

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: Period start date: 01.7.24 **To:** Period end date: 30.06.25

Charity name: SENSORY SOFT PLAY

Charity registration number: 1183273

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	To help relieve the need of children and their families (primarily but not exclusively) with additional needs, in Hastings and the surrounding areas.
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.	Through the provision of multi-sensory soft play activities and the running of a support group for parents and carers of children.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	N/A

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.	Activities: Weekdays/Evenings We continue to push the Monday Drop In and have also added another group to Fridays in addition. This has been supported sporadically but we will continue to push this. May 2025 – awarded a Grant from Southern Water through Sussex Community Foundation of £20,000. To provide an after school club on a Monday and Friday. This has been used by around 5 children weekly. March 2025 – we started our Parents Collective originally started at Jamies Café and Bistro in Ore but since this has shut we now use Langham Road once a month for a meet up and some freshly cooked tapas c/o Jamie one of our Trustees. Around 15 parent/carers attend
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	this. This has been funded by Magdalen and Lasher and Life More Ordinary with grants totalling £1,830.00 The Interim Out of School Provision Team continue to use the space once a week. August Holiday – Sensory Room Bookings busy 17 bookings in fortnight. May Half Term – Sensory Room bookings 11 bookings New clients of hire of the Sensory Room include: - Headstart Residential - Demelza Charity - Ridgeway (adults with learning difficulties) – regular booking Fund Raising Activities Halloween Event – 30 October SEN Friendly Family Santas Grotto was a great success and we had over 60 children attend in December 2024. This was funded partly through a donation of £700 from The Isabel Blackman Centre. June 2025 – SENSORY GARDEN OPENING. Well attended visited by Deputy Mayor of Hastings and a representative from Magdalen and Lasher. Days Out Took 30 children to Diggerland on 28 October 2024 Peter Pan Panto – 27 December (part of HAF provision) HAF Holiday Clubs 2024/25 29 30 31 July, 1, 2 August 5 August – FARM TRIP 30 Dec, 2 and 3 Jan – CHRISTMAS CLUB HAF Trial February Half Term Club 2025 – not well attended. HAF Easter Club – 7-9 April 2025
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	Day out to Rare Breeds – 10 April 2025 Collaborations During this period have included: - Come As you Are CIC - Little Gate Farm Internships - National Literacy Trust		
	Future Plans 1. Moving out of Langham Road into a smaller premise. 2. Open up a SEN friendly Café 3. Sensoft Choir? 4. Musical activities for the children		
DONATIONS FROM LOCAL FUNDERS	Date	Amount	
	19.07.24	5,000	Barbara Ward (core costs)
	02.08.24	2,000	Southern Community Foundation (core costs admin worker)
	14.08.24	1,700	ESCC LMO Halloween Fund Raiser
	27.11.24	166	Hollington Bowls Club (donation)
	13.12.24	700	Isabelle Blackman (Santa Grotto)
	25.02.25	25	Hollington Bowls Club (xmas card donation)
Donations Total		9,591.00	

GRANTS RECEIVED	Date	Amount	
	31.10.24	7,329.50	HAF Xmas Club
	13.01.25	4213.20	HAF Feb Half Term Club
	4.02.25	6,647.55	HAF Easter 2025
	14.04.25	1,000.00	Short Breaks Monitoring
		9,000.00	Short Breaks Provision 2025-26
	Dec 2024	60,690.00	National Lottery Community Fund
	June 2025		106,301.25
	09.05.25	1,080.00	LMO Parents Collective
	09.06.25	6.750.00	HAF Summer Club
Grants Total		96,710.25	
TOTAL GRANTS/DONATIONS		106,301.25	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Other:	
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Balance in bank as at 30/06/2025 Current Account: £54,159.63 Savings Account: £50,250.91
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We hold these reserves to keep the charity running for three months to pay our running costs if for any reason the charity closes. It means that our clients can access the service until they have access to an alternative provision.
Amount of reserves held	£12,000.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	N/A

Treasurers Report	Accounts attached.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Governance Document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Please see policy attached below.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	SENSORY SOFT PLAY
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1183273
Charity's principal address	168 EDMUND ROAD HASTINGS EAST SUSSEX TN35 5LQ

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	Jamie Henderson			
2	Lisa Henderson		<i>Resigned – Jan 2022</i>	
3	<i>Alastair Davey</i>		<i>Resigned</i>	
4	Julia Hurrell		Aug 2020-now	
5	<i>Suzanne Horgan</i>		<i>Resigned</i>	
6	Olivia Hurrell			
7	James Lawton			

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	

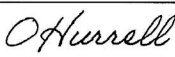
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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	N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature
Full name(s) JAMIE HENDERSON (Treasurer)	
JULIA HURRELL (Secretary)	J Hurrell
OLIVIA HURRELL	
JAMES LAWTON	

Date 16/01/2025

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

SENSORY SOFT PLAY

The charity identifies the need for new trustees. This may be because vacancies have arisen through resignations, or it may be that existing trustees have decided that one or more new trustees with specific skills are needed to help run the charity more effectively.

The trustees agree what skills, experience and knowledge are needed, and write it down in the form of a short job description and person specification.

The trustees agree responsibilities and a process for recruitment; in doing this, they take care to comply with any specific requirements set out in the charity's governing document. Some of the work may be delegated to a sub-group of trustees, but the whole trustee board remains in full control of the process and decisions.

Finding potential trustees

The trustees agree what skills, experience and knowledge are needed, and write it down in the form of a short job description and person specification.

1. consider the best methods of attracting a diverse range of candidates with the skills the charity needs. This may include advertising in the local and/or specialist press and using trustee brokerage services.
2. These can be recruited through:
 - Recommendation
 - Referral from a recruiting organisation
 - Self-Referral
 - Advertisement
3. Short-listing and interviews take place against agreed criteria. Interviews are carried out by a small panel of trustees, and each candidate is asked similar questions to ensure a fair and objective approach. Notes are kept of each interview.
4. Preferred candidates are identified and invited to join the trustees, subject to references, formal vetting and approval by the full trustee board. Unsuccessful candidates are notified and thanked for their interest.

Vetting potential trustees

1. The trustees check that the candidates have not been disqualified from acting as trustees, and candidates are asked to confirm in writing that this is the case.



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2. Candidates are asked to consider and declare any existing or potential conflicts of interest.
3. If the charity works with children or adults at risk, the trustees seek any appropriate checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service.
4. In the light of the checks and declarations, the trustees decide to go ahead and formalise the appointment of new trustees.

Making the appointment

1. The trustees check the charity's governing document to ensure that they appoint the new trustees in a proper and legal way.
2. The Chair of the charity writes to the prospective trustees, setting out their duties and the charity's expectations of them; they are asked to sign and return a copy of the letter.
3. An information pack about the charity is sent to new trustees, and a full induction process is arranged. New trustees meet existing trustees and others involved with the charity, such as members of staff, volunteers and beneficiaries.
4. The new trustees attend their first board meeting and are duly welcomed. All relevant parties, such as funders and the charity's solicitors and auditors, are notified of the new appointments.

Company number
CE017403
Charitable Incorporated Organisation Charity No 1183273

Sensory Soft Play
Report and Accounts
30 June 2025



PORTER ASSOCIATES
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANTS

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Charity Information

Accountants

Porter Associates
92b London Road
BEXHILL-ON-SEA
TN39 3LE

Registered office

168 Edmund Road
HASTINGS
TN35 5LQ

Company number

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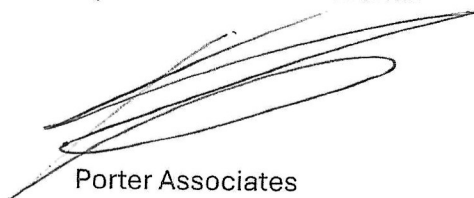
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Accountants' Report**

**Accountants' report to
Sensory Soft Play**

You consider that the company is exempt from an audit for the year ended 30 June 2025. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes from the accounting records of the company and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

We have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express an opinion on these accounts.



Porter Associates
Accountants

92b London Road
BEXHILL-ON-SEA
TN39 3LE

15th September, 2025

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Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover	136,967	151,632
Cost of sales	(67,385)	(85,473)
Gross profit	69,582	66,159
Administrative expenses	(37,458)	(60,402)
Operating profit/(loss)	32,124	(5,243)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	32,124	(8,908)

Sensory Soft Play
Company number:
Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2025

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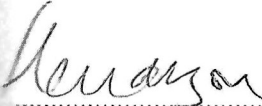
	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	613	747
		747
Current assets		
Debtors	2,725	505
Cash at bank and in hand	80,655	42,791
	83,380	43,296
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(13,407)	(5,581)
Net current assets	69,973	37,715
Total assets less current liabilities	70,586	38,462
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-
Net assets	70,586	38,462
Capital and reserves		
Profit and loss account	38,462	32,705
	32,124	5,757
Shareholders' funds	70,586	38,462

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.


J. Henderson

Approved on: 12 / 12 / 2025



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Sensory Soft Play

On accounts for the year
ended

30th June, 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1183273

Set out on pages

N/A

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30th June, 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Bexhill Heritage accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

8th October, 2025

Name:

Richard Porter

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

FFA, FTA

Address:

Porter Associates

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Section B**Disclosure**

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

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