

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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

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

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 – YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As with last year, our main aim for the charity has been to support our local communities. This year, a significant amount of our donations have been made towards children's charities and organisations supporting mental and physical health.

This year, we ran our third consecutive Christmas Campaign – Christmas Kindness, where we supported 15 causes looking to spread festive cheer and kindness over the Christmas period. This included supporting foodbanks and homelessness charities (Crawley Open House, HITS food delivery, Teignbridge Homelessness Action Today, Bournemouth foodbank); as well as providing Christmas presents to various groups – from children to the elderly (Amelia's Rainbow, Dorset Mums – gifts for the elderly campaign, Piam Brown Ward at Southampton Hospital).

We also supported some very well-deserving local causes, such as: Mosaic Family Support, who provide counselling services to bereaved children and young people; and The Crumbs Project, who provide professional hospitality-based training and life skills for adults with disabilities or mental health conditions

We have supported many new causes this year, including installing a new heating system in local community hub Carey Hall; subsidising counselling sessions through Counselling Together and the extremely worthwhile Making Memories scheme, run by charity 'Younger People With Dementia'.

We have also continued some existing relationships. One in particular is Andrew Findley, who visits schools on an adhoc basis to talk about his experiences completing some of the world's toughest endurance challenges. We believe it is very important to work with schools to supplement their curriculums, by engaging with young people about important life skills such as resilience.

We have also continued to collaborate with St Michael's Primary School, supporting their 'Midweek Meals' campaign. The support lower income households by offering a meal and a safe, warm space for socialising, playing games and listening to stories. Our donations are used to buy the ingredients, which can then be offered free of charge.

In line with our continued focus on mental and physical health, especially in children, we have supported a range of grassroots sports clubs this year, including Pulborough Rugby Club, Phoenix Youth Football Club and Poole Cricket Club.

FINANCIAL REVIEW – YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

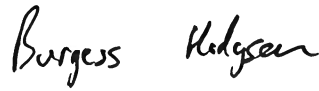
<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p>	<p>Cash at bank as at 31st March 2025 was £8,651.81 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of donations from Strategic Solutions Chartered Financial Planners, which currently makes up all of the charity's income.</p> <p>The charity does not have any operational costs and very limited administrative expenses (including accountancy fees). Trustees are all volunteers, who give their time without being remunerated. Therefore, there is no requirement to keep reserves in the bank account.</p> <p>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>
<p>Details of any funds materials in deficit</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Further financial review details</p>	<p>Analysis of cash at bank When comparing yearly figures, our cash holdings as at 31st March 2025 are noticeably higher than last year (2024: £2,460.04). However, our holdings the year before on 31st March 2023 were £12,921.29, so this year's figures are in line with expectations.</p> <p>Analysis of receipts 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>Receipts in from Strategic Solutions advisers and the Partnership are calculated based on a percentage of the firm's income, so although donations are paid to us regularly, the exact amounts will vary with each payment. The total donations for 2025 (£52,835.35) are higher than last year's (2024: £45,345.32) which is to be expected.</p> <p>Analysis of donations out The Trustees note that our donations paid out this year (2025: £46,637.42) are lower than last year (2024: £54,790.71). The higher receipts and lower donations out explains our increase in cash at bank at 31st March 2025, compared to 31st March 2024.</p>

	<p>One of the reasons for our donations out reducing this year is that we have not supported any large contracts or tours (2024: the AFCB Community Sports Trust Money Management Programme and Oly Newton Lights On Wellbeing tour). Instead, we focused on funding individual causes and helping with their needs.</p> <p>Summary</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>
<p>Future plans</p>	<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> <p>As mentioned above, we have not funded any school tours or contracts in the year under review. Instead, we prioritised smaller organisations that reached out to us with their own funding requirements. We have already committed to working with Oly Newton to deliver another school tour next year (during the year ending 31st March 2026). Oly will speak to local schools about identifying and living with mental health conditions. This is a large expense, so the cash at bank as at 31st March 2025 has made it possible to commit to this significant donation for next year, as well as our usual pledges and contributions to smaller organisations in our local communities.</p>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report made to the trustees of:	Strategic Solutions Community Foundation
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2025
Set out on pages (below)	7 and 8
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p><i>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.</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

Signed	
Name	Alexander Baker
Date	05.01.2026
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if applicable)	ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)
Address	Burgess Hodgson Limited, Camburgh House, 27 New Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3DN

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Charity name	Strategic Solutions Community Foundation
For the period	1 st April 2024 to 31 st March 2025

SECTION A – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
Strategic Solutions donations	£52,854.33	-	-
Donations made via Easy Fundraising	£74.62	-	-
Donations made via individuals	£225.00	-	-
Sub total	£53,153.95	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£53,153.95		


Payments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
Grants made to charities or organisations	£46,637.42		
Accountancy invoice	£288.00		
Admin charges – big cheque for Christmas presentations	£36.76		
Sub total	£46,962.18		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£46,962.18		

SECTION A SUMMARY:

Net receipts / (payments)	£6,192
Cash funds as at 1 st April 2024 brought forward	£2,460
Cash funds as at 31 st March 2025 to carry forward	£8,652

SECTION B – STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

Cash funds	
Bank account balance as at 31 st March 2025	£8,651.81
<i>Agrees with Receipts & Payments section on page 7</i>	
Other monetary assets	
None	
Investment assets	
None	
Assets retained for the charity's own use	
None	
Liabilities	
None	

TRUSTEE DECLARATION	
Signed (on behalf of all the Trustees)	
Name	Rachael Martin
Date	5 th January 2026