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Charity registration number: 801075 (A company limited by guarantee)



Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Welcome to our Annual Report for 2023

Our Vision

To improve the mental and physical health, well-being, and life chances of people in Sussex living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Our Mission

To safely provide a range of services and facilities to realise our Vision in an economic and efficient way.

Our Values

Members: Our members and their carers are at the heart of everything we do.

Volunteers: our volunteers are valued and supported and encouraged to

develop their knowledge and skills.

Respect: We treat everyone equally with dignity and respect.

Teamwork: Members, volunteers and staff work together.

Community: We foster peer support and participation.

Environment: We provide an inclusive, welcoming, and safe environment.

"A problem shared is a problem lightened"

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees M Bennett

A J Clough P A Cook

S Gritt - Deputy Chair

G D Hector V M Keefe K Starnes A R Walter

Secretary A Taylor

Team

Registered Office Southwick Recreation Ground

Croft Avenue Southwick West Sussex BN42 4AB

The charity is incorporated in England.

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Auditor Hodson & Co

Wiston House 1 Wiston Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 7QL

Trustees' Report

The Trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Most of our Trustees live with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and use the Centre services or volunteer at the Centre, interacting with our members daily. This has huge benefits as it ensures that our users know our trustees have a full understanding of their needs and will respond to their feedback. We continue to actively seek Trustees for specific key roles on the Board.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

These are to provide a Centre where those living with Multiple Sclerosis work collectively to identify and access relevant therapies and social opportunities that will challenge the physical, emotional, and psychological impact of the condition, provide symptom relief, lessen the impact that MS has on their lives and those of their families.

Objectives, strategies and activities

We offer support to positively change the quality of life for those who live with MS. The wide range of drug free therapies and exercise classes available here are chosen to help our members maintain and improve their current abilities, provide symptom relief, and ward off secondary disabilities.

We host a "Medication Information Exchange" encouraging members to share their experiences of the different disease modifying and symptom management drugs that are available. This helps others to make more informed decisions about which direction to take with medication. Our staff and volunteers provide advice on community and statutory support, signposting life enhancing services. We host a variety of advice sessions from specialist providers such as Bowel and Bladder nurses and Benefits advisors.

We strive to serve the wider community by offering Oxygen Therapy to others who would benefit, subject to availability.

The MS Centre movement was built on an ethos of self-help, a principal which we are proud to continue.

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The Centre in 2023

2023 was a busy year. We were required to find a new database for all our data which meant a large amount of administration taking place.

Once more we extend our sincere thanks to all community groups, local companies and charitable trusts that responded to us during the year.

Particular thanks this year are to Garfield Weston, National Lottery, Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust, February Foundation, Knights of the Road Masonic Lodge, The B & L Leach Family Trust, Friarsgate Trust and the Robert Luff Foundation for their continued financial help during this period.

We are extremely proud and encouraged that many of our members continued to support the Centre by donating generously in a year of austerity. Particular thanks go to Sue and John Petit, Peter Jones and Caroline Beebe.

Many other members, too many to mention here contributed by fundraising in imaginative ways throughout the year.

Membership changes

In the past, voting members of Sussex MS Centre have been called 'Corporate Members'. In the latter part of 2022 Trustees decided to cease using this name and instead divide membership between 'Members' and Associate Members'.

It was the Boards intention that those living with MS would be known as Members. They are entitled to vote at meetings where voting is applicable. All others who join the Centre, be they those with other conditions or Carers would be known as non-voting 'Associate Members'. This has been rolled out throughout 2023.

Public benefit

The charity's main activities and who is helped are described below. The main focus of all charitable activities is to support people with Multiple Sclerosis,

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Sussex MS Centre had 946 individual members on our database, with 387 members paying their subscriptions in 2023.

Multiple Sclerosis is a changeable condition, and individuals can go through long periods when they do not require our services, so they do not necessarily subscribe during these periods. Our policy is to continue in contact with the MS community regardless of subscription, as many return to us in times of need.

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Use of volunteers

Sussex MS Centre benefits from many hours of volunteer time. Volunteers operate the Oxygen Chamber, Reception, organise fundraising and social events, provide refreshments, help in the garden, and assist generally in the day-to-day running of the Centre. This amounts to 4 FTE.

We held a party for all our volunteers in June to thank them for all the work that they do aligning our party with National Volunteers week. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them all for their time, dedication and commitment without which we would cease to exist.

During the year we took on 1 new chamber operator and a new garden volunteer. Three longstanding members of the Social Committee stood down after many years' service and a current member stepped up to lead the Social Committee taking on 2 new volunteers. For the first time ever, the Social Committee ran the well-loved 3 course Christmas meal that staff had traditionally provided over for the last 15 years. The Trustees would like to thank Nickee Manchee for her many years as Lead of the Social Committee. Many thanks go to Jane and Alan Taylor who also stepped down from many years of running events.

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Staff

Ali Dunn (Support Officer) who worked full time with us for nearly 4 years, relocated regions and we ended 2023 with four members of staff; Emily-Jane Stuttard (EJ), our Centre Manager and Rebekah Walker (newly recruited in July) our Operations and Community Fundraiser; Helen Turner our part-time Admin and Operations support (22.5 hours weekly) and our Fundraiser, Donna Williamson who became our own employee in April (11 hours weekly).

We continue to support our staff with professional development and fund appropriate training, with all operational staff and volunteers attending courses on Safeguarding and Manual Handling and other relevant topics. Training is provided annually in respect of Oxygen Therapy with regards to the safe operation of the chamber, to all of our Chamber Operators.

We employ the services of Croner for their HR help and advice on a 24/7 basis. Within this package we are able to offer an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) for staff which means we can give staff more support with their mental health and wellbeing by providing counselling. Working with our service users can sometimes be challenging for staff and having a space to be able to share concerns is very useful. This service extends to staff' spouse and any children up to the age of eighteen.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees: M Bennett

A J Clough P A Cook

S Gritt - Deputy Chair

G D Hector (appointed 22 May 2023)

V M Keefe K Starnes A R Walter

Chairman: C J P Ash-Edwards (resigned 3 July 2024)

Secretary: A Taylor

Senior Management / Leadership E J Stuttard, Manager

Team:

Our Chair during the year, C P Ash-Edwards, retired on 3 July 2024 and whilst the charity is looking for a new Chair, our Deputy Chair, S Gritt, is now Acting Chair.

Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

The Trustees are pleased to report that the charity's total income was up by £22,818 on 2022.

Having a freelance Trusts and Grants focussed fundraiser on board meant we were able to secure £68,492 of funding in 2023.

The trustees are satisfied to have carried out maintenance to the annexe of the building and in the nick of time to prevent considerable damage and also to have made much needed improvements to the car park which is a precious resource for the centre. 90% of regular attendees drive (shown through our 2023 survey) because of disability.

The Board would particularly like to thank members for their fundraising and donations during the year, which made a significant contribution to these results.

Treatments

Oxygen Therapy

This was the first therapy offered by our charity and remains the most used. High Dosage Oxygen Therapy (HDOT) involves sitting in our pressure chamber breathing pure oxygen through a mask for approximately an hour. We also offer oxygen under normal atmospheric pressure seated outside the chamber at an 'oxygen station'.

Many of our members find it a vital therapy for relieving fatigue and other symptoms and slowing the progression of MS. We never refuse therapy for people with MS but suggest a donation towards the costs.

In 2023, 2283 High Dosage Oxygen Therapy sessions were provided, with 302 individuals benefitting from 5380 sessions overall.

Individual Therapies

Individual therapies at the Centre are used by many of our members to help with symptom management, warding off secondary disabilities and improving wellbeing. We offer Acupuncture, Alexander Technique, Beauty Therapy, Bowen Therapy, Foothealth (Chiropody) Manual Lymph Drainage Massage, Advanced Therapy Massage, Indian Head Massage, Shiatsu Massage, Osteopathy, Physiotherapy, and Reflexology. We provide the administration and facilities for individual therapies, but therapists are self-employed and are paid directly by the Centre Member.

Therapists give the Centre £1 room rent (daily) and charge members £23 per session. Physiotherapy is an exception. We administer and subsidise individual physiotherapy sessions by £10 per session.

2070 Therapy sessions were held in 2023.

Classes

The Centre ran a programme of classes consisting of weekly Mat and Chair Yoga, Mat and Chair Pilates, Keep Fit and seated exercise, Mindfulness follow up sessions. The classes are useful for reducing fatigue, improving balance and posture, countering muscle weakness and reducing the occurrence of muscle spasm, as well as improving wellbeing, building friendships and being an enjoyable group activity.

Online classes of Pilates, Chair Yoga and Seated Physio exercise continued to run throughout 2023 proving with popular with those who chose not to come to the centre still or could not come to the centre because of transport. These classes very much helped to counter isolation. All our classes are offered for free, although members are encouraged to donate towards their running costs.

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Words from Alison Clough, Membership Secretary and Trustee, member since 2005

In the summer my son was getting married and I was looking forward to throwing confetti over the happy couple. I knew that my throwing skills weren't brilliant and throwing from a wheelchair was tricky. Lynne, my teacher for Keep Fit, suggested that I practice the skills I needed within the Keep Fit class. At first, we all tried throwing table tennis balls under arm. We aimed the balls into an old bucket that Lynne had found under the sink. This started to help me to get height to my throws and improve my hand eye co-ordination. Lynne incorporated this at the end of every class and came up with new ideas. We were soon introduced to throwing beanbags over arm as well as underarm and various sized buckets were introduced for us to aim for. My son's wedding came and I felt confident to throw my confetti and I think I managed to aim some precisely!

By this time the friendly competition amongst the class members had happened and the activity has stayed as a permanent fixture ever since.

All the class members were hooked, and we have been introduced to throwing beanbags into moving targets, deflecting beanbags off the wall and throwing beanbags with our eyes closed.

Lynne has set up a league now and our scores are noted with prizes and certificates. This one idea for throwing confetti has turned into our Beanbag Challenge.

It has proved to be a creative, fun and uplifting way to conclude our Keep Fit classes!

Social Activities

There is a communal café, which is the hub of the Centre. It provides an invaluable forum for members and carers to share knowledge, experiences, and advice. Many friendships develop and the social forum encourages participation. Our Trustees often join members over refreshments which ensures our members feel valued and their feedback is welcomed.

Having established an invaluable library of MS books through funding won from the Gannett Foundation we have continued to grow this library using remaining funds. Members can borrow books out for a few months at a time. We also supply literature to give out to members on various aspects of Multiple Sclerosis and other sources of support provided by our local MS Society, different charities, and support agencies.

A great strength of our community is the active and inclusive social component, encouraging peer support and a feeling of belonging. We have a volunteer led Social Committee that organises monthly events during the year, including monthly weekend socials. The Committee had a change of leader in Autumn and began to re-establish itself

"Social events are so important for wellbeing - such an important part of the Centre. They mean so much to us. Thank you to the Social Committee".

"I am housebound apart from these events. Today has been so much fun. Wonderful entertainment and food. I feel at home here and it makes life worth living. Words cannot express my thanks sufficiently, but I'm very happy."

Talks and Workshops

We are always keen to share expert advice with our members and plan a range of talks and workshops. We hosted talks and advice sessions that included the benefits of taking Colostrum and also CBTi (Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for Insomnia).

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Working with others

Our charity is a member of MS National Therapy Centres Ltd, now re-named Neuro Therapy Network, an umbrella body which facilitates networking amongst Centres. They have continued to provide the sharing of best practice and monthly online meetings with other managers at centres nationally to which the Centre Manager attends.

We have close links with local community groups and companies who provide invaluable support.

Financial review

The charity receives income from three main sources. These are general donations, donations towards services and from fundraising activities and our fundraiser bringing in funds from Grants and Trusts.

Income from unrestricted funds was £146,858 (2022 £156,983) and restricted funds £68,492 (2022 £35,549). Resources expended were £197,102 (2022 £165,910). At 31 December 2023, total funds were £228,724 (2022 £210,476).

During the year spending on direct charitable activities represented 97.8% of total expenditure (2022 93.5%).

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all our members, community groups (especially the Lions), local industry and charitable trusts who helped the Centre throughout the year.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. The trustees will continue to review the financial affairs of the charity with the aim to increase income, cut costs and to improve the overall control of its operations. The trustees consider that the present level of funding will be adequate to support the continuation of the charity and for it to fulfil its obligations. The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets, 'free reserves', held by the charity should be a minimum of 6 months of core running costs. Budgeted running costs for 2024, based on 2023 actual amounts, is £144,000 and therefore the target is at least £72,000 in unrestricted funds. At 31 December the actual free reserves were £78,000 which represents just over six months running costs.

The Trustees have also set aside a reserve fund of £125,000 for the future new build.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by Articles of Association adopted in 2020.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit to do so. Trustees are required to attend two Board meetings before being formally co-opted onto the Board.

Induction and training of trustees

All trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and have knowledge of the 'Essential Trustee 6 main duties', the charity commission's requirements. Short training sessions to familiarise new trustees with the charity and the context within which it operates are provided by the Centre Manager and Trustees.

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Organisational structure

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees that meets on a bi-monthly basis with additional meetings as required. 55% of the Board is made up of people living with Multiple Sclerosis. There is a full time Centre Manager who works closely with the Board. There are one full time and 2 part-time personnel.

There are sub-committees of volunteers that focus on finance and social events organisation.

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

Our key objective for 2024 is to ensure that we remain sustainable during the cost-of-living crisis precipitated by the Ukraine war, energy crisis and any influx of inflation. We are focusing on planning and writing our strategic plan for the next 5 years which will span 2025 to 2030. We also hope to continue our discussions with Adur and Worthing Council concerning our new building on the Recreation Ground in the future.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditor

The auditors Hodson & Co are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Sussex MS Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

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• prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 13 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Company Secretary

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Sussex MS Centre

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sussex MS Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
 and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities (set out on page 10 and 11), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the entity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiry of management about any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Assessing the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material
 misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those
 charged with governance.

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- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- · Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect noncompliance with all laws and regulations. If a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Matthew Hodson BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) For and on behalf of Hodson & Co, Statutory Auditor

Wiston House I Wiston Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN 14 70L

13 August 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	65,568	68,492	134,060
Charitable activities	4	72,045		72,045
Other trading activities	5	5,566		5,566
Investment income	6	3,679		3,679
Total Income		146,858	68,492	215,350
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies	7	(2,300)	(80)	(2,380)
Costs of trading activities	7 8	(1,290)	(650)	(1,940)
Charitable activities	8	(140,982)	(51,800)	(192,782)
Total Expenditure		(144,572)	(52,530)	(197,102)
Net income		2,286	15,962	18,248
Transfers between funds		6,208	(6,208)	
Net movement in funds		8,494	9,754	18,248
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		199,866	10,610	210,476
Total funds carried forward	20	208,360	20,364	228,724

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	89,167	35,549	124,716
Charitable activities	4	62,282		62,282
Other trading activities	4 5	4,112	8:	4,112
Investment income	6	1,422		1,422
Total Income		156,983	35,549	192,532
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies	7	(9,097)	€	(9,097)
Costs of trading activities	7 8	(1,737)		(1,737)
Charitable activities	8	(130,137)	(24,939)	(155,076)
Total Expenditure		(140,971)	(24,939)	(165,910)
Net income		16,012	10,610	26,622
Net movement in funds		16,012	10,610	26,622
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		183,854		183,854
Total funds carried forward	20	199,866	10,610	210,476

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 20.

(Registration number: 02319928) Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	5,393	1,616
Current assets			
Stocks	15	245	174
Debtors	16	3,046	2,016
Cash at bank and in hand	17	227,677	213,762
		230,968	215,952
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(7,637)	(7,092)
Net current assets	2	223,331	208,860
Net assets		228,724	210,476
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	20	20,364	10,610
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		208,360	199,866
Total funds	20	228,724	210,476

The financial statements on pages 15 to 33 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 13 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

S Gritt - Deputy Chair

Trustee

Sussex MS Centre

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		18,248	26,622
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	7	1,367	728
Investment income	6	(3,679)	(1,422)
		15,936	25,928
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in stocks	15	(71)	(46)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	16	(1,030)	2,436
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	18	545	(4,864)
Net cash flows from operating activities		15,380	23,454
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	6	3,679	1,422
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	14	(5,144)	(1,065)
Net cash flows from investing activities		(1,465)	357
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		13,915	23,811
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	-	213,762	189,951
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		227,677	213,762

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is: Southwick Recreation Ground Croft Avenue Southwick West Sussex BN42 4AB

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 13 August 2024.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Sussex MS Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from approving these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to continue as a going concern.

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Judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are recognised in different ways dependent on how they are used by the charity:

- (i) Those donated for resale produce income when they are sold. They are valued at the amount actually realised.
- (ii) Those donated for onward transmission to beneficiaries are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources and resources expended when they are distributed. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.
- (iii) Those donated for use by the charity itself are included when receivable. They are valued at the amount the charity would have had to pay to acquire them.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class

Long leasehold property Furniture and Equipment Equipment

Depreciation method and rate

over the term of the lease over 5 years over 5 years

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

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Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity,

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Pensions and other post retirement obligations

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Financial instruments

Classification

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar			
proceeds	21,950	66,492	88,442
Donations from individuals	31,407	2,000	33,407
Gift aid reclaimed	3,621	E	3,621
Regular giving and capital donations	6,370	54	6,370
Other income from donations and legacies	2,220		2,220
Total for 2023	65,568	68,492	134,060
Total for 2022	89,167	35,549	124,716

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Centre costs	72,045	72,045
Total for 2023	72,045	72,045
Total for 2022	62,282	62,282

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General	Total funds
Trading income;		
Sales of goods and services	1,338	1,338
Property rental income	4,228	4,228
Total for 2023	5,566	5,566
Total for 2022	4,112	4,112

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	3,679	3,679
Total for 2023	3,679	3,679
Total for 2022	1,422	1,422

7 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total funds £
Other direct costs of generating voluntary income	12.17)	2,300	80	2,380
Total for 2023		2,300	80	2,380
Total for 2022		9,097		9,097

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b) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds	Total funds £
Costs of goods sold		1,290	650	1,940
Total for 2023		1,290	650	1,940
Total for 2022		1,737		1,737
		-		Total costs

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds £	Total funds
Centre costs		87,011	34,320	121,331
Oxygen therapy treatment costs		11,050	16,345	27,395
Other therapy treatments		20,433	740	21,173
Allocated support costs		22,488	395	22,883
Total for 2023		140,982	51,800	192,782
Total for 2022		130,137	24,939	155,076

9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023	2022	
	£	£	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	853	729	

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10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

M Bennett

£558 (2022: £273) of expenses were reimbursed to M Bennett during the year.

Social event costs, equipment costs, repairs and maintenance.

PA Cook

£121 (2022: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to P A Cook during the year.

Equipment costs

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and Salaries	80,617	62,559
Social Security Costs	929	649
Employer Contributions to Pension Plans	2,021	1,684
	83,567	64,892

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Number of Administration Staff	3	2
Number of Management Staff		1
	4	3

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

During the year the charity made the following transactions with key management personnel:

A Dunn

£Nil (2022: £31) of expenses were reimbursed during the year.

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EJ Stuttard

£247 (2022: £256) of expenses were reimbursed during the year.

H Turner

£202 (2022: £262) of expenses were reimbursed during the year.

D Williamson

£25 (2022: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed during the year.

R Walker

£38 (2022: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed during the year.

12 Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Other fees to auditors		
Audit-related assurance services	3,180	3,024
All other non-audit services	425	342
	3,605	3,366

13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	281,188	21,110	302,298
Additions		5,144	5,144
At 31 December 2023	281,188	26,254	307,442
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	281,188	19,494	300,682
Charge for the year		1,367	1,367
At 31 December 2023	281,188	20,861	302,049
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023		5,393	5,393
At 31 December 2022	-	1,616	1,616

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15 Stock		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks	245	174
16 Debtors		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	96	97
Prepayments	2,950	2,016
	3,046	2,016

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17 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	112	112
Cash at bank	34,856	24,620
Short-term deposits	192,709	189,030
	227,677	213,762
18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,098	1,680
Other taxation and social security	1,039	803
Other creditors	657	922

19 Pension and other schemes

Accruals

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £1,684 (2021 - £1,549).

3,843

7,637

3,687

7,092

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20 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General Funds	74,866	146,858	(144,572)	6,208	83,360
Designated					
Building Project Reserve	125,000	- 5			125,000
Total unrestricted funds	199,866	146,858	(144,572)	6,208	208,360
Restricted funds Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	S#5	6,000	(6,000)		
Friarsgate Trust	4,572	4,752	(5,262)		4,062
Fitton Trust	4,372	250	(3,202)	3	250
Gannett Foundation	1,630	230	(575)	2	1,055
Groundwork UK Tesco	1,125	375	(1,500)		1,000
Knights of the Road Masons	600	4.808	(264)	(5,144)	-
Brighton and Hove Buses		250	(250)	(3,111)	
Local Giving	500	-	(230)	3	500
David Cons	500	¥	2	- 2	500
National Lottery		8,500	(8,500)	9	190
Versus Arthritis, Sport England	603	¥	(603)		121
Burgess Hill District Lions					
Club	1,080			(1,064)	16
Albert Hunt Trust		3,000	(3,000)	5	-
Regency Round Table		500	(360)		140
Douglas Arter Foundation Gallaghers (via Neighbourly) Community	==(750	(750)	9	5 2 .0
Fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	3	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	383	10,000	(6,000)	i-	4,000
Hendy Foundation		1,500	(1,500)	Ş	-
Homeinstead Charities	823	400	(400)		
Postcode Society Trust		500	(500)	9	-
Masonic Meeching Lodge - Classes		2 5 4 0	(2 = 10)		
Nicola Walters	-	2,540	(2,540)		150
Percy Bilton Charity	5.*	1,000	(1,000)	5€ 53	
Pride	-	211 1,000	(211)		-
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	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
Shanly Foundation	-	1,500	849	(145)	1,500
Shoreham Port and Kitchen	-	240	(230)		10
Stagecoach	*	1,000	=		1,000
Sussex Community					I.S.
Foundation	·	1,626	(1,003)	-	623
The Chalk Cliff Trust		3,240	(3,240)		+0
The February Foundation	S	4,250	(4,250)	-	23
The Focus Foundation	-	3,300	(1,054)	**	2,246
The Inman Charity	*	5,000	(540)	-	4,460
Yorkshire Building Society		1,000	(1,000)		
Total restricted funds	10,610	68,492	(52,532)	(6,208)	20,362
Total funds	210,476	215,350	(197,104)		228,722

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	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2022
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	83,854	156,983	(140,971)	(25,000)	74,866
Designated Building Project Reserve	100,000			25,000	125,000
Total unrestricted funds	183,854	156,983	(140,971)		199,866
Restricted Ernest Kleinwort Charitable					
Trust	**	4,000	(4,000)		-
Friarsgate Trust	-	4,752	(180)	2	4,572
Fitton Trust	8*3	250	(250)	35	292
Gannett Foundation	-	2,597	(967)	12	1,630
Groundwork UK Tesco	1.7	1,125	-Ti-	15	1,125
Knights of the Road Masons	:€	600	*	*	600
Brighton and Hove Buses	7.5	250	(250)		
Local Giving	3.00	500	8	:=	500
David Cons		500	25		500
National Lottery	823	8,000	(8,000)		S#37
Screwfix Foundation		4,000	(4,000)	9	-
Sir Jules Thorn Trust		3,000	(3,000)	-	
Versus Arthritis, Sport England		3,900	(3,297)	-	603
Burgess Hill District Lions Club	12	1,080	8	-	1,080
Rottingdean Lions		495	(495)	-	.,
Billingshurst and District Lions		500	(500)		
Total restricted funds		35,549	(24,939)		10,610
Total funds	183,854	192,532	(165,910)		210,476

The building project reserve is for the future development of the charity's buildings and infrastructure.

The national lottery income was provided for repairs and improvements to the property which were completed in the year.

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General ₤	Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2023
Tangible fixed assets	5,383	- 52	5,383
Current assets	210,614	20,364	230,978
Current liabilities	(7,636)		(7,636)
Total net assets	208,361	20,364	228,725
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,616	32	1,616
Current assets	205,343	10,609	215,952
Current liabilities	(7,092)		(7,092)
Total net assets	199,867	10,609	210,476

22 Analysis of net funds

Cash at bank and in hand	At 1 January 2023 £ 213,762	Financing cash flows £ 13,915	At 31 December 2023 £ 227,677
	213,762	13,915	227,677
	At 1 January 2022 £	Financing cash flows	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	189,951	23,811	213,762
	189,951	23,811	213,762

23 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.