

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

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

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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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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
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Independent examiner	Lynn Rowlands
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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.

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf

11th December 2025

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Paul Bellringer OBE
Chair of Trustees

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**
**Independent examiner's re-
port on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

 Charity Name
 SUSSEX GRREN LIVING

**On accounts for the year
ended**
31st March 2025
**Charity no
(if any)**

1189569

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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 31/03/2025

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:

9/12/25

Name:

Lynn ROWLANDS

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

N/A

Address:

 FOREST VIEW, BLACKHOUSE ROAD,
 COLGATE, RH13 6HS

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

	Notes	2025 Total £	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations and grants		79,809	51,802	28,007
Total receipts		79,809	51,802	28,007
Payments				
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
Total payments		51,437	27,876	23,561
Fund b/f		18,388	18,388	0
Fund balance at 31 March 2025		46,760	42,314	4,446

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

	Notes	2025 £
Assets		46,760
Cash in Bank and in hand		
Total Assets		46,760
Total funds		46,760

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 11th December 2025


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Paul Bellringer OBE
Chair of Trustees