

THE SEAVIEW PROJECT

Trustees' Report and Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023



**Working with vulnerable people to
improve their quality of life**

**Company number 3249596
Charity number 1058308**

Directors and Trustees		Appointed	Resigned
Anna Barnes	Chair	11.04.2011	
Rebecca Cooper		15.07.2013	
Gary Rogerson		15.08.2019	
Stephen Sampson	Honorary Treasurer	15.07.2013	
Duncan Tree		24.03.2014	
Marie Casey		11.01.2021	
Elise Liversedge		11.01.2021	
Michael Cornish		06.09.2021	03.07.2023

Senior Management Team

David Perry - Chief Officer

Sue Burgess - Projects Manager

Hannah Hallett – Services Manager

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The Seaview Project Trustees' Report For the Year ended 31 March 2023

How Seaview began

At the time of Care in the Community, a number of people who had been used to institutional living due to mental health problems were unable to cope with the sudden change and inadequate support and found themselves isolated and lonely, living in bed and breakfast accommodation, houses of multiple occupation and, in some cases even homeless. Some parents and relatives rallied round and provided an open access wellbeing centre at the heart of St. Leonards on Sea. The centre was set up by Helene White and Barbara Silvester, with the help of Jane Amstad in February 1985.

Seaview's inception was an organic voluntary sector initiative, creating responsive local support. To this day there has been a constant effort to maintain the ethos of Seaview and a supportive pathway to wellbeing and recovery. Seaview has a dedicated group of paid staff, peer workers and volunteers, all of whom contribute to providing much needed support to its beneficiaries.

As well as the dedicated personal support given by Seaview to all who access its services, there has been a planned growth and development of the organisation itself. It was not long before Seaview became a registered charity in August 1985 and a company limited by guarantee in September 1996. Seaview has a well organised board of trustees who give governance support to the staff teams and who comply with all the regulations that apply to charities and limited companies.

How Seaview is maintaining its ethos

Today, Seaview's Wellbeing Centre and its various activities are funded from a mix of statutory funding, grants, charitable donations and gifts in kind. Seaview services are delivered with an open access approach to people experiencing a range of issues including mental illness learning disabilities, substance misuse, physical disabilities, poverty, social isolation, rough sleeping and homelessness. Seaview is currently the only open access Wellbeing Centre of its type in the whole of East Sussex.

Seaview continues to attract people willing to take on the responsibilities of maintaining its ethos by becoming volunteers, paid staff members, and unpaid trustees. Seaview's workforce always tries to ensure that they meet the needs of people who use the service. Our trustees are visible and hands-on, being very active in the various fund-raising and arts events which are part of the culture of Seaview.

The Seaview staff team today. Seaview is organised into staff teams as follows:

Chief Officer –Dave Perry. The Chief Officer is responsible for the operational management of the organisation under the board of trustees. Dave is responsible for the strategic leadership of the charity and representing Seaview in various fora locally and regionally.

Projects Manager – Sue Burgess. Sue supports the Chief Officer and the organisation, leading on specific fundraising projects and representing the organisation on several networks. Sue offers support for the activities of the fundraising group Awareness for Action and provides training for Seaview volunteers and staff. Sue also provides oversight of our Rough Sleepers and Street Activities work.

Services Manager - Hannah Hallett. Hannah has overall operational responsibility for all aspects of HR and assists the Chief Officer and Projects Manager with service co-ordination.

Wellbeing Centre Co-ordinator – Maggie Hawthorne. Maggie oversees the daily operations of the Wellbeing Centre services, providing support to the Centre support workers as well as overseeing the kitchen and tea bar staff and volunteers. Alongside the Chief Officer she provides facilitative support to the Peer Development work of the RADAR – Refocus Assess Develop Activate Recover – Team. This is a Peer led Recovery service facilitating recovery groups and various activities along with one-to-one support. The clothing closet, the digital suite, the laundry service and food bank are all accessible as part of the Wellbeing Centre offer.

Project Adder, SASS and Alcohol Outreach Co-ordinator – Hollie Taylor Hollie is the Coordinator of the Project Adder Specialist Outreach Service which is dedicated to persuading heroin and crack users to access treatment, reducing Drug-related Death. In addition, Hollie oversees delivery of Seaview's Accommodation Support Service (SASS) and the Alcohol outreach service, supporting street drinkers.

Harm Reduction Programme Co-ordinator, Michele Laurens - Michele oversees this service offering a range of diversionary activities for people with substance misuse issues who are living in Temporary Accommodation (TA). In addition, the service provides bespoke training opportunities for Temporary Accommodation providers and others.

Finance Manager – Caelie Hawkins (Interim). Caelie oversees our finance team and supports the core team and the board of trustees.

BOARD of TRUSTEES and ADVISERS

Governance responsibility for Seaview lies with the Board of Trustees. Some of these have supported Seaview for many years and they bring a wealth of experience to the work. They are:

- **Anna Barnes** – Chair – expertise in commissioning and service development
- **Steve Sampson** – Treasurer – expertise in charity accounting
- **Beckie Cooper** – expertise in nursing and housing
- **Duncan Tree** – expertise in policy and the voluntary sector
- **Gary Rogerson** – expertise in Finance and fundraising
- **Marie Casey** - Marie has been an experienced CEO in the Hastings Voluntary Sector
- **Elise Liversedge** - Elise is an architect and practicing community arts practitioner
- **Michael Cornish** – Mike has worked at a senior level in Adult Social Care, as well as having held the position as Chief Officer at Seaview.¹

¹ These were the trustees as of March 2023. Mike has sadly passed away and resigned shortly before.

The Board of Trustees meets every six weeks and, in addition, trustees attend some Seaview events. There is a process of trustee induction and training: Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity through previous contact. Additionally, potential and new trustees are invited and encouraged to spend time at the project getting to know the staff and services. New trustees are provided with information and support regarding the following areas:

- Their role & responsibilities as trustees
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity, including the Memorandum and Articles of Association
- The complex funding of Seaview and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts
- Future business plans and objectives

Services Provided by Seaview

Wellbeing centre

Since 1985 Seaview has been providing an open access wellbeing centre at the heart of St Leonards on Sea. It is a vibrant place that is all about helping people to achieve their full potential. We use the “strengths” approach which focuses on the potential within people. The philosophy is one of ‘can do’ rather than ‘don’t do’, and this is always both exciting and challenging.

People use our wellbeing centre for a variety of reasons, and none are more important than having a place to be, somewhere to drop in to, away from the pressures of the world. One of Seaview’s core values is a belief that ‘Warmth from one human being to another can bring about positive change’. We have been facilitating this process over many years. Not everyone agrees with a hierarchy of human needs, but few would dispute the vital importance of people receiving food, drink, shelter, warmth and clothes.

Our wellbeing centre provides all of these and much more. Our dedicated team is focussed on helping clients achieve personal growth and fulfilment. This is done considerately and at each person’s own pace with support planning, one to one’s, support groups and a range of activities that are provided in response to clients’ regular feedback from monthly service user groups. The Wellbeing Centre is the hub and first point of access for many people who access other Seaview services and are often referred to various partner services in response to their needs and wishes.

Peer Support: RADAR (Refocus, Assess, Develop, Activate, Recover) is our team of paid and volunteer Peer Support Workers devising groups and healthy activities focussed on recovery from mental health issues and addictions. These include Peer led wellbeing groups, Art projects, a music group, gym sessions and health walks. The “Seaview’s Got Talent” events, the Christmas Carol concert and other events give the Seaview choir a focus to rehearse and prepare for performances.

RSI: Housing First & Rough Sleepers Outreach Service: This service commenced in October 2018 and offers support to rough sleepers who experience complex health and social problems, helping them to move into their own accommodation and providing intensive support to manage their tenancies. This service was put out to tender for a countywide service and Southdown took over this service during the autumn of 2022.

Seaview Accommodation Support Service (SASS): Our team works with former entrenched rough sleepers to provide support to sustain tenancies and prevent the revolving door of homelessness. The work includes dealing with rent arrears, anti-social behaviour and disputes

with landlords. Our approach is to build social support, encouraging clients to make use of local community assets.

Rough Sleepers Outreach Service: Although Seaview has ceased delivering rough sleeper outreach services for RSI, we continue to provide an out of hours outreach service to rough sleepers to verify and check on their welfare, inviting them into Seaview and referring them to other services for ongoing support. Our workers cover Hastings and St. Leonard's. The service is one of several charities commissioned by the Foreshore Trust.

Street Engagement Service: We provide regular daytime outreach sessions to the street community, engaging people, linking them into vital health, housing and wellbeing services as well as inviting them to use the various facilities and participate in activities at our Wellbeing Centre.

Digital Inclusion: Seaview have been working closely with Citizens Advice 1066, local libraries, and Good Things Foundation. During 2022-2023 Seaview provided digital inclusion support out of the wellbeing centre and on an outreach basis, supporting clients to access digital by supplying them with their own devices and by using the computer suite at Seaview.

Healthcare: Seaview enjoys a close partnership with St John Ambulance Homeless Healthcare Service in the provision of our Health Care Programme. The main provision of the Homeless Healthcare Service is nurse-led drop-in clinics, four days a week at the Southwater Centre, where St John has its own CQC registered treatment room. Clients can see a nurse and/or podiatrist and a general volunteer about any medical issue. Every session in this service is nurse-led, and the team members will deal directly with issues as far as possible, providing health advice, podiatry, wound care, health promotion (both on an individual basis and in group education sessions) and general support, but are careful to refer on to clients' GPs or to more specialised or secondary care services where appropriate.

The Project Adder partnership has resulted in a nurse led clinic being delivered out of Seaview's Wellbeing Centre to encourage drug users to access treatment and rebuild their lives. This clinic is popular and helps drug users to access support in a more informal setting.

Hepatitis C Clinic: Seaview has enjoyed the opportunity of hosting the University of Sussex with a treatment facility being delivered out of the Wellbeing Centre. An experienced research fellow, Dr Adele Mourad has been working at Seaview to do screening for HIV, Hepatitis C and immunisations for Hepatitis B. Sessions have been held weekly to facilitate regular treatment for hard-to-reach clients who would find it hard to attend a series of regular hospital appointments. As this clinic has drawn to a close, we are grateful to Craig Brick and the team from the Hep C trust who continues to support patients in need of screening and treatment on an ad hoc basis at Seaview.

Food Bank and food delivery service: In response to many people attending Seaview in a crisis we have continued to stock our own food bank which enables our services to provide groceries to those in need directly. It has been really good to be able to deliver hot meals to people in Temporary Accommodation too although this has been scaled back this year.

Our rough sleeper outreach service has been providing food in the form of snacks, bottled drinks, sun cream, mobile phones and chargers which all helps to sustain them while the search for accommodation continues.

Key Achievements and Performance for the year ended 31 March 2023

What did we achieve for people? We did the following:

- Provided support to 1,187 individuals across all of our programmes of service
- Seaview staff had 16,541 engagement contacts with clients across all services
- Provided Wellbeing Centre contact, support and recordable services for 636 people (some of whom attended several times a week), and informal support to many more
- Served over a thousand individuals at the Wellbeing Centre tea bar
- Served 12,642 affordable hot, nutritious meals and countless teas, coffees, juices, soups & rolls and desserts, some of which were delivered to people's homes
- Provided more than 1300 food parcels to people in need from our own food bank and referred many to other food banks
- Gave specific housing related advice and accommodation support on over 6000 occasions
- Outreached 153 individual rough sleepers across Hastings, St. Leonard's and Rother making 1,231 contacts; verifying identity, checking on welfare and supporting rough sleepers to move into temporary accommodation and inviting them to engage with support
- Provided 18 people with volunteering, training and work experience opportunities, both for service users and people from the wider community
- Gave support and encouragement to people on a wide range of issues including substance misuse, emotional wellbeing/mental health, caring roles, literacy, relationships, cultural and faith needs as well as interpreting.
- RADAR, Wellbeing Centre and Brighton Women's Centre are continuing to facilitate the women's group every week. The Men's Group is facilitated by our Wellbeing team and many guest services are invited along to participate.
- Supported people to access various types of medical appointments including wound care and podiatry at St John's Homeless Service, Blood Borne virus testing and treatment, primary care, A&E and medical assessments and titration appointments at STAR Drug and alcohol service.
- Provided solution focused therapy sessions thanks to a qualified therapist, Nick Perry
- Were involved in averting crisis in various ways from linking clients to appropriate forms of support including support with mental health and addiction recovery, housing, welfare benefits advice. In addition supporting clients with ensuring energy bills are paid, with food parcels, clothes and with digital inclusion.

Seaview services have worked in partnership with a growing number of organizations, encouraging people to make significant changes in their lifestyle which has resulted in improvements in wellbeing, reducing harm caused by substance misuse, promoting recovery, tackling health inequalities and reducing social isolation.

2022-23 Key Successes

- Seaview has increased its presence in and engagement with the local community, supporting people with multiple and complex needs to feel safe, supported and entertained!
- Seaview has provided a Wellbeing Service at weekends throughout the winter months, encouraging rough sleepers and those living in temporary accommodation to use the facilities and enjoy home cooked meals.
- The free rough sleepers' breakfast once a week for verified rough sleepers is popular as our team and partner services encourage them to access housing and healthcare.
- Seaview Accommodation Support Service (SASS) provided intensive housing support to 31 former entrenched rough sleepers in their homes, all of whom have successfully maintained their tenancy.
- Continued with building improvements including work on the roof, new windows and doors and lots of painting!

- Seaview continues to offer rough sleeper outreach and street engagement work thanks to a grant from the Foreshore Trust.
- Seaview's Digital Inclusion work has thrived with access for digital aimed specifically in gender specific spaces and digital inclusion work has extended to Eastbourne too.
- We have exceeded our fundraising target for another year.

Key Aims and Objectives for the future and for 2023-24. We aim to:

- Ensure all of the premises where Seaview works from are all safe and Psychologically Informed Environments
- Continue with the programme of building repairs and refurbishment of the main hub in St Leonards
- Expand our services, especially around accommodation support
- Maintain free reserves at a level sufficient to cover six months' operating costs
- Increase fundraising to meet match funding requirements
- Develop our learning and development programme, delivering training with support from peer trainers
- Develop our volunteers, both those with lived experience and those who come to us via other routes

More about Seaview's core values:

- Seaview believes that priority should be given to working with people whose full participation in society is limited by economic, political and social disadvantage.
- Seaview recognises that our community is a society diverse in race, culture and beliefs. No person should suffer oppression or lack of opportunity based on belief, race, gender, sexuality, disability, age, class or geographical location.
- Seaview will strive to provide a safe environment for staff, service users and visitors.
- Seaview is committed to challenging oppression and inequality, and positively promote its core values in all areas of its work and structure.
- Seaview further states that:
 - We believe that all people have equal rights to work towards social justice and to participate in decision-making processes.
 - We will respect the uniqueness of the individual.
 - We do not condone violent behaviour whether physical, verbal or emotional.
 - We do not condone discrimination in any form.
 - We believe that we all have the right to strive to meet our full, positive potential.
 - We believe that warmth and support from one being to another can help facilitate positive change.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are as follows:

- ◆ East Sussex County Council
- ◆ Safer East Sussex
- ◆ Mental Health Commissioning Team
- ◆ Rough Sleeper Initiative
- ◆ Hastings and Rother CCG
- ◆ East Sussex Public Health
- ◆ Hastings Borough Council
- ◆ Eastbourne Borough Council
- ◆ Rother and Wealden Council
- ◆ A range of Charitable Trusts
- ◆ Donations and Fundraising

The trustees and the team would like to thank Awareness for Action and we are indebted to the many individuals, organisations, churches, schools and charitable trusts for their invaluable support and donations of money and goods. Without their help and assistance Seaview's long established and highly respected services for people with complex needs would be facing an even harder struggle to survive during these extremely challenging times.

Partnerships

In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objectives, Seaview is guided by local, regional and national policy. At a national level Government dictates homelessness and mental health strategies. Locally we work in partnership with the various statutory bodies and organisations with whom we contract (see above).

Other partnerships have been maintained and created with Hastings Borough Council, CGL, Brighton Oasis Project, St. John Ambulance, Hastings Primary Care Hub, Citizens Advice 1066, Harc, Brighton Women's Centre (supporting a popular bespoke women's group in Seaview), East Sussex Veteran's Hub, Emerging Futures, Kings Church 1066 (Hastings food bank), Fare Share Sussex (food donations), Holy Trinity Church Hastings (Bags of Blessing), Time to Shine, Education Futures Trust, FSN, Surviving the Streets, The Good Things Foundation, The Office of the National Data Guardian, East Sussex Recovery Alliance, Hastings Library, University of Sussex (Hepatitis C clinic) and the Hep C Trust. Last but not least, Adult Social Care, Sussex Police and the Probation service have been key to helping keep staff, service users and the local community safe. We would like to thank colleagues at Hastings Voluntary Action and members of Hastings Community Network for their support and collaboration.

Seaview management strives to ensure there is representation on all related multi-agency groups and we work closely with local voluntary organisations. This has proved invaluable to the charity in establishing strong networks for and on behalf of our clients. Like many other small charities, it's necessary to prioritise which fora to attend as there are so many and so little time!

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £889,474 (2022: £806,530). Total expenditure was £782,073 (2022: £705,136). At the year-end there were unrestricted funds of £348,468 (2022: £342,081), designated funds of £420,000 (2022: £420,000) and restricted funds of £252,820 (2022: £151,804).

An overall balanced budget had been anticipated for 2022-23, and a surplus was ultimately realised due to a higher-than-expected level of legacies as well as restricted funds received for new and ongoing projects which are carried forward into 2022-23. Services expanded during the year as can be seen in the increase in staff numbers and expenditure, and the surplus has enabled us to match fund services whilst also maintaining the target of six months' running costs, as well as designated reserves levels which are required for expected or potential future costs.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, the charity's funds are committed to maintaining client services. No funds are currently available for long term investment.

Reserves Policy

The trustees believe that the charity should hold financial reserves because:

- ◆ The charity has no endowment funding and is entirely dependent for income on donor funding from year to year, which is inevitably subject to fluctuation.

- ♦ The charity requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating, despite catastrophic or lesser but damaging events.

Ideally the minimum level of free reserves should be the equivalent of a minimum of 6 months' operating costs calculated and reviewed annually. However an additional obligation to provide match funding alongside some of the grants for core services is placing an additional burden on the charity's reserves. At the year end the actual level of unrestricted reserves was increased to £348,468 which equates to around 6 months' running costs and the designated funds (see note 12 below) were £420,000. The trustees plan to maintain this level of unrestricted reserves in the following years if possible. Of note, Seaview has financial obligations relating to the lease, which require it to continue with a programme of investment and renewal in its current premises. Whilst these obligations are significant, they will enhance the building for the benefit of clients and staff.

Public Benefit

The directors have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and the charity has demonstrated its commitment to providing public benefit through the services outlined in this report.

Governing Document

The Seaview Project is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 13 September 1996 and re-registered as a charity on 30 September 1996; it was originally registered as a charity in August 1985. "Seaview" is the trading name for the Seaview Project.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

A proposal to amend Section 3 of the Memorandum of Association was agreed following a vote at the AGM in November 2018. It now reads "The objects for which the Company is established shall be for the relief of poverty, sickness and distress of persons in need among the inhabitants of East Sussex". Charity Commission approval for the change was received on 21 February 2019 and the AGM in November 2019 ratified the change with Companies House.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Management Committee (the "committee")

Directors of the company are also Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the Management Committee, subsequently referred to as "the committee". Seaview's Memorandum and Articles of Association require members of the committee to be elected.

Risk Management

The committee maintains a risk register and conducts regular reviews of major and minor risks faced. Systems and procedures established to mitigate these and external risks to contract funding have led to regular reviews of the business plan and publicity and fund raising campaigns to help diversify funding sources.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for the authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure the health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Wellbeing Centre.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are required by Company Law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant financial information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent Examiner

Rachel Taylor of Acuity Professional was reappointed as the charitable company's independent examiner for the year ending 31 March 2023.

This report has 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 on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.*

Approved by the Board of Directors on 15/11/2023 and signed on behalf of the Board:


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Anna Barnes
Chairperson

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2023
Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	75,168	75,168	26,717
Charitable activities	4	789,308	9,757	799,065	771,317
Other (including fundraising)	5	-	15,241	15,241	8,496
Total		<u>789,308</u>	<u>100,166</u>	<u>889,474</u>	<u>806,530</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	249	249	199
Charitable activities		657,898	123,926	781,824	704,937
Total Expenditure		<u>657,898</u>	<u>124,175</u>	<u>782,073</u>	<u>705,136</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	6	131,410	(24,009)	107,401	101,394
Transfers between funds	12	(30,395)	30,395	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		101,015	6,386	107,401	101,394
Reconciliation of funds:					
Balances brought forward	12	<u>151,804</u>	<u>762,081</u>	<u>913,885</u>	<u>812,491</u>
Balances carried forward	12	<u>252,819</u>	<u>768,467</u>	<u>1,021,286</u>	<u>913,885</u>

There are no recognised gains or losses in the year, other than those included in the statement of financial activities.

All activities derive from continuing operations.

Comparative figures for the previous year by fund type are shown in note 16.

The notes on following pages form an integral part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	-	-
Current Assets			
Stocks of Donated Goods		1,000	1,000
Debtors	9	86,289	60,000
Cash at bank and in hand		1,013,100	952,669
		<u>1,100,389</u>	<u>1,013,669</u>
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	10	79,101	99,784
Net Current Assets		<u>1,021,288</u>	<u>913,885</u>
Net assets	11	<u>1,021,288</u>	<u>913,885</u>
Represented by:			
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	12	348,468	342,081
Designated funds	14	420,000	420,000
Restricted Funds	13	252,820	151,804
		<u>1,021,288</u>	<u>913,885</u>


The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31 March 2023:


- the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and
- members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The notes on the following pages form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the trustees on 15/11/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A. Barnes, Chair 

S. Sampson, Treasurer..... 

Company Registration No: 3249596
Charity Registration No: 1058308

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash Flow from operating activities	<u>55,826</u>	<u>145,031</u>
Cash Flow from investing activities		
Purchase of new fixed assets	-	-
Purchase of new investments	-	-
Interest and dividends	4,605	432
	<u>4,605</u>	<u>432</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	60,431	145,463
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	952,669	807,206
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>1,013,100</u>	<u>952,669</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,013,100	952,669

Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Net income for the year	107,401	101,394
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	-	-
(Gains) on investments	-	-
Interest and dividends received	(4,605)	(432)
(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
(Increase) decrease in stocks	-	-
(Increase) decrease in debtors	(26,288)	59,522
Increase (decrease) in creditors	(20,682)	(15,453)
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>55,826</u>	<u>145,031</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Basis of Accounting

1.1 These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note, in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS 102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS 102) (effective January 2019)

1.2 The date of transition to FRS 102 was 01 April 2015. No adjustments or restatements were required other than those necessary to comply with the revised layout of the financial statements required by the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

1.3 The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.4 The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1 Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
- The purposes of the funds are shown in note 12 and 13.

2.2 Income

- Income is recognised and included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income; receipt is probable; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- Where income has related expenditure (e.g. fundraising events), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
- Bank interest is recognised when credited to the account.
- Gift Aid is recognised in the same accounting period as the donation to which it relates.
- Income which is subject to conditions that the charity has yet to fulfil, or which is specifically for use in a future accounting period, is treated as deferred income.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure and liabilities

- Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis.
- The charity is not registered for VAT; thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.
- Governance costs include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice on governance or constitutional matters.

2.4 Tangible assets

- Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at their value on receipt.
- Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis on the costs of the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold property improvements	-	term of the lease
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	3 years
Computers	-	3 years
- The depreciation policy has been reviewed in accordance with FRS 15 and no change has been made from the previous year.

2.5 Debtors

- Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.
- Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.6 Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand in both current and deposit accounts, and small amounts of petty cash.

2.7 Creditors

- Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount.
- Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

2.8 Taxation

The charity is not liable to income tax or corporation tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

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3 Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Donations and legacies				
Friends of Seaview	-	8,776	8,776	7,966
General donations	-	26,899	26,899	18,751
Legacies	-	39,493	39,493	
Gifts in kind	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>75,168</u>	<u>75,168</u>	<u>26,717</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Grants for Services	789,308	9,757	799,065	771,317
	<u>789,308</u>	<u>9,757</u>	<u>799,065</u>	<u>771,317</u>

5 Other income

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Gift aid	-	4,846	4,846	2,614
Fundraising	-	5,790	5,790	5,450
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,636</u>	<u>10,636</u>	<u>8,064</u>
Investment income				
Bank Interest received	<u>-</u>	<u>4,605</u>	<u>4,605</u>	<u>432</u>
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Income	<u>-</u>	<u>15,241</u>	<u>15,241</u>	<u>8,496</u>

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6 Net income/ (expenditure) for the year

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	-	-
Operating lease costs	-	-
Accountants' remuneration		
Independent examination	1,200	1,200
Other accountancy work	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Information regarding Trustees, Directors and Employees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Payroll wages and salaries	516,217	501,305
Employer's national insurance contributions	31,646	27,994
Employer's pension contributions	16,470	13,113
Other salary payments	8,125	16,460
	<u>572,458</u>	<u>558,872</u>

The average number of employees, analysed by function was:

	2023	2022
Charitable purposes	30	27
Management and administration of charity	5	4
	<u>35</u>	<u>31</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000

No Trustee was remunerated for any services.

The Seaview Project paid £6,226 in the year ended 31 March 2023 for various insurance services, including professional indemnity cover (2022: £6,034).

The number of trustees for whom benefits were accruing under pension schemes at the year-end was nil (2022: £nil).

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund.

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8 Fixed assets

	Leasehold property improvements £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	32,199	-	52,596	84,795
Additions				-
Disposals				-
At 31 March 2023	<u>32,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,596</u>	<u>84,795</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	32,199	-	52,596	84,795
Charge for the year				-
Disposals				-
At 31 March 2023	<u>32,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,596</u>	<u>84,795</u>
Net book value 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	57,740	45,239
Gift aid claims	4,846	2,614
Prepayments	6,719	5,147
Accrued income	16,984	7,000
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>86,289</u>	<u>60,000</u>

10 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	6,650	3,946
Tax, NI and pension contributions due	10,182	10,280
Grants received in advance	58,301	82,668
Expenditure accruals	1,260	1,200
Client grants	1,603	1,452
Credit cards	-	238
Other creditors	1,105	-
	<u>79,101</u>	<u>99,784</u>

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	348,468	420,000	331,921	1,100,389
Current Liabilities	-	-	(79,101)	(79,101)
Net Assets	<u>348,468</u>	<u>420,000</u>	<u>252,820</u>	<u>1,021,288</u>

12 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted Funds					
Central costs grants	-	54,876	(54,876)	-	-
Peer support services	23,594	52,147	(51,444)	-	24,297
Rough sleeper work	32,149	152,938	(147,487)	(8,921)	28,679
Harm reduction services	35,572	349,799	(226,568)	-	158,803
Project Adder	25,592	-	(14,000)	-	11,592
Seaview Accommodation Support Service	14,717	22,896	(16,139)	(21,474)	-
Temporary Accommodation food services	7,627	-	-	-	7,627
Seaview advocacy	4,303	-	-	-	4,303
Client activities	8,250	-	(250)	-	8,000
RSI moving expenses fund	-	133,228	(133,228)	-	-
	-	6,000	(2,135)	-	3,865
Wellbeing centre	-	17,424	(11,770)	-	5,654
Total Restricted Funds	<u>151,804</u>	<u>789,308</u>	<u>(657,897)</u>	<u>(30,395)</u>	<u>252,820</u>
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated IT development fund	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Designated building fund	120,000	-	-	-	120,000
Designated redundancy fund	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Designated property purchase fund	145,000	-	-	-	145,000
Designated service development fund	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
General funds	342,081	100,167	(124,175)	30,395	348,468
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>762,081</u>	<u>100,167</u>	<u>(124,175)</u>	<u>30,395</u>	<u>768,468</u>
Total funds	<u>913,885</u>	<u>889,475</u>	<u>(782,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,021,288</u>

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13. Purposes of restricted funds:

Central costs grants	Grants restricted to funding central finance, administration and management functions. Includes grants from Bufini Chao and Ernest Kleinwort.
Wellbeing centre	Funding restricted for the operation of the open access wellbeing centre, includes grants from East Sussex County Council, and The Silver Lady Fund.
Peer support services	Funds restricted for the purpose of our peer support services. Currently funded by a grant from the East Sussex Recovery Work Innovation Fund for a unique Refocus, Assess, Develop, Activate, Recover (RADAR) programme utilising paid and volunteer peer support workers and involving arts and healthy activities.
Rough sleeper work	Funding restricted for Seaview services working with rough sleepers. Includes funding from Hastings Borough Council's Rough Sleeper Initiative and a grant from Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust.
Substance misuse services	Projects providing interventions that address and reduce the harm caused by the supply and use of drugs and alcohol, including supporting those living in temporary accommodation. Funded during the year by East Sussex County Council, including Project Adder.
Seaview Accommodation Support Service (SASS)	Funding restricted for the operation of this service which supports clients to obtain and maintain accommodation.
Seaview advocacy	A fund restricted for the purpose of client advocacy services.
Client activities	Grants restricted for the purpose of funding client activities including sport, art, and wellbeing.
Moving expenses fund	Funds provided as part of the Rough Sleeper Initiative specifically for the purpose of providing clients with grants for moving costs.
Temporary Accommodation food services	Project funded by Hastings Borough Council to provide cooked meals for people living in temporary accommodation.

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14 Designated funds

IT fund – Seaview is investing in a programme to develop its website and implement a CRM. There is also a significant amount of IT equipment that requires upgrading. £15,000 has been allocated to the designated IT fund.

Building fund – The Trustees have allocated £120,000 of designated funds for the purpose of repairs and developments in the leased property occupied by Seaview, and/or a future premises if the organisation relocates at the end of the current lease.

Redundancy fund – Many projects currently underway are only funded for short terms, and redundancies may occur when they finish. With several long-term members of staff in the organisation, the trustees have allocated £40,000 to the designated redundancy fund in case of this eventuality.

Property purchase fund – Part of the strategic plan is for Seaview to purchase its own property/properties to be used as temporary accommodation for Seaview service users. The designated property purchase fund is being built up in order to fund this initiative, and the trustees have allocated £145,000 of designated reserves.

Service development fund – There is an increasing expectation by funders for the charity to make a commitment to provide match funding for various projects in addition to grants received. In order to secure these grants, the trustees have allocated a total of £100,000 at the year end to a designated fund for this purpose, and for the purpose of developing services which are not grant funded.

15 Financial commitments

Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2023 the company has annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases on premises as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expiring within five years	-	13,200
Expiring after five years	14,200	-

The property rent was last reviewed in December 2022 as part of the renewal of the lease.

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16 Comparative income and expenditure by fund type

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	75,168	26,537	-	180
Charitable activities	9,757	13,718	789,308	757,599
Other (including fundraising)	15,241	8,496	-	-
	<u>100,166</u>	<u>48,751</u>	<u>789,308</u>	<u>757,779</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	249	199	-	-
Charitable activities	123,926	6,019	657,898	698,918
	<u>124,175</u>	<u>6,218</u>	<u>657,898</u>	<u>698,918</u>
Net income / (expenditure)	(24,009)	42,533	131,410	58,861
Transfers between funds	30,395	-	(30,395)	-
Net movement in funds	6,386	42,533	101,015	58,861
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds as at start of period	<u>762,081</u>	<u>719,548</u>	<u>151,804</u>	<u>92,943</u>
Total funds as at end of period	<u>768,467</u>	<u>762,081</u>	<u>252,819</u>	<u>151,804</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEAVIEW PROJECT

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Chartered Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Rachel Taylor

Date: 27.11.2023

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