market garden and with shepherding. Amongst other volunteers, this brought 3 generations of a local home-schooling family to the projects and helped a young man achieve his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Most new volunteers during this period were short-lived, due to the advertising being primarily in Brighton and Hove and people having to travel a long distance to reach the sites. Volunteer recruitment was then changed to a more local approach resulting in better volunteer retention. Several pre-pandemic beneficiaries returned while a focus was made to recruit leaders to grow the projects safely.

Funding was raised in partnership with Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust and Sompting Estate for temporary volunteer facilities and orders placed for a composting toilet, volunteer welfare unit and a permanent green-roof cycle shelter to begin building infrastructure of The Fen Farm – Sompting Community Farm, Nature Trail and Community Orchard.

Sustainable Sussex delivered bi-weekly sessions to vulnerable adults in mixed groups throughout this reporting period.

Sustainable Sussex made food donations to partnership organisations including The Community House (Worthing Homes), Worthing Soup Kitchen, Lancing and Sompting Food banks, Breathing Spaces CIC and direct to Sustainable Sussex beneficiaries. These included fresh eggs, fresh vegetables and distributed plants donated by Tristram Plants. Through the charity, The Sustainable Mind delivered 10 free one-to-one mental health and anxiety support sessions referred through the Going Local Social Prescribing team.

#### **Financial review**

The charity ended the period with £1,903 of Unrestricted funds, a satisfactory improvement on the previous year £498. It also had £10,963 of restricted purpose grant funds. The trust aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure the day to day operations continue, and to contribute to future activities. Whilst trustees aspire in the future to develop a 6-12 month reserve so as to assure future continuity, no minimum reserve level is currently held. Operational funds are raised as and when needed including as backstop from our principal funding partner the Sompting Estate.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

M G Tristram

Date: 10 January 2023

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations from individuals		-	-	-	997
Donations from businesses		5,000	-	5,000	-
Project funding		8,400	-	8,400	8,400
<b>Charitable activities:</b>					
Trading activities		500	-	500	-
Grant income		-	12,955	12,955	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>13,900</b>	<b>12,955</b>	<b>26,855</b>	<b>9,397</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	2	12,495	1,992	14,487	10,406
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>12,495</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>14,487</b>	<b>10,406</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>1,405</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>12,368</b>	<b>(1,009)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>1,507</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,903</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>12,866</b>	<b>498</b>

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2022 or 2021 other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Office equipment		147	147
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank		<u>17,286</u>	<u>2,006</u>
		17,286	2,006
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
		<u>(4,567)</u>	<u>(1,655)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		12,719	351
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		12,866	498
		<u>12,866</u>	<u>498</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds		1,903	498
Restricted funds		10,963	-
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>12,866</u>	<u>498</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by

M G Tristram

Date: 10 January 2023

## SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

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#### 1 Principal accounting policies

##### *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 (SORP) applicable to charities.

##### *Incoming resources*

All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

##### *Resources expended*

Expenditure is recorded once the charity has made an unconditional commitment to pay and is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### 2 Charitable activities expenditure

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
<b>Direct charitable activities spend</b>				
Costs of direct charitable activities	1,717	1,992	<b>3,709</b>	100
Advertising & Marketing	130	-	<b>130</b>	19
Consulting	8,520	-	<b>8,520</b>	8,400
Minibus	661	-	<b>661</b>	357
Telephone & Internet	269	-	<b>269</b>	513
Insurance	914	-	<b>914</b>	927
Stationery and Computer	284	-	<b>284</b>	-
Accountancy	-	-	-	90
	<b>12,495</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>14,487</b>	<b>10,406</b>

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Liane Webb and Keith Colin received payment for their services to the charity of £4,320 and £4,200 respectively (2021: £4,200 and £4,200).

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO**

I report on the accounts of the charitable trust for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed under its constitution.

It is my responsibility to

examine the financial statements (under section 145 of the 2011 Act), follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) the 2011 Act), and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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**Date:** 10 January 2023

**SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX**

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/20 Period start date To 31/03/2021 Period end date

Charity name: Sustainable Sussex CIO

Charity registration number: 1182997

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Sustainable Sussex supports people who find accessing the workplace difficult through providing real-work experience and education on and around Sompting Estate. Our activities include gardening, building, carpentry, animal care, mindfulness, crafts and making value added products and selling them as part of our social enterprise Sussex Chilli Farm.
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 the Covid Pandemic Sustainable Sussex took its obligations around the welfare of its volunteers and beneficiaries seriously and thus limited the activities and numbers of beneficiaries it engaged with during this particularly challenging reporting period.</p> <p>At the beginning of the reporting period and during government mandated restrictions, included stopping non-essential travel and contact between people, we had a minimal number of volunteers present on sites. The few people engaged allowed general maintenance and a low level of food production which was subsequently donated to local food banks and community projects benefitting those in need. The period of lower activity was extended due to the majority of beneficiaries requiring the use of public transport which was advised against by government. The charities' early adoption of internal occupational health guidance at a time before public health advice was offered around the pandemic was demonstrated to be beneficial during this reporting period, almost certainly reducing infections of volunteers and beneficiaries, many of whom are vulnerable to Covid or live with elderly parents or carers.</p>

		<p>As soon as the vaccination program allowed the decision was made to engage the beneficiaries most at-risk of mental health problems or loneliness. We engaged people in growing vegetables, harvesting, maintaining equipment and working towards the creation of Sompting Community Farm, Nature Trail and Community Orchard.</p> <p>Sustainable Sussex maintained a program of public on-site walking tours of the community farm site during much of the reporting period.</p> <p>There was a reduction in charitable trading from the last reporting period from £2074 to Nil.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees found it challenging to match the charities' previous level of public benefit during the reporting period while also considering the legal requirement that 'a purpose cannot be a charitable purpose where any detriment or harm resulting from it outweighs the benefit' as per guidance PB1. The trustees' decisions to reduce numbers and the timings of beneficiary engagement were based on best practice in occupational health risk assessment and the knowledge and training of the charities' health and safety lead, rather than necessarily following public health advice which was not appropriate, nor timed to be appropriate for occupational health decisions.</p> <p>To summarise, all decisions by trustees have been informed by Charity Commission guidance and taken into account when making operational decisions and the guidance has not been departed from.</p>

### 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	
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>Throughout the pandemic, the charity engaged various numbers of volunteers and beneficiaries who would otherwise have been alone in their homes or be otherwise disengaged. The ability to travel to the project from their homes, then take exercise by growing produce which was then going to a worthy cause, allowed them to engage in activities that were a benefit to their mental and physical health, even more so during the pandemic than at other times. Fresh produce was donated to beneficiaries and eaten at home, benefiting their health through nutritional value as well as the pride in eating something that they have produced.</p> <p>Sustainable Sussex partnered with The Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust (OART) and Sompting Estate's EPIC Broadwater Brook Restoration Project. The partnership will bring existing volunteers onto the Community Farm site to share temporary volunteer facilities, co-funded by the three partners. Planning permission was granted for the facilities and funds applied for towards the project, which will include a car park, secure green-roofed cycle shelter, temporary office/tea room, workshop/tool store, composting toilet and solar electrical system. These facilities will allow greater community engagement and charitable activities for us over the 5-year permission granted.</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	
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>Sustainable Sussex has fared well during this reporting period, reducing or maintaining costs to a minimum while remaining operational and capable of delivering public benefit.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>No policy on holding reserves.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£2006</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>Not applicable</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>Not applicable</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Not applicable</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:		<b>Not applicable</b>
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g 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>Interview and majority vote</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	<b>Sustainable Sussex is a member of BH Community Works as well as partnering with the Sompting Community in The Countryside team.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sustainable Sussex
Other name the charity uses	Sussex Chilli Farm
Registered charity number	1182997
Charity's principal address	Sompting Estate Office Middle Yard Barn Lambleys Lane Worthing BN14 9JX

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Liane Webb	Chair		
2	Ruth Kenward		22/01/2021	
3	Mike Tristram			
4	Gerard Cronin			
5	Keith Colin			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

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

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### 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 above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations from individuals	997	-	-	997	8,226
Donations from businesses	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Trading	-	-	-	-	2,074
Grants	-	-	-	-	6,300
Project Payment	8,400	-	-	8,400	200
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>16,800</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>9,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,397</b>	<b>16,800</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising & Marketing	19	-	-	19	372
Consulting	8,400	-	-	8,400	8,225
Fuel - Minibus	342	-	-	342	840
Telephone & Internet	35	-	-	35	30
Insurance	927	-	-	927	1,254
Stationery and Computer	-	-	-	-	567
Accountancy	568	-	-	568	255
Costs of charitable activities	100	-	-	100	900
Building materials	-	-	-	-	3,625
Travel costs	-	-	-	-	2,335
Meeting costs	-	-	-	-	500
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>18,903</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Farm equipment	-	-	-	-	2,907
Tools	-	-	-	-	1,497
IT equipment	-	-	-	-	147
Livestock	-	-	-	-	803
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,354</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>24,257</b>
Transfer from Sustainable Sussex	-	-	-	-	10457
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(994)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>3,000</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>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>3,000</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>		2,006	-	-
		-		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Chipper Shredder		1,930	
	Food Dehydrator		799	-
	Chainsaw and Chainsaw Mill		867	-
	Tools and Hardware		522	
	Laptop		675	-
	Petrol Brushcutter		294	-
	Dye-Sub Printer & Media		1,549	-
	36x16ft Polytunnel		1,270	-
	Power tools		294	-

Categories	Details	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
	Liane Webb	
	Keith Colin	