

West Sussex Travel Society Charity

**Trustees' annual report and unaudited accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Charity Number: 1189157

Trustees

I Peterkin
M Steele
S Young
J Shimwell
M Turner
E Woodley
A Steele

Secretary
Resigned as Treasurer 10 March 2025

Appointed 11 November 2024
Appointed Treasurer 10 March 2025

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Structure, governance and management

The West Sussex Travel Society Charity was established under a trust deed dated 18 January 1971. On 21 April 2020, the charity was re-registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a new registered Charity Number (No 1189157). A formal constitution was adopted at that time at the unanimous decision of the Trustees.

The presidents of the Chichester and Worthing Rotary clubs appoint the Trustees who control the charity. Each club at any one time has two appointed Trustees on the four-person board.

The charity is funded by an endowment consisting of a let property and an investment portfolio. The Trustees have full powers as to how the endowment assets should be invested. The endowment is an expendable endowment.

The Trustees of the charity are set out below:

I Peterkin	
M Steele	
S Young	
J Shimwell	
M Turner	
E Woodley	
A Steele	Appointed 11 November 2024

The Trustees carefully consider each year the current UK financial situation and how that will impact on the assets of the charity, in particular the investment portfolio. The Treasurer is in regular contact with the Investment Manager to ensure that the objectives for the management of the portfolio always consider the current financial markets situation; and where necessary the Trustees amend the operating instructions. The Trustees also carefully monitor the maintenance of our property in Chichester, West Sussex ensuring that the property is fully insured and that the tenants are complying with all their obligations under the terms of the tenancy agreement.

Objective and activities of the charity

The objective of the charity is to provide assistance to any individual in need residing in West Sussex who is either:

- a) over the age of sixty years and in the Trustees' opinion in need of care, attention and comfort;
- or
- b) persons under the age of sixty years who are similarly in need by reason of physical or mental disability.

The Trustees review their aims and objectives and their active way of operating the Trust at regular quarterly Trustees' Meetings, to ensure that they are able to fulfil the criteria laid down in the Trust Deed when making grants and donations. All charity meetings and financial donations that the trustees make are carried out by the Trustees with full recognition of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, so ensuring they are maximising the public benefit the Trust brings to those in need in West Sussex.

How our activities deliver a Public Benefit

The Trust focuses the grants and donations we make as far as possible to help alleviate an individual's problems, and in making grants to other charities the Trustees focus the money donated on particular aspects of their work which meets the terms of our Trust Deed. The Trustees aim to meet direct operational costs of parts of their programmes. The charity does not make donations to cover any organisation's administration costs and the Trustees request reports on the use of the money donated.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The charity has income of some £21,063 (2024: £8,468) arising from investment portfolio income. For the year ended 31 March 2025 the tenancy created property rental income of £32,500 in the year (2024: £32,500).

The Trustees have continued their relationships with a number of local charitable organisations both to support their general work and also to support appropriate individuals' needs. The Trustees have also provided help directly via 32 donations amounting to £52,180 (2024: £50,550) being made during the year.

Financial review

The charity has two sources of income, the rental from 51a South Street, Chichester and investment income from a portfolio managed on a discretionary basis by Atomos Wealth & Financial Wellbeing. The bank balances at the end of the financial year were £34,550 an increase of £5,784 over last year. The investment portfolio, as at 31 March 2025, stood at £417,974, a decrease of £3,822 on the prior year. The Trustees have reviewed the financial position and find it satisfactory.

Trustees' responsibility for the accounts

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and to enable them to ensure that any statements of account comply with the requirements of the The Charities Act 2011 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2015 (SI 2015 No.321). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

The accounts have been prepared for the year ended 31 March 2025 on a receipts and payments basis.

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner, Sam Ede of Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Ltd, has expressed a willingness to continue in the office of independent examiner for the next year and a resolution to reappoint him will be proposed at the next Trustees' meeting.

Approved by the Trustees on 11/7/2025 and signed on their behalf by:


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A Steele - Hon Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees

..... 11/7/2025
Date

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the West Sussex Travel Society Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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 Trust's 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 in connection with the examination 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.

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.



Sam Ede BFP FCA FCCA
Lewis Brownlee (Chichester) Ltd

Date: 22/7/25

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West Sussex Travel Society Charity
Receipts and Payments Account (General Purpose Fund)
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources:				
Rent		32,500		32,500
Gross bank interest		558		779
Recharged insurance		1,746		1,606
Investment income:				
Equities	21,063		8,468	
		21,063		8,468
Income from expendable endowment		55,867		43,353
Gross income		55,867		43,353
Tax refund		-		-
Total receipts		55,867		43,353
Payments:				
Governance costs				
Independent examination fees		3,000		2,640
Costs of generating funds				
Professional fees	8,410		7,831	
Bank charges	60		60	
		8,470		7,891
Charitable payments:				
4 Sight Vision Support	1,500		1,500	
25th World Scout Jamboree - Unit 74	-		500	
Age UK West Sussex	1,000		1,000	
CAMHSF	1,500		1,500	
Care for Veterans	500		500	
Chestnut Tree House	2,000		2,000	
Chichester Boys' Club	2,000		2,000	
Chichester Dementia Support	2,500		2,500	
Chichester Food Bank	1,000		1,000	
Chichester Men's Shed	1,000		1,000	
Chichester Rotary Club	3,500		2,800	
Chichester Stroke Club	1,500		1,500	
Contact 88	1,500		1,500	
Guild Care	3,500		3,500	
Handicapped Childrens Action	1,000		750	
Homestart Arun and Worthing	1,000		1,000	
Homestart Chichester	1,000		1,000	
Kids Cancer Charity West Sussex	-		500	
Macmillan Cancer Support	2,000		2,000	
N H	3,180		-	
Pagham & District Residents' Association	-		1,000	
Parkinsons UK	2,000		2,000	
Salvation Army	3,000		3,000	
SASBAH	500		500	
Sea Road Beach Access	500		-	
Snowdrop Trust	1,500		1,500	
St Barnabas Hospice	2,500		2,500	
St Catherine's Hospice	2,500		2,500	
Carried Forward	43,680	11,470	41,050	10,531

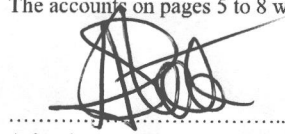
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	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	43,680	11,470	41,050	10,531
St Wilfrid's Hospice	2,500		2,500	
Superstar Arts	-		500	
Terry's Place	-		500	
UK Harvest	1,000		1,000	
West Sussex Carers Support	1,000		1,000	
West Sussex Mind	1,000		1,000	
Worthing Food Bank	500		500	
Worthing Food Foundation	500		500	
Worthing Women's Aid	2,000		2,000	
		52,180		50,550
Total payments		<u>63,650</u>		<u>61,081</u>
Net (expenditure) for the year		(7,783)		(17,728)

West Sussex Travel Society Charity
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets					
Cash at bank			34,550		28,766
Debtors:					
Prepayments - property insurance			1,639		1,553
			<u>36,189</u>		<u>30,319</u>
Liabilities:					
Professional fees accrual	2		3,750		4,575
General purpose funds			<u>32,439</u>		<u>25,744</u>
Investment Assets					
Freehold property at 51a South Street at market value	3		600,000		600,000
Investment portfolio	4		417,974		421,796
Endowment funds			<u>1,017,974</u>		<u>1,021,796</u>

The accounts on pages 5 to 8 were approved by the Trustees on 11/7/2025



A Steele - Hon Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees

1. Accounting basis

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as allowed under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Professional fees accruals

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy accrual	2,160	3,000
Investment management fees accrual	1,590	1,575
	<u>3,750</u>	<u>4,575</u>

3. Freehold property

The property is a retail premises at 51a South Street Chichester and is a listed building.

The property was revalued in 2009 by Cluttons Tod Miller. The property has been included within the statement of assets and liabilities.

4. Investments

A firm of investment advisors on behalf of the charity manages the investments, the funds are invested in a range of unit trusts.

Market value of investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investments		
At 5 April 2024	413,533	395,337
Add purchases	42,950	197,100
Less disposals	(59,432)	(201,249)
Redemption/change in share structure	-	(731)
Profit/(loss) on disposals based on cost	5,176	6,981
Increase/(decrease) in market value on remaining investments	5,702	16,095
At 31 March 2025	<u>407,929</u>	<u>413,533</u>
Cash account	10,046	8,263
Total funds at 31 March 2025	<u>417,975</u>	<u>421,796</u>

The cash account is the closing balance at the 31 March 2025 after deduction of management fees of £5,589 (2024: £5,203).

5. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees nor any persons connected to them have received any remuneration during the period.

No expenses have been met by the charity for individuals as Trustees.

6. Future donations

As at 31 March 2025 the charity had outstanding pledges of £nil (2024: £4,000).