



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

PEAFORD ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE

1193511

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

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To

05 04 25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	12,400	5,678	-	18,078	9,325
Donations	2,450	-	-	2,450	2,128
Charitable Activities	955	-	-	955	841
Reimbursements	1,483	-	-	1,483	2,526
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,288	5,678	-	22,966	14,820
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	17,288	5,678	- 0	22,966	14,820
A3 Payments					
Electricity	2,939	-	-	2,939	2,445
Gas	24	-	-	24	1,196
Water	1,292	-	-	1,292	1,279
Insurance	378	-	-	378	351
Internet + platforms	844	-	-	844	636
Maintenance/Equipment	900	-	-	900	729
Printing + displays	206	-	-	206	215
Charitable Activities	1,051	5,353	-	6,404	1,918
Sundries	279	-	-	279	153
Volunteer expenses	583	-	-	583	248
Other	745	-	-	745	-
Sub total	9,241	5,353	-	14,594	9,170
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	9,241	5,353	- 0	14,594	9,170
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,047	325	-	8,372	5,650
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	8,047	325	-	8,372	5,650

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	2021-2024	11,577	-	-
	2024-25	8,372	-	-

			-	-
	Total cash funds	19,949	325	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Reserve		5,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>WAM PICKLES</i>	WAM PICKLES	22-1-26	
	<i>JESSICA HIND</i>	JESSICA HIND	22/1/26	

Trustees Annual Report for the period: 06.04.2024 to 05.04.2025

Charity Name: Seaford Environmental Alliance

Charity Number: 1193511

Objectives and Activities:

Seaford Environmental Alliance (SEA) is a CIO whose objects are for the public benefit and in particular, the inhabitants of Seaford in East Sussex and its surrounding areas, namely:

1. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular but not exclusively by:
 - a. Promoting good environment practice and awareness of related issues to local residents, businesses and organisations
 - b. Organising events, workshops, talks and activities on related issues including biodiversity loss, climate change, sustainable living and the environmental emergency
2. To protect and safeguard the environment through:
 - a. The promotion of waste reduction, re-use, reclamation, recycling, use of recycled and biodegradable products, in particular to repair and re-use products as a means of minimising waste and reducing consumption
 - b. Raising awareness and educating the public about all aspects of waste generation, waste management and waste recycling.

The trustees continued to have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

A summary of the main activities provided in 2024-2025:

- the ongoing community larder
- educational film showings at the Little Green Cinema
- no-cost room availability at our premises for use by local organisations
- a free climate lending library
- a project to encourage local residents to grow their own fruit and vegetables (Seeds to Supper)
- a free new choir for supporting community engagement and events (Hope and Anger Singers)
- a Climate Conversations dialogue circle
- a plastic free periods project
- the setting up of a baby bank where parents and carers can donate and pick up pre-loved baby clothes and equipment
- hosting events throughout the year which promote understanding the challenges of climate change
- participation in other local and national events aimed at drawing attention to the climate emergency
- supporting and promoting an organisation in East Sussex that offers advice on energy
- Educational information and notices are displayed both in the hub and at outside events as a matter of course.

We would again like to note the contribution made by our outstanding volunteers. Everyone involved at SEA is a volunteer and our charitable activities would not have been possible without

them. We are particularly indebted to them for their work and dedication during the major changes to the premises at 3-5 Clinton Place.

We would also like to thank all our generous funders and donors for their financial support and their encouragement.

Note on Premises

In November 2024 the new landlord filed a planning application to convert the existing ground floor premises at 3-5 Clinton Place occupied by the climate hub into three retail units. There followed a period of uncertainty about whether and how the hub would be able to remain there. We looked at other options which might successfully sustain and promote our objectives. After visiting the hub the landlord informally agreed we could use the ground floor and basement while building work was in progress. We were largely able to keep the hub open during this period whilst also preparing for the considerably smaller space of one individual unit.

Achievements and Performance

Regular Activities

Community Larder

The community larder provides food we acquire through supermarket surplus. We operate a take-what-you-need, give-what-you-can policy. UK Harvest Ltd, our provider for many years, ceased its outreach this far east at the beginning of 2025. Instead we raised funds to pay FareShare who bring a weekly delivery of supermarket surplus. We also work in partnership with The Havens Food Co-operative and arrange a weekly collection of surplus food, mainly bread, from their centre in Denton. The larder is well used and there is minimal waste.

Educational Film showings

The award-winning Little Green Cinema (LGC) has become a key activity of SEA in raising awareness of the climate emergency and related issues, encouraging residents to translate this learning into tangible action. Hosted by a volunteer team, the LGC screened four environmental films during the spring and summer to sell-out audiences of 40-45: Breaking Boundaries, Deep Rising, Six inches of Soil, and Wild Life. These film showings also included selected experts for after film Q&As and discussions. Later in the year local wildlife groups were formally invited to the showing of Patrick and the Whale, a bigger event attended by over 100 people, held at Seaford Community Cinema. Every film screening is preceded by a free plant-based afternoon tea, with cakes baked by local volunteers, encouraging the audience to appreciate plant-based diets and the role our food choices make in our ongoing fight towards a sustainable future.

Room availability

The building work meant our meeting space was limited. We looked towards welcoming back groups once our refurbished space was ready.

Climate Library

Our Climate Library has provided a resource of environmental knowledge, thought and inspiration for our community. Members can borrow from our catalogue and we now have 51 adult members, with 19 child memberships registered in addition. Our collection includes magazines, DVDs and novels as well as an extensive children's library with environmental reference and story picture books. We have around 400 books covering themes from biodiversity, climate and food security to resource use, waste and sustainable skills; and including the politics, economics and philosophies of our natural world, our environmental crises and solutions for the future.

The Library also provided us with a useful source of material to draw on to support and advertise our events and projects, contributing to our information and displays for, among others, Seeds to Supper, Harfest, Sustainable Christmas and the Little Green Cinema.

Hope and Anger Singers

Hope & Angers Singers is a free-to-attend climate choir which aims to support SEA's climate action by sharing creative and powerful music. Following taster workshops in March and April 2024, the choir began rehearsing weekly at the climate hub in May 2024. Over the year membership built to

15 regular singers and a growing repertoire of songs. Some songs are in the public domain, some we purchase or make a donation for, and some are originals written by Wendy Pickles who leads the group. Aside from the well documented mental and physical health benefits of singing in a group, choir members feel a sense of agency through coming together to sing for the planet. The choir participated in many events at the hub and further afield, including Plastic Free Seaford evening, Little Green Cinema screening, Women and Climate Change event in Seaford, and the Restore Nature Now march, and March for Clean Water in London.

Climate Cafe

SEA continued to host monthly Climate Café Conversations. A professional facilitator supports a dialogue circle to try to understand and cope with the emotional impacts of the environmental emergency. The Climate Café is free to all – it is a well-attended evening event with free refreshments.

Baby-Go-Round

This became a new initiative when the organisers of an East Sussex baby bank approached us about setting up a similar resource in Seaford. Our storage facilities at the time meant we'd be able to take in donations and invite families to take what they needed, for a small donation if appropriate. There was clearly potential for this project to expand but building work meant we'd need to postpone its development.

Plastic Free Periods Project

This was a joint project with Plastic free Seaford which aimed to make reusable period products accessible to the local community. An OVCA grant and crowdfunding allowed us to purchase a supply of 50 menstrual cups, 100 washable pad kits and 20 pairs of reusable pants. In addition to menstruating women selecting products for themselves, both men and women took products for their relatives. Several packs of pads were taken by women interested in trying them for incontinence. Many people made a donation towards the cost of the products they took. This money went directly back into the project, funding additional orders.

We ran several successful stalls in the community. Our presence at Seaford Medical Practice resulted in nurses taking a box of our products and information to give out to patients. We have a permanent space in the SEA Climate Hub with products available for visitors to view, learn more and take away. We also organised a sew-your-own pads workshop, hosted in a community member's home, using repurposed fabrics.

Hub Events

Waste Week (April)

This was a joint event with Plastic Free Seaford.

As well as displays around the hub there was a presentation on each of our opening days by Environment First about what happens to our waste in Lewes District. Other activities included an interactive game and a creative art and music workshop re-using old materials.

The week was followed up by a Break Free From Plastic event in July.

Wonderful World of Wildlife (May)

Various local wildlife groups, including Seaford Action for Nature, Seaford Natural History Society and Seaford Swifts set up information tables around the hub. Activities included snail racing, the launch of a wildflower challenge, creating bird feeders, an interactive ecosystem game, 'have you seen a hedgehog' map and seed swap.

It's Time To Break Free From Plastic (July)

We held an evening of conversation about the use and disposal of plastics and encouraged attendees to make pledges to ditch plastic, for example making biscuits rather than buying them.

Seeds to Supper (spring through to autumn)

Bounce Back into the Garden saw visitors taking seeds and seedlings to grow on at home. At Harfest at the end of September there was apple & seed bird feeder making, seaweed fertiliser making and fruit & veg printing. Soup, rolls and pickles from home grown veg and surplus food were provided.

Celebrate the World (November)

We celebrated the coming of winter with sustainable winter festival traditions from across the international cultures of Seaford - henna art, recyclable wrapping techniques, lantern making, food from around the world and warm mulled wine.

Love our Earth (February)

On Valentine's Day we encouraged pledge-making 'For the Earth' in exchange for home made vegan gingerbread hearts

Supporting Local and National Events

We supported the *Seaford Sustainability Fair (June)* with a stall promoting the Plastic Free Periods project offering free products to try, and a teepee reading area with books from our climate library.

A group of hub volunteers travelled to London to join the *Restore Nature Now (June)* march. In the lead-up we provided materials for people to make colourful collaged fish to take and hold up as our region marched in the 'Oceans' section of the parade.

Hub volunteers also joined the *March for Clean Water (November)* in London.

Our window display encouraged people to take part in the *Big Garden Birdwatch (January)* organised by the RSPB.

We supported and promoted an *OVESCO/Energise Eco Home talk (January)* for Seaford residents.

Impact

Visitors invariably comment positively on what we do to raise awareness about the growing climate emergency and the importance of reducing waste. It was noticeable that the sale of the building and subsequent building work created concern amongst visitors and passers-by about the future of the hub. When FareShare began their deliveries after Harvest UK Ltd's withdrawal there was noticeable relief among the visitors.

The films at Little Green Cinema were consistently well attended and generated very positive comments on feedback forms including offers to participate in beach cleans and try out vegan baking.

The Plastic Free Periods project generated much interest and enthusiasm. Many women were at first intrigued and then pleasantly surprised by seeing the products and hearing positive stories from women who use them. Positive impacts of the project included strengthening local partnerships, including between Plastic Free Seaford and Seaford Environmental Alliance themselves, and also initiating other partnership activities such as a collaborative beach clean between SEA, PFS and local reusable hygiene products company Cheeky Wipes.

Visitors to the hub and to outreach stalls have expressed appreciation for the thought-provoking displays and materials, which supported them to better understand different issues around climate change, waste reduction and biodiversity needs.

We welcomed a number of new volunteers to our team, increasing our capacity to run projects and activities.

Financial Review

We are pleased to report that the total income for 2024 to 2025 was £22966, an increase of £8146 over the previous year. Total expenditure was £14594, an increase of £5424 over the previous

year. There was therefore a surplus for the year of £8372 which together with pre-existing funds brought our balance for the end of year account to £20274.

There was an increase in spending on the setting up of charitable activities, possibly reflecting further confidence in our mission, for example purchasing products for the Plastic Free Periods project and hiring films for the Little Green Cinema. We are again disappointed that a large proportion of the expenditure was on utilities (gas, electricity, water) and we continued to pursue ways of reducing costs.

The charity's principal sources of income were grants and donations from the public. As the charity had grown substantially since its founding in 2022 we decided to draft a Financial Reserves Policy. The potential requirement to move premises confirmed the need for this and we now hold a reserve of £5000.

There are no funds materially in deficit nor are there any current financial uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The new owners made known their wish to make substantial changes to the property while also expressing their support for our charity's aims. They gave us the option of remaining in one part of the building while the other parts were renovated and we took this up.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity holds no trusts.

The governing document is a constitution (https://www.seafuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Foundation-CIO-Constitution-of-Seaford-Environmental-Alliance-21_1_21.docx.pdf)

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Seaford Environmental Alliance

Other name the charity uses: SEA

Registered charity number: 1193511

Charity's principal address 2024-2025: 3-5 Clinton Place, Seaford East Sussex BN25 1NL

Names of the Charity's Trustees 2024-2025

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Jessica Hind		appointed 11.01.2023	
Alice McCarthy Sommerville		appointed 25.07.2022	
Fay Langston		30.05.2022 - 15.01.2025	

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Susan Pontin		appointed 07.11.2023	
Wendy Pickles		appointed 17.01.2025	

There were no corporate trustees at the date the report was approved

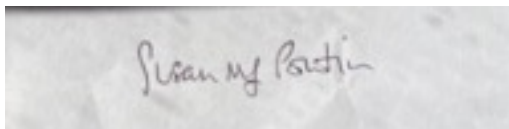
There were no trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

There were no funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Full name: Susan Mary Frances Pontin

Position: Trustee (appointed 07/11/2023)

Date: January 31st 2026