

Charity registration number: 1182997

SUSTAINABLE SUSSEX CIO

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 March 2025**



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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



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>
	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Income from:							
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
Charitable activities:							
Trading activities		2,508	-	2,508	735	-	735
Grant income		-	20,400	20,400	-	16,197	16,197
Total income		11,575	20,400	31,975	17,665	16,197	33,862
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	2	8,872	7,975	16,847	17,669	24,981	42,650
Total expenses		8,872	7,975	16,847	17,669	24,981	42,650
Net income/(expenditure)							
Total funds brought forward		190	3,971	4,161	194	12,755	12,949
Total funds carried forward		2,893	16,396	19,289	190	3,971	4,161

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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

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M G Tristram

Date: 8 December 2025

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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 £
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Direct charitable activities spend			
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	-	-	-
	8,872	7,975	16,847
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
Direct charitable activities spend			
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	-	-	-
	17,669	24,981	42,650

**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

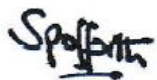
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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