

Trustees' Annual Report

Period 30th June 2021 – 29th June 2022



workplace. This group begins in June 2022 and will run throughout the rest of the year. The project aims to build confidence and self-esteem, give volunteer and training opportunities to those look to get back into work, and give women some time to focus on themselves in a natural setting while learning some new and exciting skills.

Fundraising – over the first 12 months of operation the charity has been successful in grant applications to 15 small and medium size grants. The charity set a fundraising target of £30,000 for the year and successfully achieved this by the ninth month (a number of these grants stretch over more than one funding period). The charity also managed to draw in unrestricted funds, donations, and workshop fees (see financial report under donations for more details).

Financial expenditure – the bulk of the funds secured have been used to cover project costs, mainly equipment, venue hire, and external facilitator costs. Moving forward the charity aims to reach a point where permanent paid staff can oversee the delivery of project work, rather than relying on external facilitators.

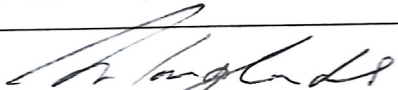

Future Plans

Moving into 2022/23 the charity hopes to undertake the development of a youth arm to the charity 'Young Pollinators'. The aim is to engage with 13–19-year-olds to not only help shape the charity but to give a voice to younger generations.

The charity hopes for a positive response to the already submitted business plans for Broad Oak Park and West Station in Bexhill as this will go a long way to enabling the charity to reach it's aims, as well as supporting Rother District Council and other organisations to reach their environmental targets.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature (s)		
Full Name (s)	Lynn Langlands	Abul Azad
Position	Chair of the Board	Trustee
Date	30/11/2022	30/11/2022

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Winter 2021/22 – In December the charity was successful in a grant application to Rother District Council. The funding enabled the charity to commission signage boards aimed at promoting the use of British Sign Language in public spaces and a better understanding of the deaf culture. The charity has also attended local primary schools to hold BSL workshops with the children and has had printed booklets that residents or organisations can use at home or work. These are available to pick up from library's, the Job Centre, café's, and schools.

Our work alongside the UNA Climate & Oceans continued as we supported the organisation to host an official COP26 Fringe event.

Over February school half term we were joined by around 10 families interested in learning about plastic pollution in the sea. We were supported by the Marine Conservation Society to host a series of beach school sessions looking at marine litter and the natural environment.

Early winter saw the charity build strong relations with the Bexhill Environmental Group with whom the charity now works to reduce litter in the Bexhill area. Many of these litter picks are also supported by volunteers from the Green Party and some Rother District Council Councillors.

Plans for the proposed Bexhill Beach Garden started to come together and this is an ongoing project to enable both access for all to the beach at South Cliff in Bexhill, as well as upgrading the accessible toilet facility, increasing beach biodiversity, and reducing coastal erosion.

Towards the end of the winter period the charity ran our first Science Week event in Icklesham, bring science to rural areas.

Spring 2022 – the spring months have been our busiest yet.

The signage for the BSL communication project was installed in children's play areas across Rother, as well as local primary schools. During May's school holiday we ran a series of official launch events in all the signage locations. We were joined at these events by representatives and volunteers from Rother District Council, Bexhill Town Council, and local deaf support organisation DeafCog.

Over the spring period several new projects have started up. Firstly, with thanks from funding from Neighbourly and the Magic Little Grants we have been able to support access to outdoor fitness, which has been particularly popular with those struggling with their mental health or brain injury. The group is flexible enough that carers and children can get involved too, which has seen numbers increase and whole families attending together. This is particularly important during school holidays where parents struggle with childcare. During these times the charity combines their forest school activities for the children alongside the fitness group for the adults.

We also ran a very successful Cook & Grow pilot session in Sidley, where families struggling financially or with confidence in the kitchen were invited for a full days cooking and growing event with the support of the Freedom Church and Bexhill Neighbourhood Gardener Scheme. Due to the success of this pilot we are now exploring ways to expand and grow this project into the later parts of 2022 and beyond, which we feel is especially important with the current cost of living crisis. Alongside these face-to-face workshops the charity is putting together printed recipe booklets which will be available via food banks and food projects. These should be available to the public in the Autumn of 2022.

Finally, we have secured funding to run a series of support groups for women, of any age, in the district that might be struggling with their mental health, the ability to find meaningful 'me time', or who may have lost their employment over the past 2 years and are struggling to get back into the

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installing signage boards across Rother to promote the use of BSL and help families make new connections and friendships after so long in isolation and lockdown.

- Waterways Community – we hold family beach school sessions during school holidays to showcase our amazing coastline to families who might not otherwise get a chance to visit the beach. We also work closely with the UNA Climate and Oceans by co-hosting their online webinars and in person events such as the Ocean Symposium. This partnership has led to the charity earning a Generation Restoration Certification.

Achievements and performance

Summer 2021 – the bulk of the summer months were spent shaping the charity including compiling a full and strong set of policies and procedures, future proofing, and looking at our first steps and initial project focuses.

We quickly achieved our first successful small grant applications which enabled the charity to begin project work fairly quickly. Over the summer period we hosted several popular beach school sessions seeing anything up to 20 families join us. We also begun discussions about a more permanent base for the charity, exploring several options across the district. In September 2021 we attended The Clean Earth Show in Hastings hosted by Sally-Ann Hart MP, where we were able to meet residents and other organisations and talk about beach litter, as well as hold an in-person beach litter pick.

One of our first activities was to co-host the UNA Biodiversity & Climate Crisis Summit. During this online event we helped to officially launch the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration. This summit was attended by delegates from 20 countries.

During the summer months we began discussion with a landowner in Icklesham with the view to opening a permanent forest school and community orchard project. Unfortunately, over the following months these discussions stalled, and the project has temporarily been put on hold. We have also looked at available venue usage in Rye, but again nothing concrete has been agreed.

Autumn 2021 – discussions with Rother District Council with regards the development of an Eco Hub and Outdoor Education facility began. In November 2021 the charity was granted funds from the National Lottery's COP26 Fund to cover the costs of developing a strong business plan for each site, these plans were submitted to the council mid-April and the charity now awaits news of the next steps. These projects are long term and have the support from numerous organisations including Bexhill Heritage, Bexhill Wheelers, The Hastings Library of Things, Make & Mend, to name but a few. The project also has strong support from Huw Merriman MP, who in early 2022 attended both sites to hear more about the plans.

We continued holding beach and forest school sessions with numbers fluctuating, but steadily increasing.

In September the charity began a 9-month training course to become an official My Food Community Champion which consisted of weekly online training sessions in leadership, food, and community cohesion.

During this period the charity was gained certification as part of the United Nations Generation Restoration campaign.

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- Complaints Procedure
- Data Protection GDPR policy
- Environment & sustainability policy
- Equality & diversity policy
- Letting go of volunteers policy
- Lone worker policy
- Modern slavery & human trafficking statement
- Safeguarding vulnerable adults
- Volunteering policy

Community Supporters aims to operate their various projects in partnerships with external groups and organisations where possible across their wider network. This means the charity maintains a strong network within the sector, but also maximises the potential the charity, external organisations, and project work has within the district and beyond.

Objectives

The charity objects are:

To advance the education of the public in environmental protection and to provide forest school based activities in the natural environment.

To promote the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively by the promotion of practical measures and encouragement of partnerships to reduce litter and improve the general environment of the local area.

Summary of main activities undertaken in relation to the objects

Community Supporters has chosen four main focus areas by which all other project work is undertaken. These focus areas are:

- Woodland Community – we run woodland forest school sessions for families during school holidays, as well as a new women's support group beginning in June 2022 to support the mental health of women in the district through nature-based activities.
- Countryside Community – we have been working towards opening an outdoor education facility in Bexhill to conserve nature, increase urban woodland, introduce a community orchard to the town, offer training courses in countryside skills and crafts, and more.
- Urban Community – we are working toward opening an Eco Hub in Bexhill to support other environmentally focused groups and organisations, share messaging about sustainable transport, a training kitchen for cookery workshops or courses, hot desking, community storage, and more. We have also successfully launched our first accessibility project by

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Charity Information

Charity Name: Community Supporters CiO

Registered Charity number: 1195006

Charities principle address: 26 North Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex

Postcode: TN39 5BL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates Acted
Trudy Hampton	Chair & Signatory	Full year
Peter Clarke		Full year
Lynn Langlands		Full year
Abul Azad	Signatory	Full year

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Lindsay White - CEO

Structure, governance, and management

Type of governing document: Constitution adopted 30th June 2021

How the charity is consituted: CiO Foundation

Additional Governance issues

Community Supporters is a Foundation CiO and therefore only the trustees are members and vice versa. The appointment of new trustees is completed during a set trustee meeting and all new trustees have a probationary period of 6 months.

The day to day running of the charity is overseen by the Chief Executive Officer who reports back to the board of trustees at planned trustee meetings.

The charity has the following policies and procedures in place:

- Child protection & safeguarding policy

Account Transactions

Community Supporters

For the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

DATE	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	DEBIT	CREDIT	RUNNING BALANCE	GROSS	VAT
Donations								
2 Aug 2021	Receive Money	Chalk Cliff Trust - Grant		-	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
17 Aug 2021	Receive Money	Chalk Cliff Trust - Grant		-	1,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	-
23 Aug 2021	Receive Money	paypal - Paypal		-	0.01	3,000.01	0.01	-
1 Sep 2021	Receive Money	Police - Police		-	500.00	3,500.01	500.00	-
10 Sep 2021	Receive Money	BACS - BACS		-	4.00	3,504.01	4.00	-
22 Sep 2021	Receive Money	Eventbrite - BACS Payment Received EVENTBRITE OPERATI 168084909489		-	12.00	3,516.01	12.00	-
7 Oct 2021	Receive Money	Localgiving - Localgiving		-	500.00	4,016.01	500.00	-
13 Oct 2021	Receive Money	Eventbrite - BACS Payment Received EVENTBRITE OPERATI 168084915507		-	8.00	4,024.01	8.00	-
27 Oct 2021	Receive Money	Eventbrite - BACS Payment Received EVENTBRITE OPERATI 168084915507		-	8.00	4,032.01	8.00	-
9 Nov 2021	Receive Money	THE NEIGHBOURLY FO SEEDS OF CHANGE - THE NEIGHBOURLY FO SEEDS OF CHANGE		-	400.00	4,432.01	400.00	-
22 Dec 2021	Receive Money	BSA BRITISH SCIENCE - BSA BRITISH SCIENCE		-	500.00	4,932.01	500.00	-
23 Dec 2021	Receive Money	Crowdfunder Ltd - Crowdfunder Ltd		-	202.47	5,134.48	202.47	-
7 Jan 2022	Receive Money	SEA-CHANGERS - SEA-CHANGERS		-	500.00	5,634.48	500.00	-
4 Mar 2022	Receive Money	Cash Deposit - Cash Deposit		-	67.00	5,701.48	67.00	-
11 Mar 2022	Receive Money	SOIL ASSOCIATION LTD - SOIL ASSOCIATION LTD		-	1,000.00	6,701.48	1,000.00	-
28 Mar 2022	Receive Money	Bexhill Diabetes - Bexhill Diabetes		-	30.00	6,731.48	30.00	-
31 Mar 2022	Receive Money	Hastings Voluntary - Hastings Voluntary		-	2,000.00	8,731.48	2,000.00	-
10 May 2022	Receive Money	Rother Lottery - Rother Lottery		-	7.50	8,738.98	7.50	-
1 Jun 2022	Receive Money	Cash - Cash		-	13.50	8,752.48	13.50	-
6 Jun 2022	Receive Money	Little Common Probus Club - Little Common Probus Club		-	30.00	8,782.48	30.00	-
7 Jun 2022	Receive Money	Arnold Clark - Arnold Clark		-	1,000.00	9,782.48	1,000.00	-
7 Jun 2022	Receive Money	Rother Lottery - Rother Lottery		-	47.00	9,829.48	47.00	-

DATE	SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	DEBIT	CREDIT	RUNNING BALANCE	GROSS	VAT
17 Jun 2022	Receive Money	1ST SIDLEY BROWNIE - 1ST SIDLEY BROWNIE		-	15.00	9,844.48	15.00	-
Total Donations				-	9,844.48	9,844.48	9,844.48	-
Grants								
5 Nov 2021	Receive Money	COP26 - COP26		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
14 Jan 2022	Receive Money	RDC DDPG BSL - RDC DDPG BSL		-	10,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	-
18 Mar 2022	Receive Money	THE SUSSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATIO - THE SUSSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATIO		-	5,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	-
28 Apr 2022	Receive Money	BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL - BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL		-	500.00	25,500.00	500.00	-
Total Grants				-	25,500.00	25,500.00	25,500.00	-
Total				-	35,344.48	(35,344.48)	35,344.48	-

Profit and Loss

Community Supporters

For the year ended 30 June 2022

2022

Turnover

Donations	9,844.48
Grants	25,500.00
Total Turnover	35,344.48

Cost of Sales

Equipment	11,582.99
Facilitators	2,451.00
Marketing	409.80
Training	103.00
Travel	343.00
Wages	3,595.00
Total Cost of Sales	18,484.79

Gross Profit	16,859.69
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Administrative Costs

Bank Fees	10.00
Unused Grants and Donations	16,849.69
Total Administrative Costs	16,859.69

Operating Profit	-
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Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	-
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Profit after Taxation	-
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Balance Sheet

Community Supporters As at 30 June 2022

30 JUN 2022

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

Current	16,834.69
Starling Sole Trader Account	15.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	16,849.69

Total Current Assets	16,849.69
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Grants and Donations unused	16,849.69
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16,849.69

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)

-

Total Assets less Current Liabilities

-

Net Assets

-

Unaudited Financial Statements

Community Supporters
For the year ended 30 June 2022

Prepared by Olive Pine Accountancy Ltd

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Directory

Community Supporters For the year ended 30 June 2022

Address

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Olive Pine Accountay Ltd

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Client Approval

Community Supporters

For the year ended 30 June 2022

In accordance with the engagement letter, I approve the financial information which comprises the Profit and Loss account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework as set out in the notes, and for providing Olive Pine Accountancy Ltd with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

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Community Supporters

16 January 2023

Accountants' Report

Community Supporters

For the year ended 30 June 2022

In accordance with our terms of engagement, we have prepared for your approval the financial information of Community Supporters for the period ended 30 June 2022 from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

We have not been instructed to complete an audit of the accounts. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records, information or explanations you have provided. Therefore we do not express any opinion on the accounts.

You have approved the financial information for the period ended 30 June 2022 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial accounts.

Signature.....

Olive Pine Accountancy Ltd,

Kevin Bennett, MAAT

16 January 2023

Profit and Loss

Community Supporters For the year ended 30 June 2022

	NOTES	2022
Sales		
Donations		9,844
Grants		25,500
Total Sales		35,344
Cost of Sales		
Purchases		11,583
Total Cost of Sales		11,583
Gross Profit		23,761
Expenses		
Finance Charges		
Bank Fees		10
Total Finance Charges		10
General Administration		
Facilitators		2,451
Marketing		410
Training		103
Travel		343
Unused Grants and Donations		16,850
Wages		3,595
Total General Administration		23,751
Total Expenses		23,761
Net Profit (Loss)		-

Balance Sheet

Community Supporters As at 30 June 2022

	NOTES	30 JUN 2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets		16,850
Total Fixed Assets		16,850
Net current assets (liabilities)		-
Total assets less current liabilities		16,850
Accruals and deferred income		
Grants and Donations unused		16,850
Total Accruals and deferred income		16,850
Net Assets		-

Notes to the Financial Statements

Community Supporters

For the year ended 30 June 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been compiled on a basis which enables profits to be calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice and which provides sufficient and relevant information to enable the completion of a tax return.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of grants and donations received .