

# SUSSEX GREEN LIVING

England & Wales · Charity number 1189569

## Details

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Other names	SGL
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-05-20
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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Address	The White House Coolham Road Coneyhurst Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9DH
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Website	<a href="http://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk">www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk</a>

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF SGL IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT HOW TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LIFESTYLE AND IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO REDUCE THEIR NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

**Activities:** Sussex Green Living is a multi-award winning charity offering climate mitigation solutions. Mentoring & educating schools, public, businesses, councils, inspiring action on climate, nature & social justice. Outreach includes Repair Cafes, Youth Eco Forum, pop-up Climate Hub, engagement using our retrofitted 1974 milk float & 28 plastic recycling drop off locations, uniting and empowering networks

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- East Sussex
- Surrey
- West Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£79,809	£51,437	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,829	£38,851	-	-
2023-03-31	£45,362	£42,391	-	-
2022-03-31	£34,979	£22,860	-	-
2021-03-31	£29,311	£23,996	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lorraine Bennett-Runton	Chair	2025-01-16
Hamish McDermid		2022-11-08
John Preston		2025-07-02
Liz Thorns		2021-08-25
Sheila Humphreys		2026-04-07

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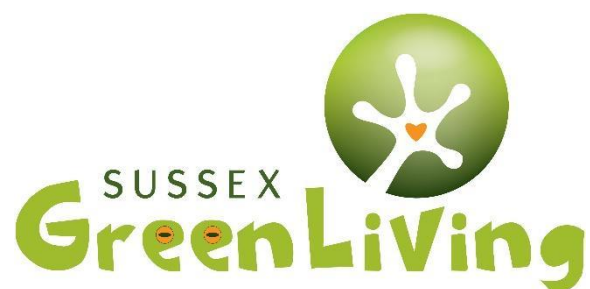
# Accounts

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**Sussex Green Living**

**Period to 31 March 2025**

**Charity Number 1189569**



**SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM**

**01 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025**

## Sussex Green Living

Period to 31 March 2025

### Trustees' Report for the period ending 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts for Sussex Green Living (the Charity), for the period to 31 March 2025.

**Constitution:** Sussex Green Living is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered with the Charity Commission on 20 May 2020. The constitution of the Charity was adopted on 17 April 2020 and was based on the Charity Commission model constitution. This has remained unchanged through the 2024 – 2025 year.

**Objective:** Sussex Green Living's objective is to provide education to the public on how to adopt an environmentally friendly lifestyle and improve their ability to reduce their negative impact on the planet. It provides practical solutions to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our Trust's objectives and in planning future activities.

**Achievements and performance:** It has been a year of good progress and achievement for SGL. At the end of the last reporting period it was decided to engage the services of a professional fundraiser. This decision proved to be of great help to the charity in that we secured over double the income of the previous year and benefitted from insightful reports regarding grant giving.

We have, therefore, been able to maintain a part-time member of staff to assist the CEO and increase the hours of the marketing/communications officer. Backed by grant funding we have also been able to contract more people for specific tasks to deliver, for example, an expanded school environmental education programme and a massively successful Plant to Plate event. Due to SGL's reputation and track-record demand has steadily increased. The financial year was a record for SGL in that it delivered 26 school visits, twelve SGH organised events and a number of other public events. Very encouraging, but with limited resources demand inevitably exceeds supply.

The Horsham based monthly Sussex Green Hub has maintained strong public interest in its repair café, recycling information and advice, and the refill service. We have expanded the range of our less waste eco cleaning refill products and added a refill oat-drink powder product, further reducing the carbon footprint. This key concept we have expanded by helping set-up or mentoring mini Green Hubs in a number of towns and villages across the county.

During the year SGL successfully created a Green Business Network of local businesses, helping them both corporately and individually to develop their awareness of climate issues and take steps to becoming more environmentally friendly. This has also generated income for some educational projects and for our innovative Pollination Education Stations which are now appearing all over Sussex.

SGL took the opportunity as it was a general election year to invite all local political parties and candidates to a Hub event and asking them to sign our climate pledge.

We endeavoured to realise the aspiration of establishing a daily Climate Action Hub on the High Street, but the necessity of raising a minimum of three year funding to cover capital and staff costs

## Sussex Green Living

### Period to 31 March 2025

proved elusive. Consequently we are now re-thinking this concept and exploring ways of reaching more rural communities.

An additional challenge has been that of personnel changes at board, staff and contractor level. This inevitably meant available human resources becoming stretched as we are still reliant on a small core team to ensure operational effectiveness. However, we appear to have achieved this through contracting environmental educators to help in schools and with the organisation of the Plant to Plate event; we are approaching the forthcoming year in a better financial state and with greater confidence and purpose.

### Reference and administration details: For year ending 31 March 2025

Charity number 1189569

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Website: [www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk](http://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk)

Contact address: The White House, Coneyhurst, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DH

The trustees at the date of this report and those that served since incorporation are as follows:

Paul Bellringer OBE, Chair	Appointed 20 May 2020
Lorraine Bennett-Runton	Appointed 16 January 2025
Philippa Chapman - Treasurer	Appointed 1 September 2024
Dan Petrak - Treasurer	Appointed 25 August 2021
Amy Isted	Appointed 16 January 2025
Karen Mellor	Appointed 20 May 2020
Hamish McDermid	Appointed 8 November 2022
Liz Thorn	Appointed 25 August 2021

Key management personnel	Carrie Cort	CEO
	Eve Delves	Communications Officer
	Joy Carter	Waste reduction Manager
	Sheila Humphries	PA to the board of trustees

Bankers The Co-operative Bank  
1 Balloon St, Manchester M60 4EP

Independent examiner Lynn Rowlands

**Financial review:** Our policy is to maintain appropriate reserves to cover our immediate operating needs which, at any one time, are normally less than £3,500. The Trustees review receipts and payments on a periodic basis and the level of expenditure is set to ensure that there will be adequate resources available to meet commitments made as they fall due.

**Sussex Green Living**

**Period to 31 March 2025**

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf

11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'P Bellringer'. Below the signature is a single horizontal line.

**Paul Bellringer OBE**  
**Chair of Trustees**

Sussex Green Living

Period to 31 March 2025



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
 FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's re-  
 port on the accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Charity Name SUSSEX GRREN LIVING		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1189569
<b>Set out on pages</b>	1-6 <small>(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

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

**Address:**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2025  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	2025 Total £	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and grants		79,809	51,802	28,007
<b>Total receipts</b>		79,809	51,802	28,007
<b>Payments</b>				
Salary		11,809	8,148	3,661
Climate Communications incl. officer, stalls &		11,389	3,189	8,200
Finance & Admin		8,762	2,541	6,221
Refill shop expenses		7,852	7,852	0
Contractors (Educators)		3,102	1,551	1,551
Travel		2,411	1,133	1,278
Website & IT		1,389	1,195	194
Other charitable expenses <£1,000		4,723	2,267	2,456
<b>Total payments</b>		51,437	27,876	23,561
<b>Fund b/f</b>		18,388	18,388	0
<b>Fund balance at 31 March 2025</b>		46,760	42,314	4,446

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2025 £</b>
<b>Assets</b>		<b>46,760</b>
Cash in Bank and in hand		
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>46,760</b>
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>46,760</b>

**Notes to the accounts**

1. These accounts have been prepared on a cash basis. As the Charity is registered in England and Wales, is not a company and has gross income that is not over £250,000 it is permitted under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025



**Paul Bellringer OBE**  
**Chair of Trustees**

**SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189569

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# Accounts

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**Sussex Green Living**

**Period to 31 March 2024**

**Charity Number 1189569**



**SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM**

**01 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024**

## **Sussex Green Living**

### **Trustees' Report for the period ending 31 March 2024**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts for Sussex Green Living (the Charity), for the period to 31 March 2024.

#### **Objective**

Sussex Green Living is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). Its objective is to provide education to the public on how to adopt an environmentally friendly lifestyle and improve their ability to reduce their negative impact on the planet. It provides practical solutions to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance It proved to be further challenging year in that demands on the charity continued to increase but securing income streams to meet these demands did not keep pace. Consequently, a decision was made to engage the services of a professional fundraiser from January 2024. Whilst, by the end of the financial year, the level of income had not materially improved, the methodical, organised and consistent approach had brought a sharper focus and broader reach to fundraising.

With some pro-bono support from PMW Marketing we have, towards the end of this year, launched our Green Business network and by March 2024 we were working with 5 businesses two of which were house builders. Linked to this network has been the Pollination Education Station project. Companies were able to sponsor stations, these being made from recycled wood, contains a 'bug hotel' area and encourages pollinating insects with planting of native flowers and herbs and an A2 educational plaque directing people to the solutions page of our website.

The monthly Sussex Green Hub in Horsham has, during the year, been supplemented with a number of mini-hubs in towns and villages across the District. In particular, replicating our extremely popular and successful repair café and refill service. With the help of a Horsham District Council grant In 2023 we worked with 10 parish councils and ran a repair, refill, recycling event in each of their villages. This resulted in 3 new repair cafes and 2 new bottle refill services in those villages, plus expanding our subscribers, recruiting more volunteers and creating a ripple of action in our area of influence. We expanded the number of village recycling volunteer groups offering public drop off locations, collecting hard to recycle plastics with us and TerraCycle and offering a wider recycling information service.

Two further innovations during the year have been the introduction of Overherd oat powder sales to both the SGH, and the Eco Float when attending events. This product is an excellent example of how we can make small lifestyle changes which collectively make a big difference. Overherd powder is lighter, has less packaging, reduces carbon footprint compared to plant based liquid equivalents and is vastly more environmentally friendly than dairy liquid milk. Thanks to a generous donation of a large number of paintings by a well known local artist we have been able to raise income by running a silent auction.

Our core education work has continued by supporting schools with environmental education and increasing visits, and help given, to 6th form colleges and senior schools. The Youth Eco-Forum meets regularly and, as a consequence, we have seen an increase in young people volunteering with us. Overall, not an easy year but one where we have seen some significant signs of growth.

## Sussex Green Living Constitution

Sussex Green Living is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered with the Charity Commission on 20 May 2020. The constitution of the Charity was adopted on 17 April 2020 and was based on the Charity Commission model constitution. This has remained unchanged through the 2023 – 2024 year.

### Reference

Reference and administration details

For year ending 31 March 2024

Charity number            1189569

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Contact address: The White House, Coneyhurst, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DH

The trustees at the date of this report and those that served since incorporation are as follows:

Trustees	Paul Bellringer OBE Chair	
	Dan Petrak - Treasurer	Appointed 25 Aug 2021
	Jill Shuker	Appointed 30 April 2021
	Karrie Mellor	
	Hamish McDermid	Appointed 8 November 2022
	Liz Thorn	Appointed 25 August 2021
Key management personnel	Carrie Cort	CEO
	Joy Carter	Waste reduction manager
	Sheila Humphries	PA to the board of trustees
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank	
	1 Balloon St, Manchester M60 4EP	
Independent examiners	Lynn Rowlands	

### Financial review

Our policy is to maintain appropriate reserves to cover our immediate operating needs which, at any one time, are normally less than £2,000. The Trustees review receipts and payments on a periodic basis and the level of expenditure is set to ensure that there will be adequate resources available to meet commitments made as they fall due.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on January 2025

Paul Bellringer OBE

Chair of Trustees



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Sussex Green Living

On accounts for the year ended

31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Charity no (if any)	1189569
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1-6  
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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 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.

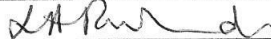
Independent examiner's statement

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; 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 14/01/2025

Name: Lynn Rowlands

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

N/A

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2024**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>2024 Restricted funds £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>36,829</b>	<b>31,829</b>	<b>5,000</b>
Donations and grants				
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>36,829</b>	<b>31,829</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Marketing incl. stalls & banners		<b>10,745</b>	<b>7,088</b>	<b>3,657</b>
Salary		<b>10,407</b>	<b>7,230</b>	<b>3,177</b>
Less waste shop expenses		<b>4,858</b>	<b>4,177</b>	<b>682</b>
Contractors (Educators)		<b>2,620</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>800</b>
Website & IT		<b>2,359</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>328</b>
Finance		<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>257</b>
Travel		<b>1,693</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>237</b>
Other charitable expenses <£1,000		<b>4,274</b>	<b>3,678</b>	<b>596</b>
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>38,851</b>	<b>29,116</b>	<b>9,734</b>
<b>Fund b/f</b>		<b>20,410</b>	<b>15,676</b>	<b>4,734</b>
<b>Fund balance at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>18,388</b>	<b>18,388</b>	<b>nil</b>

**Sussex Green Living**  
**Period to 31 March 2024**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Bank and in hand		<b>18,388</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>18,388</b>
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>18,388</b>
<b>Notes to the accounts</b>		

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on January 2025

Paul Bellringer OBE  
Chair of Trustees

**SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189569

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# Accounts

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# **SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM**  
**01 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023**

## **Trustees' Report for the period ending 31 March 2023**

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### **Objective**

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The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's objectives and in planning future activities.

### **Achievements and performance**

It has been a challenging year in that the work of the charity has increased but, in an increasingly competitive market for funds, we have not been able to secure sufficient income to achieve all that we would have wished. It is being widely stated that in the current financial climate, charities have a one in ten chance of an application for grant funding being successful.

That said we have been able to employ a part-time member of staff who has assisted the CEO and focussed on marketing and communications. Consequently, demand for our roadshows using the 1974 electric milk-float have increased and our monthly Sussex Green Hub has seen a steadily increasing interest in the repair café, refill and recycling services. During the year we were able to add bicycle repairs to items the charity endeavours to restore to working order. Educational visits to schools, which are a core aspect of our work, we delivered 41 school days and attended 31 events with our mobile eco float.

Having been a Charitable Incorporated Organisation since the middle of 2020 we have continued to improve aspects of governance and efficiency through the development or review of policies and the first year of our three-year Business Plan. Key aspects of the Plan included extending the influence and impact of the charity across the county, further develop networks and alliances, establish the 'repair café' concept across the Horsham District, encourage communities and organisations to measure their carbon savings; and improve means of measuring effectiveness. The year has seen some modest progress in meeting these objectives.

A further key objective is to establish a daily Climate Action Hub on the high street, but because of the overarching challenge of securing additional income streams this remains an aspiration that SGL will continue to endeavour to achieve.

SGL continues to work with and extend its partnerships that include Horsham's United Reformed Church who have been very supportive in continuing to host our monthly Sussex Green Hub event; the Horsham Quakers and Horsham Unitarians who host our main Horsham recycling public drop off and recycling hub; and St John the Evangelist R C Church who provide space for our Horsham Repair Cafe bike repairs. Collaboration with the South East Climate Alliance of which our CEO is a co-founder, and OnePlanet with its platform which is helping us join us our environmental network.

**Sussex Green Living**  
**Period to 31 March 2023**

**Constitution**

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The trustees at the date of this report and those that served since incorporation are as follows:

Paul Bellringer OBE  
Ian Hutchinson (resigned 30 April 2021)  
Karrie Mellor  
Jill Shuker (appointed 30 April 2021)  
Dan Petrak (appointed 25 August 2021)  
Liz Thorns (appointed 25 August 2021)  
Hamish McDermid (appointed 08 November 2022)

**Financial review**

Our policy is to maintain appropriate reserves to cover our immediate operating needs which, at any one time, are normally less than £2,000.

The Trustees review receipts and payments on a periodic basis and the level of expenditure is set to ensure that there will be adequate resources available to meet commitments made as they fall due.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on January 2024.

Paul Bellringer OBE  
Chair of Trustees



CHARITY COMMISSION  
 FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report on the  
 accounts**

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
 SUSSEX GREEN LIVING

On accounts for the year  
 ended

31st MARCH 2023	Charity no (if any)	1189569
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FORM CC16A (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

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 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. ~~Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 2/5/24

Name: LYNN ROWLANDS

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

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Notes	2023 Total £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and grants		45,362	23,855	21,507
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b><u>45,362</u></b>	<b><u>23,855</u></b>	<b><u>21,507</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Marketing incl. stalls & banners		12,471	6,558	5,913
Salary		12,461	5,671	5,112
Contractors (Educators)		4,808	3,411	3,075
Refill Centre expenses		3,036	1,597	1,439
Website & IT		2,628	1,382	1,246
Print Postage & Stationery		2,169	1,141	1,029
Travel		1,654	870	784
Insurance		1,062	559	504
Other charitable expenditure <£1,000		2,102	523	1,580
<b>Total payments</b>		<b><u>42,391</u></b>	<b><u>21,710</u></b>	<b><u>20,681</u></b>
<b>Fund balance at 31 March 2023</b>		<b><u>20,410</u></b>	<b><u>15,676</u></b>	<b><u>4,734</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Bank and in hand		20,410
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>20,410</u></b>
<b>Total funds</b>		<b><u>20,410</u></b>

**Notes to the accounts**

1. These accounts have been prepared on a cash basis. As the Charity is registered in England and Wales, is not a company and has gross income that is not over £250,000 it is permitted under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on January 2024.

Paul Bellringer OBE  
Chair of Trustees

**SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189569

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# Accounts

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**SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
01 APRIL 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022**

**Sussex Green Living**  
**Period to 31 March 2022**

**Trustees' Report for the period ending 31 March 2022**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts for Sussex Green Living (the Charity), for the period to 31 March 2022.

**Objective**

Sussex Green Living is a charity and its objective is to provide education to the public on how to adopt an environmentally friendly lifestyle and improve their ability to reduce their negative impact on the planet in meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's objectives and in planning future activities.

**Trustee Annual Report & Accounts 2022**

The last year has again proved busy due to increasing awareness of the environment issues, a greater urgency in addressing the climate and ecological crises and a larger demand on the services of the charity.

A major innovation was the purchase of a 1974 electric milk float that we retrofitted with colourful adaptable displays to demonstrate the action individuals and groups can take to reduce their carbon and ecological footprint. This became a focal point of our Bright New Future Roadshow, providing a mobile 'pop-up' attraction as a means of communicating our core environmental education programmes. Throughout the year this eye-catching display visited a large number of schools and public events at various locations around Sussex.

Alongside these roadshows, additional education programmes were carried out in a lot of schools, as well as to local government officials and some businesses. We engaged young people at every opportunity and, throughout the year, the bi-monthly online Youth Eco-Forum has continued to generate debate and ideas.

Following the disruption caused by the pandemic restrictions, we were relieved in September 2021 to relaunch the very popular and effective Repair Café as part of our once-a-month Sussex Green Hub. The repairs covered a wide range of electrical and mechanical items as well as clothes and textiles. This service has an educational element to it, in that we encourage the owner of the item to watch and learn how to make any future repair themselves. We were able to slightly increase the frequency of making repairs as well as sell a few recycled items when the charity was offered space in a high street pop-up shop over the Christmas period.

The Sussex Green Hub also featured the local Community Fridge which distributed free food donated by supermarkets; a small retail outlet of upcycled ethical gifts made using items such as aluminium ring pulls and toothpaste tubes; information about, and depository for, a range of 'hard to recycle' items such as crisp packets; a well patronised refill service for a wide range of cleaning products hitherto bought in single use plastic containers; and stalls providing information about our own work and associated local organisations.

Having only become a charity in 2020 we continued to work up, approve and review a range of policies relative to the governance of Sussex Green Living. Additionally, around the end of the reporting period a comprehensive three-year Business Plan was created and approved. A major aspect of this plan is to establish a Climate Action Hub on the high street with satellite hubs across the district. This facility will be open daily and feature all the aspects of the monthly Sussex Green Hub with additions such as a Library of Things and a baby clothing exchange. Consequently, a key task for next year is to secure the funds to be able to recruit two full-time members of staff and to lease a suitable premises in Horsham town centre.

**Paul Bellringer OBE**  
**Chair of Trustees**

**Sussex Green Living**  
**Period to 31 March 2022**

**Constitution**

Sussex Green Living is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered with the Charity Commission on 20 May 2020. The constitution of the Charity was adopted on 17 April 2020 and was based on the Charity Commission model constitution. This has remained unchanged through the 2021 – 2022 year.

**Reference and administrative details**

Charity number: 1189569  
Email: info@sussexgreenliving.co.uk  
Website: www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk  
Contact address: The White House, Coneyhurst, Nr Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DH

The trustees at the date of this report and those that served since incorporation are as follows:

Paul Bellringer OBE  
Ian Hutchinson (resigned 30 April 2021)  
Karrie Mellor  
Jill Shuker (appointed 30 April 2021)  
Dan Petrak (appointed 25 August 2021)  
Liz Thorns (appointed 25 August 2021)  
Hamish McDermid (appointed 08 November 2022)

**Financial review**

Our policy is to maintain appropriate reserves to cover our immediate operating needs which, at any one time, are normally less than £2,000.

The Trustees review receipts and payments on a periodic basis and the level of expenditure is set to ensure that there will be adequate resources available to meet commitments made as they fall due.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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Paul Bellringer OBE  
Chair of Trustees



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

SUSSEX GREEN LIVING

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1189569

Set out on pages

FORM CC16A

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Heather Turner

Date:

1.9.2022

Name:

HEATHER TURNER

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

F.C.M.A.

Address:

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2022**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

	Notes	2022 Total £	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and grants		34,979	29,979	5,000
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b><u>34,979</u></b>	<b><u>29,979</u></b>	<b><u>5,000</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Salary		9,130	9,130	
Maintenance of milk float		1,336		1,336
Other charitable expenditure		12,394	1,773	621
<b>Total payments</b>		<b><u>22,860</u></b>	<b><u>10,903</u></b>	<b><u>1,957</u></b>
<b>Fund balance at 31 March 2022</b>		<b><u>17,439</u></b>	<b><u>13,531</u></b>	<b><u>3,908</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Bank and in hand		17,439
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>17,439</u></b>
<b>Total funds</b>		<b><u>17,439</u></b>

**Notes to the accounts**

1. These accounts have been prepared on a cash basis. As the Charity is registered in England and Wales, is not a company and has gross income that is not over £250,000 it is permitted under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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Paul Bellringer OBE  
Chair of Trustees

**SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1189569

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# Accounts

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# **SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM**  
**20 MAY 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021**

## **Trustees' Report for the period ending 31 March 2021**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts for Sussex Green Living (the Charity), for the period to 31 March 2021.

### **Objective**

Sussex Green Living is a charity and its objective is to provide education to the public on how to adopt an environmentally friendly lifestyle and improve their ability to reduce their impact on the planet in meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's objectives and in planning future activities.

### **Achievements and performance**

This year has been a busy year for public engagement, but not our normal portfolio of activities. Due to the pandemic, Carrie Cort, CEO has been organising and running weekly online events using Zoom and digital communications. Our once a month physical climate café took place weekly for much of the year with online event attendance some months nearing 200 people from all over the world. In June we formed a new online event the Horsham Future Forum, which focused uniting faith, environmental and community groups in Horsham District who worked together to 'build back better, greener and fairer' and these were attended by the general public too. In June we also formed a Youth Eco Forum, who still meet every other week using Zoom. Our Repair Café provided a drop and collect service with only one physical event in September.

Our volunteers who run our single use plastic recycling service in many of the surrounding towns and villages kept operating during the pandemic. During 2020 we set up new services in six villages, expanding our operations to twelve locations. During the summer we received donations which enabled us to build a recycling hub and increase our capacity.

We achieved our first BBC TV appearance in May and won a gold award at the CPRC Countryside Awards in October. We started writing a weekly half page column in the West Sussex Country Times in October, thus reaching a much wider audience and increasing our subscribers daily.

Throughout the winter we have been working hard with an exciting new outreach project for 2021, the purchase and retrofitting of a 1974 milk float which we call the Inspiration Eco Station. This will be going out into schools, colleges, markets and community events as part of our Bright New Future Roadshow.

This year saw small additional sources of revenue through Smile Amazon, Pay Pal Just Giving, The Giving Machine and Eventbrite event donations. Our annual eco art project this year was run in partnership with the South Downs National Park and funded by a Boltini Trust grant. Sustainable energy workshops provided education during the summer holidays for families and young people. Our Youth Eco Forum secured a grant to run an outdoor education event for young people from three schools. We also received funding from Mid Sussex County Council and Tesco Bags of Help to produce fun environmental education videos for the summer holidays and virtual festivals.

**Sussex Green Living**  
**Period to 31 March 2021**

**Constitution**

Sussex Green Living is a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered with the Charity Commission on 20 May 2020. The constitution of the Charity was adopted on 17 April 2020 and was based on the Charity Commission model constitution.

**Reference and administrative details**

Charity number: 1189569  
Email: info@sussexgreenliving.co.uk  
Website: www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk  
Contact address: Brooklands House, Marlborough Road, Lancing, BN15 8AF

The trustees at the date of this report and those that served since incorporation are as follows:

Paul Bellringer OBE  
Ian Hutchinson (resigned 30 April 2021)  
Karrie Mellor  
Jill Shuker (appointed 30 April 2021)

**Financial review**

Our policy is to maintain appropriate reserves to cover our immediate operating needs which, at any one time, are normally less than £2,000.

The Trustees review receipts and payments on a periodic basis and the level of expenditure is set to ensure that there will be adequate resources available to meet commitments made as they fall due.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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Paul Bellringer OBE  
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE  
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sussex Green Living ("the Trust") for the period to 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Heather Turner FCMA  
Orchid House  
Fern Road  
Storrington  
RH20 4LW  
Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Notes	2021 Total £	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and grants		24,348	16,683	7,665
Loan granted to the Charity	2	4,963	4,963	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b><u>29,311</u></b>	<b><u>21,646</u></b>	<b><u>7,665</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Salary		6,510	6,510	
Purchase of milk float		5,450		5,450
Repayment of the loan	2	4,963	4,963	
Other charitable expenditure		7,073	5,120	1,953
<b>Total payments</b>		<b><u>23,996</u></b>	<b><u>16,593</u></b>	<b><u>7,043</u></b>
<b>Transfers between the funds</b>			<b>(603)</b>	<b>603</b>
<b>Fund balance at 31 March 2021</b>		<b><u>5,315</u></b>	<b><u>4,450</u></b>	<b><u>865</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Bank and in hand		5,315
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>5,315</u></b>
<b>Total funds</b>		<b><u>5,315</u></b>

**Notes to the accounts**

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2. Sussex Green Living traded as a taxable entity prior to becoming a charity on 20 May 2020. The funds of the entity on 19 May 2020 were £4,963 and this sum was loaned interest free to the Charity and repaid during the period.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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Paul Bellringer OBE  
Chair of Trustees