

LEWES OPEN DOOR

England & Wales · Charity number 1185742

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-10-10

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO ISTO 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 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY (INCLUDING ALCOHOL OR DRUGS);POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP OR FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS, HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS).

Activities: Lewes Open Door runs a support service for guests to receive food, drinks, clothing, toiletries and bedding .We provide signposting to statutory & other voluntary services and limited outreach in accompanying individuals to appointments with recovery services, GPs & other health services, banks, the Job Centre & similar organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£3,655	£11,884	-	-
2024-12-31	£7,912	£10,337	-	-
2023-12-31	£11,736	£11,301	-	-
2022-12-31	£13,603	£14,898	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,059	£11,691	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Belinda Jane Crawford		2020-03-24
Claire Bell		2019-05-23
Claire Duc		2021-03-18
Dr Andrew Barclay Buxton		2021-03-18
Juliet Clare Mickelburgh		2023-03-05
Lisa Rogers		2020-07-03
Michele Evelyn Pearce		2025-08-06
Peter Anthony Barnes		2020-03-24

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Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name Lewes Open Door	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/25	To	Period end date 31/12/25
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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					
Gifts and donations	3,655	-	-	3,655	7,772
Loan repayments and refunds	-	-	-	-	40
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,655	-	-	3,655	7,812
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Disposal of laptop	-	-	-	-	100
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	100
Total receipts	3,655	-	-	3,655	7,912
A3 Payments					
Insurance	433	-	-	433	440
Telephone and internet	665	-	-	665	609
Expenses	10,716	-	-	10,716	9,174
Premises rental	70	-	-	70	25
Storage	-	-	-	-	14
Refunds and corrections	-	-	-	-	75
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,884	-	-	11,884	10,337
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,884	-	-	11,884	10,337
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,229	-	-	- 8,229	- 2,425
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,714	-	-	27,714	30,139
Cash funds this year end	19,485	-	-	19,485	27,714

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	General funds	19,485	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,485	-	-
	(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 £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Lewes Open Door Annual Report January 2024 to December 2024

We have continued to support guests who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness, or in emergency or temporary accommodation, or who have recently been in such accommodation. As previously reported the majority of our formerly homeless guests are in private rented accommodation in the centre of Lewes. However, the future of this as a facility is uncertain. Unfortunately, due to lack of available housing, most of our guests, being single men, are very unlikely to be offered accommodation by the council.

At any one time we are still supporting around 20 people on and off during the year with food, clothing, toiletries and home comforts. We also conduct outreach work to help people to find appropriate advice and services including health and dental services. We have continued our work helping people to access and attend hospital or GP appointments and dental treatment. On a weekly basis we attend the Malling Food Bank which is hosted at Kings Church in Lewes on a Monday, and it is widely known in the Lewes community that if someone needs our services, that is where they will find us.

Having suspended our drop-in service as it was not being used, we held a number of discussions among the trustees and others to consider our strategy. We concluded that our charity was doing work that no other service in our area is doing. For example, when the temperature falls below zero the council is obliged to provide emergency accommodation for the street homeless – this is called SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol). In January the council had ignored the pleas of one of our regular rough sleepers, so we paid for several nights in a hotel until we were able to persuade the council to accept their responsibility. The needs of our guests are increasingly complex and increasingly unmet by statutory services. This has led us to conclude that our services are essential to our guests. We review this on a monthly basis.

We strengthened our relationship with Fitzjohn's Community Food, a local charitable organisation, and held two community celebration events with them during the year at which our guests mingled with the local community and church members and enjoyed the food and entertainment on offer. This was an opportunity to reduce the social isolation which is often experienced by those who experience homelessness and housing insecurity.

We have also strengthened our contacts with those at the local authority who are responsible for housing issues, including the Rough Sleepers Initiative (RSI) who specialise in helping rough sleepers. We have managed to help a number of our guests into longer term accommodation. This has been an opportunity to help them create a new home as we sourced kitchenware and furniture for them and assisted with home decoration.

For example, we helped one of our guests to fight the council's refusal to accept 'duty of care' and he has now moved into a lovely social housing flat in Newhaven, where he can entertain his grandson and has something to live for.

We also supported a long-term rough sleeper, to prevent him being discharged from hospital back onto the streets when he had suffered a life-threatening illness. He has now moved into a Guinness Trust Flat and has changed his life around.

We instigated a joint meeting between local developers, the council housing department, ourselves and members of the homeless community who were in danger of eviction due to the planned development of their sleep sites. It was a very constructive meeting, giving the homeless community an opportunity to voice their wants and needs. We continue to liaise with all parties.

We have made a number of donations to the Acts 435 charity which is an online platform that hosts requests from people in need who are suffering a financial crisis. We restrict our donations to those in the immediate Lewes area to ensure we comply with our charitable objectives. We have helped with needs for carpets, washing machines and beds during the year. We also made donations to Fitzjohn's Food Club for their hardship fund and for the community celebration costs.

We have 2 designated volunteer outreach workers who visit people in temporary accommodation and on the streets, to offer additional emotional and practical support. We also supply food & drinks if and when needed – one pregnant homeless lady could only eat white bread cheese sandwiches so one of our outreach workers made them for her daily for some weeks until she moved on. We also recruited 2 new volunteers, following an open meeting.

We continue to benefit from many charitable donations of clothing and bedding from the local community, which requires sorting and storing. We lost our storage - based in council premises - at very short notice due to a dangerous building, but the aforementioned local developers offered us a dry, secure facility at a peppercorn rent. This arrangement will come to an end during the coming year, and we will shortly be moving our stock into a more appropriate, long term storage facility. We have supplied tents, sleeping bags, warm coats, boots, socks and underwear as well as toiletries to our homeless community. We have also provided kettles, microwaves and bedding to guests in temporary accommodation.

As well as helping with the cost of transport we are now able to acquire and renovate donated bicycles which we make available together with bicycle helmets and locks. These have proven to be of great benefit to people whom we are helping, both in cutting the cost of transport and enhancing their independence.

We continue to be members of East Sussex Homelessness Forum, whose aim is for all partners to work with the local authority, statutory and commissioned agencies with a vision "To work collaboratively to bring an end to rough sleeping in East Sussex and prevent people

from rough sleeping in the future". We continue to take an active role in quarterly meetings, and believe we are helping to formulate improved strategies, and enabling the voices of rough sleepers and the homeless to be better heard. We also regularly, sometimes weekly, attend online meetings with council, healthcare and RSI representatives to help voice the needs of designated priority homeless

We support some of our clients with train tickets to an alcohol and drug support agency in Eastbourne. We have helped our guests open Bank Accounts, apply for copies of missing Birth Certificates and apply for Citizens Cards.

The help we provide varies greatly. For example, we are currently supporting a man who has no recourse to public funds whilst he awaits renewal of his visa. Not only do we help with food, tent, bedding, camping stove and gas, but also with advice and support for him to obtain help for his visa renewal and his other legal issues.

Another of our guests was moved into social housing but couldn't emotionally detach themselves from the van which had been their home for many years and still contained most of their worldly goods. We helped them to empty it, arranged for it to be transported close to where they now live, and where it still stores some precious memories for them.

Sadly, we also helped to arrange a funeral for one of our regular vulnerable guests. Although the council could pay for a very basic funeral, we contacted her estranged family, arranged and paid for an Order of Service and flowers, arranged transport to the crematorium, and with advice from her friends selected her favourite music.

A quote from a previous rough sleeper whom we supported to move into accommodation:

"I appreciate everything you and Open Door have helped me with this year. I've turned my life around feel happy in my place and very close to a full year without heroin mainly because of Cassie (his dog) lifting my spirits and getting me out stopping the boredom which leads to finding wrong things to occupy my hours also even though I can't run about I'm spending hours out and about. So thanks for the support"

A quote from one of our guests whom we regularly support:

"Lewes Open Door has been an emotional support to me, through very hard times of loss and illness, and have gone the extra step to help me. They're so hard working and understanding and non-judgemental, that it's refreshing, and definitely needed. I don't know if there is any other support mechanism like this, but I'm soooo grateful that they were there when I needed them!!! Thank all of you, and God bless."



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name Lewes Open Door	No (if any) 1185742
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/24	To	Period end date 31/12/24
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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					
Gifts and donations	7,772	-	-	7,772	10,436
Loan repayments and refunds	40	-	-	40	300
Golders Green Foundation	-	-	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,812	-	-	7,812	11,736
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Disposal of laptop	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	100	-	-	100	-
Total receipts	7,912	-	-	7,912	11,736
A3 Payments					
Insurance	440	-	-	440	414
Telephone and internet	609	-	-	609	562
Expenses	9,174	-	-	9,174	10,213
Premises rental	25	-	-	25	-
Storage	14	-	-	14	-
Refunds and corrections	75	-	-	75	-
Training	-	-	-	-	12
Penalty	-	-	-	-	100
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,337	-	-	10,337	11,301
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,337	-	-	10,337	11,301
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,425	-	-	- 2,425	435
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,139	-	-	30,139	29,704
Cash funds this year end	27,714	-	-	27,714	30,139

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	General funds	27,714	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	27,714	-	-
	(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 £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;">A. B. Buxton</div>	Print Name <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;">Andrew Buxton</div>	Date of approval <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;">26/02/25</div>
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**Lewes Open Door
Annual Report
January 2023 to December 2023**

We have continued to support guests who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness or in emergency or temporary accommodation or who have recently been in such accommodation. The majority of our guests are in private rented accommodation in the centre of Lewes which we helped to negotiate. We have close contact with the owner of the accommodation and have helped resolve many disputes. Unfortunately, due to lack of available housing, most of our guests, being single men, are very unlikely to be offered accommodation by the council.

At any one time we are supporting around 20 people on and off during the year with food, clothing, toiletries and home comforts. We also conduct outreach work to help people to find appropriate advice and services including health and dental services. We have continued our work helping people to access and attend hospital or GP appointments and dental treatment, and visited one guest regularly over Christmas when he was rushed into hospital – taking him books, juice and little treats. During the year we helped facilitate a service helping hard to reach people to get tested for Hepatitis C, then treated if applicable, which was invaluable to some of our guests. We have attended, on a weekly basis, the Malling food bank which is hosted at Kings Church in Lewes on a Monday and it is widely known in the Lewes community that if someone needs our services, that is where they will find us.

Having suspended our drop in service as it was not being used, we held a number of discussions among the trustees and others to consider our strategy. We concluded that our charity was doing work that no other service in our area is doing. The needs of our guests are increasingly complex and increasingly unmet by statutory services. This has led us to conclude that our services are essential to our guests. We review this on a monthly basis.

We have strengthened our relationship with Fitzjohns Food Club (formerly known as Fitzjohns Food Bank) and held three community celebration events with them during the year at which our guests mingled with the local community and church members and enjoyed the food and entertainment on offer. This was an opportunity to reduce the social isolation which is often experienced by those who experience homelessness and housing insecurity.

We have also increased our contacts with those at the local authority who are responsible for housing issues and have managed to help a small number of our guests into more long term accommodation. This has been an opportunity to help them create a new home as we sourced kitchenware and furniture for them and assisted with home decoration. Their gratitude at this life changing experience has been humbling to witness.

We have made a number of donations to the Acts 435 charity which is an online platform which hosts requests from people in need who are suffering a financial crisis. We restrict our donations to those in the immediate Lewes area to ensure we

comply with our charitable objectives. We have helped with needs for carpets, washing machines and beds during the year.

We have 2 designated volunteer outreach workers who visit people in temporary accommodation and on the streets, to offer additional emotional and practical support. We are lucky to have a place to store our supplies in council premises and during the year handed out a number of tents, sleeping bags, warm coats, boots, socks and underwear as well as toiletries. We have also provided kettles and microwaves to guests in temporary accommodation.

We continue to be members of East Sussex Homelessness Forum, whose aim is for all partners to work with the local authority, statutory and commissioned agencies with a vision "To work collaboratively to bring an end to rough sleeping in East Sussex and prevent people from rough sleeping in the future". We continue to take an active role in bi-monthly meetings, as well as several subcommittees, and believe we are helping to formulate improved strategies and help the voices of rough sleepers and the homeless to be better heard. Rough Sleepers Initiative, including outreach workers and health professionals, have continued to help our guests and we support them with help verifying rough sleepers for the annual count.

We support some of our clients with train tickets or by volunteers driving them to alcohol and drug support agency in Eastbourne. We have helped our guests open Bank Accounts and apply for copies of missing Birth Certificates. We also negotiated a special rate and then supported a homeless guest to access a local leisure facility, which he needed after suffering a stroke.

We have taken opportunities to speak to other groups about our work including Lewes Castle Rotary Club and Ringmer Mothers Union to increase awareness of our work and the issues of homelessness generally. We also facilitated the participation of one of our guests in an art exhibition run by a local church as part of the community ArtWave event by providing him with canvases and art supplies and helping to transport his work to be displayed. He was able to sell some of his work which was both a financial and psychological boost to him.

Quotes from some of our guests:

"LOD have been there, in such kind ways, sometimes I don't know what I would've done without them..... Am always so grateful..... But they ask for nothing back..... Love em"

"Thank you for being there threw some tough times you have really bin there for me and Sarah thank you much keep safe god bless"

"Blessed be those that give shelter from the storm"

When someone new comes through the town we always contact Lewes Open Door for help"

LEWES OPEN DOOR, have helped me in more ways, than I realise..... Not only via support, and wise words, but ACTUAL HELP!!!, In the real world..... They've helped me, by supporting me, at friend's funerals, which was so appreciated, and on literal,

financial help , with refunds etc, on little things, I can't afford..... .. Sometimes, I don't know how I would've managed to get thru, without these people!!! And they do this, for no financial rewards, literally, outta the goodness, if their hearts..... I can't speak highly enough, for them..... But I can't!!!! They're, absolute, angels..... And they've stayed with me, through thick and thin.... And it's, mainly, been thin..... But they were like rocks..... Got more respect, than I can get across!!!!!! Love you, LOD, and thank you..... God bless



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2023	To	Period end date 12/31/2023
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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					
Gifts and donations	10,436	-	-	10,436	8,942
Loan repayments and refunds	300	-	-	300	1,781
Golders Green Foundation	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Kewes Town Council grant	-	-	-	-	1,880
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,736	-	-	11,736	13,603
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,736	-	-	11,736	13,603
A3 Payments					
Premises rental	-	-	-	-	3,855
Insurance	414	-	-	414	404
Telephone and internet	562	-	-	562	695
Expenses	10,213	-	-	10,213	6,343
Shower van	-	-	-	-	2,661
Training	12	-	-	12	940
Penalty	100	-	-	100	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	11,301	-	-	11,301	14,898
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,301	-	-	11,301	14,898
Net of receipts/(payments)	435	-	-	435	- 1,295
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,704	-	-	29,704	30,999
Cash funds this year end	30,139	-	-	30,139	29,704

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	General funds	30,139		-
		-		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,139	-	-
	(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 £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Annual Report

January 2022 to December 2022

To support our guests during the year, we continued to operate a lunch time drop in service 1 pm to 3 pm Tuesday to Friday inclusive at Christ Church Lewes from January 2022 to November 2022. By November 2022 the vast majority of our guests were in emergency accommodation in the centre of Lewes and were finding it too far to walk up to Christ Church and therefore were not making use of the drop in. At that point we took the decision to cease our lunch time drop in at Christ Church. We continued to support around 20 people on and off with food, clothing and signposting to the appropriate advice. This sometimes included taking people to hospital or GP appointments and facilitating dental treatment. We have made use of the Warm Space at Christ Church on a Wednesday to have meetings with our guests and others such as the council or other charities. We are continuing to seek partnerships with the Fitzjohns Food bank and the charity Lewes Homelink to make use of our funds and our volunteers to benefit the most vulnerable in our community and may well seek to operate a drop in service again should the circumstances of our guests change.

We have 2 designated volunteer outreach workers who visit people in temporary accommodation and on the streets, to offer additional emotional and practical support. At any one time we are usually supporting about 20 homeless and vulnerable people in our community. We provide clothing and other essentials as needed. We are lucky to have a place to store our supplies in council premises and during the year handed out a number of tents, sleeping bags, warm coats, boots, socks and underwear as well as toiletries. We have also provided kettles and microwaves to guests in temporary accommodation. We continue to be members of East Sussex Homelessness Forum, whose aim is for all partners to work with the local authority, statutory and commissioned agencies with a vision "To work collaboratively to bring an end to rough sleeping in East Sussex and prevent people from rough sleeping in the future". We continue to take an active role in bi-monthly meetings, as well as several subcommittees, and believe we are helping to formulate improved strategies and help the voices of rough sleepers and the homeless to be better heard. Rough Sleepers Initiative, including outreach workers and health professionals, have continued to help our guests.

We co-ordinated a visit from the mobile free dental service Dentaaid which helped one of our guests who had severe dental problems and was very grateful for the treatment he received.

We continued to offer showers from our shower van to those who were sleeping rough but as our guests had mostly been moved into

accommodation which included bathroom facilities and had no need of it, when the van failed its MOT in November 2022, we disposed of it.

We held a very successful fundraising and awareness raising event in July 2022, a Celebration of Kindness. The venue was provided free of charge by a local brewery who donated some beer as well. We had face painting and music provided by a local ukelele group. We also set up a wish tree where visitors could fill in labels on which they wrote their wishes which they then hung on our tree.

Twelve of our volunteers attended a day's first aid training. In addition, some of our volunteers completed level two food hygiene training. Others also attended overdose training.

Throughout the year we are especially pleased when we could help guests move into better circumstances. We helped set one couple up in accommodation in Eastbourne and provided kitchen equipment for them. We supported one of our guests who was given council accommodation and has managed to remain drug free throughout this period. We support some of our clients with train tickets or by volunteers driving them to alcohol and drug support agency in Eastbourne. We have helped our guests open Bank Accounts and apply for copies of missing Birth Certificates. We supported one guest, a victim of domestic abuse, by liaising closely with Adult Social Services and the Housing Department and then supporting her with fares, phone, bedding etc to be able to be placed in a refuge.

We supported another client, who had been living in unsuitable temporary accommodation for some years, which was seriously affecting his mental and physical health. We wrote to his GP & liaised with the Housing Department and were delighted when he successfully bid for a local flat.

We were very pleased to be able to help one of our guests who sadly became terminally ill while he lived in the council provided temporary accommodation. We helped him to connect with his family from whom he had been estranged for many years. We went with him to his hospital appointments and helped his final few weeks to be much more comfortable than they otherwise would have been. We also organised his funeral which was attended by his friends and many volunteers from Lewes Open Door.

An indication of the gratitude of our guests was a letter that we had during the year 'to all the wonderful people who give their time. I am writing to thank you for all the hot meals, coffees, fruit and biscuits and the always warm welcome....It was a great help knowing I could get a regular meal at Christ Church during the weeks I was rough sleeping and that would not have been possible without your efforts and time, once again I offer you a big thank you....'



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2022	To	Period end date 12/31/2022
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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					
Gifts and donations	8,942	-	-	8,942	17,887
Loan repayments and refunds	1,781	-	-	1,781	-
Golders Green Foundation	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Lewes Town Council grant	-	1,880	-	1,880	-
Lewes Covid Fund - winter warm grant	-	-	-	-	1,172
Neighbourly Grant	-	-	-	-	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,723	1,880	-	13,603	24,059
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,723	1,880	-	13,603	24,059
A3 Payments					
Premises rental	3,855	-	-	3,855	1,440
Insurance	404	-	-	404	400
Telephone and internet	695	-	-	695	307
Expenses	6,343	-	-	6,343	4,188
Shower van	-	2,661	-	2,661	3,475
Training	-	940	-	940	-
Clothing Lewes Council Grant funded	-	-	-	-	1,233
DBS checks	-	-	-	-	648
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,297	3,601	-	14,898	11,691
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,297	3,601	-	14,898	11,691
Net of receipts/(payments)	426	- 1,721	-	- 1,295	12,368
A5 Transfers between funds	- 196	196	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,474	1,525	-	30,999	18,631
Cash funds this year end	29,704	-	-	29,704	30,999

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	General funds	29,704		-
		-		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,704	-	-
	(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 £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Andrew Buxton	5/4/2023
		Claire Bell	5/3/2023

LEWES OPEN DOOR

England & Wales - Charity number 1185742

Accounts

Annual Report

January 2021 to December 2021

Having resumed the drop in service from September 2020 we operated at Christ Church throughout the period to December 2021. During this time Covid restrictions varied in their impact. At all times we operated within the guidelines, emphasising social distancing, wearing of masks and hand washing. In the early part of the year there were strict arrangements for keeping groups apart involving a one way system in the church, use of the garden when the weather permitted and good ventilation by leaving doors and windows open. As the year progressed restrictions were relaxed and a more sociable atmosphere could be encouraged. The kitchen facilities and space mean we can offer a wider range of cooked food than previously.

We have a solid core of about 20 volunteers who regularly sign up to help at lunchtimes, with another 10 or so that dip in and out when they can. We also have 2 designated volunteer outreach workers who visit people in temporary accommodation and on the streets, to offer additional emotional and practical support.

At any one time we are usually supporting about 20 homeless and vulnerable people in our community. We aim to provide hot meals and drinks to all our guests and provide clothing and other essentials as needed. We are lucky to have a place to store our supplies in council premises and during the year handed out a number of tents, sleeping bags, warm coats, boots, socks and underwear as well as toiletries. We have also provided kettles and microwaves to guests in temporary accommodation.

We were unable to run a winter night shelter due to the impact of the government guidelines re Covid but in November a number of our guests were afforded temporary accommodation by the council in an annex to a local hotel. This meant that they had somewhere out of the weather to sleep as well as much appreciated washing facilities. We continued to support them with meals at the lunchtime drop in Tuesday to Friday and by providing food for them to take away to cover the weekend.

In March 2021 we were visited by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall who came to Christ Church to see the work of the Fitzjohn Food Bank and Lewes Open Door. The Duchess was very interested in our work and in the plight of homeless people in what is thought of as a relatively affluent area.

Also in March, Lewes Open Door coordinated the distribution and collection of Census Forms amongst our homeless community, to ensure they had representation.

In May we became members of East Sussex Homelessness Forum, whose aim is for all partners to work with the local authority, statutory and commissioned agencies with a vision *"To work collaboratively to bring an end to rough sleeping in East Sussex and prevent people from rough sleeping in the future"*. We continue to take an active role in bi-monthly meetings, as well as several sub-committees, and believe we are helping to formulate improved strategies and help the voices of rough sleepers and the homeless to be better heard. Rough Sleepers Initiative, including outreach workers and health professionals, started visiting the drop in to assist our guests.

In July we held a volunteers meeting in the garden at Christ Church and conducted some training on confidentiality and data protection issues. During the year four of our trustees attended online Mental Health awareness courses and two trustees attended a Safeguarding Course.

In July 2021 we took possession of a donated shower van and one of our trustees used his expertise to renovate it to a high standard. With the assistance of a local church we were able to position this regularly in a quiet but accessible spot, with towels, toiletries and clean underwear supplied.

On 2 December we took part in the Lewes Late Night Shopping event and raised awareness of homelessness with our stall. We were also chosen as the nominated charity for Lewes Chamber of Commerce and a considerable sum was raised as a result.

Christmas Eve 2021 saw us throwing our Christmas lunch, with all the trimmings, gifts, music and jollity, sending our guests away with plenty of food to last over the weekend.

Throughout the year we are especially pleased when we can help guests move into better circumstances. We were able to help one female guest who was about to be evicted by her landlord; the council were unable to assist because she was inseparable from her beloved dog and cat but there is no temporary accommodation with pets allowed available in our area. We negotiated directly with her landlord to extend her notice, and then found something suitable locally where she could take her pets. We moved all her possessions for her and assisted with her deposit.

Another success story was working with a guest who had recently been released from prison, but was determined to turn his life around. We helped him move on, and he wrote to *"all the wonderful people who give their time"* to express his thanks *"It was a great help knowing I would get a regular meal during the weeks I was rough sleeping. This move would not have been possible without your efforts and time. Once again, I offer you a big thank you."*



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Gifts and donations	17,887	-	-
Lewes Covid fund -winter warm grant	1,172	-	-
Neighbourly Grant	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,059	5,000	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,059	5,000	-
A3 Payments			
Premises rental	1,440	-	-
Insurance	400	-	-
Telephone and internet	307	-	-
Expenses	4,188	-	-
Clothing Lewes Covid Grant funded	1,233	-	-
DBS checks	648	-	-
Shower van	-	3,475	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	8,216	3,475	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	8,216	3,475	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,843	1,525	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,631	-	-

<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	29,474	1,525	-
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General funds 	29,474 - -
	Total cash funds	29,474
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details 	- - - - - -
B3 Investment assets	Details 	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details 	Fund to which asset belongs
B5 Liabilities	Details 	Fund to which liability relates

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Period end date
12/31/2021

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Total funds

Last year

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

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1,172	-
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1,440	-
400	-
307	-
4,188	-
1,233	-
648	-
3,475	-
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