

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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| Charity Name | Strategic Solutions Community Foundation | |
| Other names the charity is known by | SSCF | |
| Registered charity number | 1198318 | |
| Charity’s principal address | Suite 2, Hamilton Court House 1-3 Alum Chine Road Bournemouth Dorset BH4 8DT | |
| Names of the Trustees who manage the charity: | | |
| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted (if not for whole year) |
| Jeff Steninger | Chair | Appointed on 12/05/2021 |
| Rob Silk | Secretary | Appointed on 12/05/2021 |
| Rachael Martin | Treasurer | Appointed on 12/05/2021 |
| Kevin Forbes | | Appointed on 11/05/2021 |
| Dean Robertson | | Appointed on 12/05/2021 |
| Allan Cruse | | Appointed on 12/05/2021 |
| Giles Wellington | | Appointed on 08/09/2022 |
| Lindsay Arnold | | Appointed on 08/09/2022 |
| Abigail Stidworthy | | Appointed on 08/09/2022 |
| Emma Turner | | Appointed on 08/09/2022 |
| Daniel Parkin | | Appointed on 08/09/2022 |

The Strategic Solutions Community Foundation has no appointed advisers or members of staff.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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| Type of governing document | Trust deed dated 12 May 2021 and amended on 22 March 2022 |
| How is the charity constituted? | Charitable Trust, unincorporated association |
| Trustee selection method | Advisers and staff at Strategic Solutions have all been offered the opportunity to become Trustees. Individuals are encouraged to volunteer and are appointed following completion of a DBS check. |

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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| Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document | To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from time to time. |
| Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives | <p>The organisation provides welfare and public benefit by raising funds from the advisers and employees of Strategic Solutions Chartered Financial Planners. The charitable trust was set up to enable members of the firm to enhance their local communities and those less fortunate through regular donations from income.</p> <p>Funds are distributed via the charity's approved grant-making policy with the intention of supporting the local community.</p> <p>Distributions are usually made to small charities and organisations located in the UK, ideally local to Strategic Solutions clients, advisers and families. The majority of operations for the SSCF are in Dorset, Devon, Hampshire, Kent, Somerset, West Sussex and Wiltshire.</p> <p>The SSCF aims to improve our local communities by promoting the welfare of our community members, either directly or through a specialist charity or organisation which meets our due diligence requirements.</p> |

ACHIVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year | <p>As with last year, our main aim for the charity has been to support our local communities, specifically promoting education in finance and mental health.</p> <p>The following quote has been taken from the Money & Pensions Service website: <i>"Evidence confirms the existence of the relationship between money and mental health. People who experience mental health issues are particularly susceptible to experiencing financial difficulties – and people in financial difficulty often also experience challenges to their mental health."</i></p> <p>As funds are donated by employees and advisers of Strategic Solutions Chartered Financial Planners, the Trustees understand how important financial education is for our wider community.</p> |
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We renewed our contract this year with the 'AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust Money Management' programme. AFC Bournemouth, the Premier League football club local to SSCF's principal address, have been running workshops in local schools to highlight the importance of promoting sensible finance and enhancing the knowledge and financial well-being of students and their futures. In addition to this, we also supported a project called 'Lights On Wellbeing' which is delivered by motivational speaker and qualified Mental Health First Aid Trainer, Oly Newton. Oly visits schools to run mental health workshops, discussing mental health and coping mechanisms with the children. We have also donated towards another motivational speaker – Andrew Findley. Andrew is a veteran of some of the world's toughest endurance challenges and visits schools on an adhoc basis to talk about resilience. We believe these areas are vital parts of education and hopefully provide children with the tools they need to become confident, happy, healthy and financially aware adults.

Following the success of last year's Christmas initiative, we continued the tradition of making festive donations. This year, we ran a 'Christmas Cracker' campaign, which focused on making sure that children from disadvantaged social backgrounds still received Christmas presents. Organisations included: Christchurch Foodbank, The Salvation Army, Dorset Children's Foundation and Amelia's Rainbow. We also donated sleeping bags for the homeless via We Are Human.

One of our notable successes this year were our contributions to St Michael's Primary School's 'Midweek Meals' campaign, which offers a meal and a safe, warm space for socialising, playing games and listening to stories for less affluent families. Our donations are used to buy the ingredients to make the meals and these are offered free of charge.

We have continued to support a range of community sports organisations this year, including Oakmedians Rugby Club, Newton Abbot Tennis Club and Teignmouth RFC.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Cash at bank as at 31st March 2024 was £2,460.04 in unrestricted funds.

The main financial risk to the charity is loss of donations from Strategic Solutions Chartered Financial Planners, which currently makes up all of the charity's income.

The charity does not have any operational costs. The trustees are all volunteers, who give their time without being remunerated. Therefore, there is no requirement to keep reserves in the bank account.

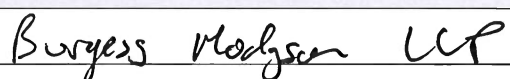
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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| | <p>When comparing yearly figures, our cash holdings at March 2024 are noticeably lower than our cash holdings at March 2023 (£12,921.29). We donate funds to charities and organisations as and when applications are received and approved by trustees, therefore we are comfortable with this figure fluctuating. Our income is relatively consistent and we only donate the funds we have available at the time.</p> <p>The trustees do not tend to pledge funds unless these are immediately available in the bank account. However, it is worth noting that donations are made from Strategic Solutions on a weekly basis, meaning the account is kept relatively liquid at all times.</p> |
| Details of any funds materials in deficit | N/A |
| Further financial review details | <p>As mentioned previously, the charity's principal source of funds this year has been donations from the advisers and employees of Strategic Solutions Chartered Financial Planners. Donations from advisers are matched by the Strategic Solutions partnership, to be distributed at the discretion of the trustees.</p> <p>The trustees believe that the donations made this year have supported the key objectives of the charity, which are to promote welfare and improve the local communities of Strategic Solutions' advisers, employees, clients and families. We have aimed to support smaller, often grassroots organisations which don't receive Government grants or funding (or these make up a small portion of their overall income). The trustees also aim to donate to causes where there is an immediate benefit to the community, so the trustees and donors can see how and where the money is being spent.</p> <p>The funds are all unrestricted, as we have not received (and do not anticipate receiving) any unrestricted funds in the year under review.</p> |
| Future plans | <p>We will continue to prioritise small and grassroots organisations within communities local to our advisers, employees and clients. Our particular focus remains on financial education and mental and physical wellbeing, particularly for children and young adults.</p> |

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

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| Report made to the trustees of: | Strategic Solutions Community Foundation |
| On accounts for the year ended | 31 st March 2024 |
| Set out on pages (below) | 6 and 7 |
| Responsibilities and basis of report | <p><i>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.</i></p> <p><i>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the 'Act').</i></p> <p><i>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.</i></p> |
| Independent examiner's statement | <p><i>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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or</i> <i>• The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.</i> <p><i>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</i></p> |

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S DECLARATION

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| Signed |  |
| Name | Alexander Baker |
| Date | 27.01.2025 |
| Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if applicable) | ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales) |
| Address | Burgess Hodgson LLP, Camburgh House, 27 New Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3DN |

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

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| Charity name | Strategic Solutions Community Foundation |
| For the period | 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024 |

SECTION A – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

| Receipts | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Strategic Solutions donations | £44,611.96 | - | - | - |
| Donations made via Amazon Smile | £64.86 | - | - | - |
| Donations made via individuals | £102.00 | - | - | - |
| Sub total | £44,778.82 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | £44,779 | | | |

| Payments | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds |
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| Grants made to charities or organisations | £54,790.71 | | | |
| Accountancy invoice | £246.00 | | | |
| DBS checks for Trustees – initial admin charges | £203.39 | | | |
| Sub total | £55,240.10 | | | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | £55,240 | | | |


Section A Summary

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| Net receipts / (payments) | (£10,461) |
| Cash funds as at 1 st April 2023 brought forward | £12,921 |
| Cash funds as at 31 st March 2024 to carry forward | £2,460 |

SECTION B – STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

| Cash funds | |
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| Bank account balance as at 31 st March 2024 | £2,460.04 |
| Agrees with receipts and payments account balance on page 6 | |
| Other monetary assets | |
| None | |
| Investment assets | |
| None | |
| Assets retained for the charity's own use | |
| None | |
| Liabilities | |
| None | |

TRUSTEE DECLARATION

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| Signed (on behalf of all the trustees) |  |
| Name | Rachael Martin |
| Date | 23/01/2025 |