



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31/03/2023 Period start date **To 31/03/2024** 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		
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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	<p>Volunteers phoned listeners (the beneficiaries) to explain any changes 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 in keeping them in touch with local news.</p> <p>In addition, a survey of all listeners was carried out early in the year. Again, listeners were very positive about the service they received. For example, around 80% said that the sound quality and reading of broadcasts was good or very good. They rated the local news as the most popular part, but also indicated that they enjoyed the magazines. Amongst comments were two that summed up listeners experience:</p> <p><i>"I enjoy the connection with the wider community"</i></p> <p><i>"I appreciate the time given by volunteers providing the service"</i></p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The charity has promoted our services to the visually impaired in our catchment area.</p> <p>In an attempt to increase the number of younger volunteers, we entered and arrangement with our local university and recruited four undergraduates for work experience. They were helpful in designing our surveys and also with marketing.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

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 in this last year, as in the previous year, had to vacate its current premises and temporarily or permanently find and pay for alternative costly studio 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.
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 support 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"> • Continuing to have sufficient funds for the rental of its premises for its operations • Maintaining its listener base; a number of similar Talking News charities have had to fold because listener numbers are too low (listener numbers fall due to age attrition). • Recruiting and maintaining volunteers with suitable skills to enable good quality in all of its varied operations. • Listeners have reported late postal delivery

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 existing trustees, 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 It is likely that there will be a change to this address in the near future.

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

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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)

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)	Thomas Robin Batho	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Director	
Date	07/03/2024	



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Charity Name
Sussex Coast Talking News

No (if any)
1194816

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/02/2023


To

Period end date
31/01/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & Legacies	1,944	-	-	1,944	6,177
Investment income	1,052	-	-	1,052	853
Investment Fund Revaluation	11,809	-	-	11,809	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,805	-	-	14,805	7,030
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,805	-	-	14,805	7,030
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	11,900	-	-	11,900	16,157
Investment Fund Revaluation	-	-	-	-	21,716
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,900	-	-	11,900	37,873
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,900	-	-	11,900	37,873
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,905	-	-	2,905	(30,843)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,905	-	-	2,905	(30,843)

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	Current account	8,389	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,389	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Investment Fund	400,621	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Fixed Assests	1,433	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			TR BATHO	24/01/2025