

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

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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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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Sussex Green Living

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1189569

Set out on pages

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(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

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

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £
Assets		
Cash in Bank and in hand		18,388
Total Assets		18,388
Total funds		18,388
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 2025

Paul Bellringer OBE
Chair of Trustees