

# **SUSSEX GREEN LIVING**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
01 APRIL 2021 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.

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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.

**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):

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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>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