



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: Period start date: 20-10-2020 To: Period end date: 30-10-2021

Charity name: Raise Your Voice

Charity registration number: 1191932

Objectives and Activities

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit specifically to provide support and relief, through regular singing sessions, for people living with dementia in the Sussex area and their carers.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Raise Your Voice (RYV) provides five fortnightly creative / singing sessions four times per year. The average participation is sixteen people with dementia and their carer. There is no charge to participants. The sessions are each led by two professional musicians with expertise in working with people who have dementia.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	RYV volunteers are an essential part of the singing sessions. They provide a warm welcome for people with dementia and their carers, helping to build confidence and encourage mutual support.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	RYV sessions meet many needs. They help to: • Reduce isolation for both people with dementia and their carers • Stimulate active participation in creative and singing activities • Enable carers to engage in a joyful activity with their person with dementia on a regular basis ◇ Helps maintain good relationships by providing a focus and structure ◇ Provides respite in which both parties are active participants • Enable carers to meet one another and share experience / build supportive relationships • Sustain caring relationships which might otherwise require professional health / social care support

Additional information (optional)

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	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	This is the first full year in which Raise Your Voice has operated as a charity and without the organisational support of Glyndebourne (Glyndebourne was instrumental in establishing RYV # years ago). During this year RYV has successfully delivered a full programme of activities for participants and carers. In addition RYV has developed a training package for care home staff which was piloted in a Lewes Care Home. The evaluation was very positive and resulted in the adoption of new approaches to engagement by staff.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The 'Raise Your Voice in Care' project received a £9,000 grant for development of the Care Homes training package described above. Successful applications for grants to support the main (singing groups) programme were made to the Chalk Cliff Trust and the Sussex Community Foundation (each for £5,000).
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Grant funding has been sufficient to cover annual costs but RYV has no investment funds. The charity received a restricted donation at its inception for the development of care home training.
Other		

Financial Review

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period RYV had an excess of income over expenditure of £20,395. £15,000 of this is in restricted funds whilst the balance is committed to the ongoing provision of services.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Interest rates were so low during 2020 to 2021 that no investment account was established. RYV is at an early stage of development and the current objective is to build up sufficient reserves to protect delivery of the programme for 12 months ahead.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,000 (restricted funds)

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO constitution (Foundation Model)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are approached on an individual basis by the existing Trustees of the Charity in consultation with the volunteer body.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<i>SORP reference</i>	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Raise Your Voice
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1191932
Charity's principal address	1 ROUSSILLON COTTAGES CINDER HILL NORTH CHAILEY LEWES BN8 4HP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lesley Dunford	Chair		N/A
2	Richard Moore	Treasurer		N/A
3	Charlotte Wallis			N/A
4	Andrew Symonds			N/A

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s):

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Full name(s):

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Position (e.g. Chair
etc.)

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Date:



Charity Commission

Charity Commission Annual Return 2021

RAISE YOUR VOICE

Charity registration number: 1191932

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2021.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

21/10/2020

Financial period end date

31/10/2021

Income and spending

Income £

£ 37,929

Spending £

£ 17,534

Serious Incidents

For the period of this return, were there any serious incidents in your charity that have not been reported to the Charity Commission?

No

Fundraising - professional fundraiser

Did your charity raise funds from the public?

Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers?

No

Fundraising - commercial participator

Did your charity work with any commercial participators?

No

Government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities?

No

Government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities?

Yes

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or local authorities?

1

What was the total value of these grants?

£ 9,000

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK ?

No

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales?

No

Total Spending outside England & Wales

£

Trading subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries?

No

Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses?

No

Did any of the trustees resign and then take up employment with the charity?

No

Employees' salaries

**Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more?
Select No if your charity does not have any staff or does not pay any staff.**

No

For your highest paid member of staff only, what was the total value of their employee benefits?

(For example if your highest paid member of staff received £35,000 enter 35000). If you do not have any staff or did not pay any staff, enter 0 (zero)

Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?

Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls?

Safeguarding

Has the charity obtained a standard, enhanced or enhanced with barred lists DBS check on all trustees, employees and volunteers who are in roles that are eligible for these checks?

Select Yes if there are no trustees, employees or volunteers in roles that are eligible for these types of DBS checks.

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or**
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- **we can lawfully do so; and**
- **we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF

RAISE YOUR VOICE, CHARITY NUMBER 1191932 FOR THE PERIOD 21 OCTOBER 2020 TO 31 OCTOBER 2021 SET OUT ON PAGES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity, Raise Your Voice, for the initial period 21 October 2020 to 31 October 2021.

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.

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.

R H CLOW



30 August 2022

MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

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