

THE SMALL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1202655

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-04-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: To relieve the needs of carers, in particular but not exclusively through the provision of free short-term respite accommodation and associated support services, with the object of improving their conditions of life and supporting their physical and mental health.

Activities: Providing free, short-term respite accommodation for carers of people with mental health conditions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Disability, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,566	£2,019	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,594	£2,593	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Timothy Dennis	Chair	2023-03-16
Brian Paul Millar		2023-03-15
Elizabeth Jane Green		2023-03-16
Katherine Lucy Green		2023-03-20
Lucinda Katherine Lugard Meade BSc		2023-03-16
Luke Dennis		2023-03-15

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Charity Commission Annual Return 2025

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2025.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/04/2024

Financial period end date

31/03/2025

Income and spending

Income £

£ 2,566

Spending £

£ 2,019

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 2,566

Charitable activities

£ 0

Other trading activities

£ 0

Investments

£ 0

Other

£ 0

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside of the United Kingdom

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom

£

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Not applicable

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Not applicable

Financial reserves policy and procedures

Not applicable

Complaints policy and procedures

Yes

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

Not applicable

Internal risk management policy and procedures

No

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

No

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

No

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

Not applicable

Social media policy and procedures

No

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

Not applicable

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

No

External risk and impact

Donations

No impact

Other income - grants

No impact

Other income - contracts

No impact

Other income - investment

No impact

Expenditure on charitable activities

No impact

Expenditure on overheads

No impact

Number of volunteers

No impact

Number of employees

No impact

Number of trustees

No impact

Fundraising activities

No impact

Capacity to deliver services

No impact

Total service demand

Positive

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

0

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- **you have consented to their release; or**
- **we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- **we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- **we can lawfully do so; and**
- **we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Small Society No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **01/04/2024** To **31/03/2025** Period start date Period end date

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	2,566	-	-	2,566	2,593
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,566	-	-	2,566	2,593
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,566	-	-	2,566	2,593
A3 Payments					
Stationary Postage	47	-	-	47	-
Office Maintenance	202	-	-	202	931
Furnishings	21	-	-	21	702
Equipment	4	-	-	4	114
Health & Safety	69	-	-	69	26
Repairs & Maintenance	1,476	-	-	1,476	160
Accounts and Admin	200	-	-	200	-
Food	-	-	-	-	41
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	620
Sub total	2,019	-	-	2,019	2,594
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,019	-	-	2,019	2,594
Net of receipts/(payments)	547	-	-	547	1
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	547	-	-	547	1

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	Lloyds Current Account	548	-	1
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	548	-	1
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PETER T. DENNIS	26/11/2025

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TsS AGM 2024

Meeting held on 24/11/2024

Attendees:

Pete Dennis, Luke Dennis, Brian Millar, Lucinda Meade, Katie Green, Liz Green
(Zoom)

Agenda:

- Re-elections and review of roles
- Guest Numbers & first 2 years of trading review
- Marketing Ideas (Pete to send report)
- Accommodation Upgrades
- Policies and Procedures
- AOB

1. Re-election:

- Luke re-elected as Treasurer.
- Pete re-elected as Chair.
- Brian elected as Secretary for the next 12 months. We agreed that 4 trustees would be the minimum required for making decisions in the future.

2. Treasurer's report

Luke reported on the accounts and this was noted by trustees. Pete confirmed that a £500 donation from him will be placed into the bank account (which currently stands at £1) in order to fund ongoing minor expenses. Income and expenditure for the first year was confirmed at £2593.61. Pete stated that he did not expect it to be any further significant current account spend in the next 12 months however there would be some capital spend in relation to the upgrading of the Rustic Lodge. Pete confirmed that he would undertake to complete the statutory submission to the charity commission on the society's activities and accounts. This would be done by the end of January 2025. It was noted that as the charity was operating with turnover under £10K and that as such the submission was relatively straightforward. It was noted the growth of the charity would require a higher level of detail and require even greater detail.

3. Guest number Review

In relation to guest numbers Peter submitted a report (see attached) which will be circulated to trustees. They have been 12 quality enquiries and six residents had stayed at the accommodation during the operational year. It was recognised by the trustees that there was an expectation that there should be higher levels of enquiries

and that despite efforts to publicise the accommodation this have not driven up the numbers. There will be no change to the policy of no pets.

4. Marketing Ideas

Following a discussion for about the review of criteria and it was agreed that it should be widened to include all those who in a caring role with priority given to individual carers. Subsequent priority would be given to those within the NHS in caring roles and finally paid carers within the broader care home sector. Pete suggested an emphasis should be placed on London and the Home counties although other areas would not be excluded.

Under discussion about the Facebook entry for the charity Pete confirmed that he would send a picture each month to Katie who would then update the Facebook page accordingly. Brian said that he would approach his NHS contact and cancer services in order to publicise the charity now that the criteria had been widened.

Katie agree that she would explore the network partner status with the Carers' trust following initial contact by Lucinda. Katie and Lucinda would liaise on this task and agree timing.

5. Accommodation upgrades

Pete explained that he was currently in the process of upgrading the Rustic Lodge so that it would finally become an ensuite facility. His expectation was the cost would be kept to a minimum utilising recycled or low-cost materials.

Pete confirmed that there had been positive feedback from the guests so far in relation to the accommodation. There was discussion about disability access and it was appreciated that at this stage the rustic Lodge would be best suited for anybody with mobility issues. Peter agreed to work with Katie to produce a final do's/don't list and a recommendation for places to visit in and around Deal.

6. Policies and Procedures

The need for the charity to be put on an even more professional standing in the future was discussed. Income streams and charity's resources could be significantly enhanced in the future should projected donations materialise. There then followed a significant discussion about the long-term prospects for the charity. It was agreed that in the event of the demise of Pete as principal benefactor, then the current assets and income streams would be transferred to the charity. Given that the income would increase significantly (potentially £50K income pa) it was accepted that whilst there would be even greater scope to to achieve the charity objectives but that the trustees

would need additional support. It was suggested in discussion that this could lead to professional help to manage both the residents and the charity and the various income streams from rented accommodation. There was a recognition from the trustees present that this would mean a change in the scale and scope of the charity and subsequent responsibilities. Given that most trustees are relatively inexperienced in charity management it was acknowledged that this is a significant step change. It was accepted by Pete as chair that some trustees may wish to consider their position but hoped they would be reassured by more detailed planning. Brian confirmed that he would continue as a trustee until the AGM of November 2028.

Following further discussion, Pete agreed that he would produce a document which would explain the strategy going forward and his position as principal benefactor of the charity. It was also accepted that the trust at some stage may wish to change the nature of the charity from one principally providing accommodation for carers to providing grants and bursaries from realised assets. Whilst this is not the preferred strategy of the principal benefactor (Pete) it was accepted that this would be a matter for the trustees at some future stage and beyond the principal benefactor's control.

7. AOB - None

Dates for Trustee meetings in 2025

Feb 12 20:30 - Zoom

May 14 20:30 - Zoom

Aug 27. 20:30- Zoom

Nov 23 14:30. London - face to face

TsS Financial Summary 2023/24

See

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15aeDT4eiE5Femf0CgzUKJjh8YUFqit3U/edit?gid=204645642#gid=204645642> for full details.

Summary

Income	£2593.61
Donations	£2593.61
Expenditure	£2592.61
Office Maintenance	£931.25
Professional Fees	£620.00
Furnishings	£702.23
Kitchen Equipment	£113.36
Food	£40.90
Health & Safety	£25.58
Repairs	£159.29
Previous Balance	£0
Current Balance	£1