



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 16/06/21 Period start date To 31/03/22 Period end date**

**Charity name: Sussex Coast Talking News**

**Charity registration number: 1194816**

### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Provide support for the blind, and the visually impaired (VIP), and those who have some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading a strain, by the provision of audio local news.
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	The editing, and audio recording of local news, plus the provision and distribution of recorded CDs and USB memory sticks and the equipment for playing or reproducing the same as well as placing the recordings on the website.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have been sent copies of and have regard to the latest 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	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All of the charity's operations (management, editing, recording, reading copying and distribution etc) are conducted entirely by volunteers.

Other		

## 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	This period was a challenging one for the charity and its beneficiaries as much of it was during the Covid pandemic. However, the charity's achievements have been laudable despite being prevented for some time by Government Covid restrictions to carry out such operations as reading and recording in the studio. Recordings of fortnightly editions of local news and a magazine continued thanks to the devotion of volunteers to read and record from their homes and to make those recordings available on its internet page. In addition, volunteers regularly phoned listeners (the beneficiaries) to explain the change and to help them access the recordings when required, and this enabled the charity to maintain its listener base. Many listeners expressed their thanks for the service the charity provided.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The charity has promoted our services to the visually impaired in our extended catchment area (now includes Shoreham-by-Sea).
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	The charity's financial position at the end of the period is a healthy one, with strong reserves and expenditure in line with previous years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds reserves in order to safeguard its future as it has known for some time that it will have to vacate its current premises (based within the property of a care home rent free) and temporarily or permanently find and pay for alternative premises.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### 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	The charity's principal sources of funds are from donations and its investment reserves (see Financial Review above).
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Where it is seen to be financially possible and appropriate once the charity's own financial needs are considered, the trustees of the charity have given financial supports other like-minded charities and organisations (with objectives to provide support for the blind, and the visually impaired).
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The principal risks facing the charity are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finding and financing suitable and affordable new premises for its operations</li> <li>• Maintaining its listeners; a number of similar Talking News charities have had to fold because listener numbers are too low (listener numbers fall due to age attrition).</li> <li>• Maintaining volunteers with suitable skills to enable good quality in all of its varied operations.</li> </ul>
Other		

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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum and articles of association
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 nominated by volunteers and the management group and elected to post

### 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	New trustees are inducted and trained by existing trustees. Training for existing trustees is encouraged and implemented where necessary (eg for data protection).
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is managed by a management group which comprises the trustees and volunteers who lead on specific operations (eg outreach and editing) and which is chaired by the director. All of the members are nominated by volunteers and are subject to re-election.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sussex Coast Talking News
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194816

Charity's principal address	Rustington Hall Station Road Rustington BN16 3AY

## 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	Thomas Batho	Director		
2	Peter Seamer			
3	Margaret Eagle			
4	Julie Pearce			
5	Ann Ridley			
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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	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### **Additional information (optional)**

#### **Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

<b>Type of adviser</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

#### **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)

	
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Full name(s)

Thomas Robin Batho	
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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Director	
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Date

09/02/2023
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