



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
RAISE YOUR VOICE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 OCTOBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1191932

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2024.

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.

Signed:

Date:

27/08/2025

Name:

KEVIN JAMES HALL

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

FCCA – CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT

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RAISE YOUR VOICE

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1191932 (England and Wales)

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

The Trust's objects are primarily to provide support and relief, through regular singing sessions, for people living with dementia in the Sussex area and their carers.

The charity provides fortnightly creative/singing sessions in two separate venues, approximately twenty times per year for each venue. The average participation is sixteen people with dementia and their carer. There is no charge to the participants. The sessions are each led by two professional musicians with expertise in working with people who have dementia.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

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 which helps maintain good relationships by providing a focus and structure together with 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.

Financial review

At the end of the year Raise Your Voice had an excess of income over expenditure of £26,070 of which £11,978 arise on unrestricted funds and £14,092 on restricted funds. Surplus funds brought forward from the previous year have been used solely for the main activities of the charity. The funds retained both unrestricted and restricted are being used to support expenditure of Raise Your Voice with its principal activities. Surplus funds have been placed on deposit, the charity has no formal investments. The reserves held at 31 October 2024 amount to £39,375 allocated as to unrestricted funds £25,283 and restricted funds £14,092.

Reserves policy

The policy for reserves includes a review of the nature of income and expenditure streams and the nature of any reserves. Sufficient reserves are retained for the charity's commitments for the next two years. As the charity is reliant on grants and donations it is unable to currently initiate an investment policy.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are from grant making bodies, fund raising events and donations. In the year under review the charity received a grant from the National Lottery £19,258 to cover on-going session costs for 2 years as well as a grant from the Arts Council, £21,246 in singing and songwriting workshops to create a CD and to have its creation professionally filmed.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The trustees take the view that the current activities of the Charity are very much in line with its objects.

Investment policy

As Raise Your Voice has no formal investments it has no investment policy. The funds of the Trust are currently held in an HSBC current and deposit account.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The major risk being the ability to secure future grant funding.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was established by a Foundation C.I.O Constitution.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Lesley Dunford

Charlotte Wallis

Andrew Symonds

Roger H Clow

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

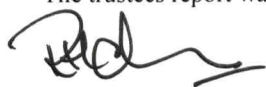
When a trustee ceases to act the remaining trustees will, if considered necessary to the governance of the Trust, appoint a replacement. No other bodies are entitled to appoint trustees. New appointments are made by discussions amongst the trustees regarding possible candidates.

Organisational structure

The trustees have complied with their duty in Section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The trustee Roger H Clow administers the financial activities of the trust. No decisions of the charity are delegated. The remaining trustees review the activities of the trust at trustees meetings.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



R H Clow
Trustee

27/08/2025

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2023 TO 31 OCTOBER 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2024 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2023 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Grants	24,258.00	21,246.00	45,504.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	5,095.19	0.00	5,095.19	3,136.00	0.00	3,136.00
Fund Raising	1,456.80	0.00	1,456.80	5,678.99	0.00	5,678.99
Bank Interest	63.12	0.00	63.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	30,873.11	21,246.00	52,119.11	8,814.99	0.00	8,814.99
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable Activities	14,260.68	7,093.94	21,354.62	13,988.64	0.00	13,988.64
Other Costs:						
Public liability Insurance	311.66	0.00	311.66	228.08	0.00	228.08
Web hosting, design and updating	205.00	0.00	205.00	325.00	0.00	325.00
Administration costs	1,104.86	60.00	1,164.86	1,035.48	0.00	1,035.48
Fundraising fees	2,880.00	0.00	2,880.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials & Equipment: Display Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	256.38	0.00	256.38
Bank charges	72.65	0.00	72.65	70.21	0.00	70.21
Miscellaneous: East Sussex County Council	60.00	0.00	60.00	93.20	0.00	93.20
	4,634.17	60.00	4,694.17	2,008.35	0.00	2,008.35
TOTAL	18,894.85	7,153.94	26,048.79	15,996.99	0.00	15,996.99
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR YEAR	11,978.26	14,092.06	26,070.32	(7,182.00)	0.00	(7,182.00)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	13,304.42	0.00	13,304.42	20,486.42	0.00	20,486.42
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	25,282.68	14,092.06	39,374.74	13,304.42	0.00	13,304.42

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2024 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2023 £	RESTRICTED FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors & Prepayments	64.50	342.00	406.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash at Bank - Current	2,687.06	0.00	2,687.06	15,673.12	0.00	15,673.12
Cash at Bank - Deposit	22,701.92	17,407.20	40,109.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	25,453.48	17,749.20	43,202.68	15,673.12	0.00	15,673.12
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year						
Creditors	170.80	3,657.14	3,827.94	2,368.70	0.00	2,368.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES	170.80	3,657.14	3,827.94	2,368.70	0.00	2,368.70
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	25,282.68	14,092.06	39,374.74	13,304.42	0.00	13,304.42
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY						
Restricted Income Funds	0.00	14,092.06	14,092.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unrestricted Funds	25,282.68	0.00	25,282.68	13,304.42	0.00	13,304.42
Reserves 31 October 2024 carried forward	25,282.68	14,092.06	39,374.74	13,304.42	0.00	13,304.42

APPROVED: 

R H CLOW - TRUSTEE & TREASURER

27/08/2025

RAISE YOUR VOICE, CHARITY NUMBER: 1191932
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Charity information

Raise Your Voice is an unincorporated body governed by a trust deed. The principal address is 1 Roussillon Cottages, Cinder Hill, North Chailey, Lewes, BN8 4HP

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. Restricted funds are available for use in accordance with the terms of the specific grant received.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised when received.

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- 1.4 (cont)** Legacies are recognised on receipt otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT.

1.6 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown with borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at a transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Basic Financial Liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee Benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.8 Unrestricted general reserve fund

The policy for reserves includes a review of the nature of income and expenditure streams and the nature of the reserves.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	63.12	-

4 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any person connected with them) personally received any remuneration during the year.

5 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024	2023
Number	Number
-	-

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6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all income is applied for charitable purposes.

7 Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 November 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	At 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	13,304.42	30,873.11	18,894.85	25,282.68

	At 1 November 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	At 31 October 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	20,486.42	8,814.99	15,996.99	13,304.42

8 Restricted Funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of grants which are subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 November 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	At 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	21,246.00	7,153.94	14,092.06

9 Related Party Transaction

Donations from Trustees: During the year R H Clow, a Trustee, donated £684.00 to Raise Your Voice.