



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01-11-22** Period start date To **31-10-23**
Period end date

Charity name: **Raise Your Voice**

Charity registration number: **1191932**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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 and their carers in the Sussex area
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 fortnightly creative singing sessions at 2 separate venues in Sussex throughout the year. The average participation at each venue is sixteen people with dementia and their carers. 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:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
	Para 1.38	RYV volunteers are an essential part of the sessions. They provide a warm welcome for people with dementia and

Contribution made by volunteers		their carers, helping to build confidence and encourage mutual support to fully participate in the sessions.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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: 1. Reduce isolation for both people with dementia and their carers. 2. Stimulate active participation in creative and singing activities. 3. 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 Providing respite in which both parties are active participants. 4. Enables carers to meet one another and share experience/build supportive relationships. 5. Sustain caring relationships which might otherwise require professional health/social care support.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the year RYV had an excess of expenditure over income of £7,182. Funds retained from a previous year in connection with a donation have been used solely for the main activities of the charity.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The funds retained are being used to support expenditure of RYV with its principal activities. No investment has been established.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13,304.42
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:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grants from grant making bodies, RYV is actively applying for grants to support its on-going activities. Fund raising – 2 major fund raising concerts took place as well as summer concert raising £5,678.99.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	As RYV has no investments it has no investment policy
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Failure of the charity to secure future grant funding.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

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
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	New 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:

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		
2	Richard Moore	Treasurer	1 November 2022 to 25 January 2023	
3	Roger Clow	Treasurer	25 January 2023 To 31 October 2023	
4	Charlotte Wallis			
5	Andrew Symonds			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

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	N/A
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

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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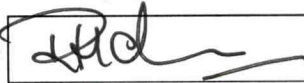
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	Roger Clow	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	

Date	11 December 2023
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RAISE YOUR VOICE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE - YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	Year to 31 10 2023		Year to 31 10 2022	
	£	£	£	£
SOURCE OF FUNDS				
Grants		0.00		10,000.00
Donations		3,136.00		1,362.00
Fund Raising		<u>5,678.99</u>		<u>568.42</u>
		8,814.99		11,930.42
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Direct costs:	13,988.64		10,346.55	
Other Costs:				
Public liability Insurance	228.08		201.58	
Web hosting, design and updating	325.00		271.25	
Postage, Printing & Stationery	203.50		0.00	
Training	0.00		0.00	
Administration costs	831.98		960.00	
Materials & Equipment: Display Board	256.38		0.00	
Bank charges	70.21		59.55	
Miscellaneous: East Sussex County Council	<u>93.20</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
		<u>15,996.99</u>		<u>11,838.93</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/ SURPLUS FOR YEAR		<u>-7,182.00</u>		<u>91.49</u>

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BALANCE SHEET - 31 OCTOBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	15,673.12	21,584.92
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	2,368.70	1,098.50
NET ASSETS	<u>13,304.42</u>	<u>20,486.42</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Reserves 1 November 2022 brought forward	20,486.42	20,394.93
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	<u>-7,182.00</u>	<u>91.49</u>
Reserves 31 October 2023 carried forward	<u>13,304.42</u>	<u>20,486.42</u>

APPROVED: 11 DECEMBER 2023



R H CLOW - TRUSTEE & TREASURER