

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10375699 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1171719

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2019
FOR
TOGETHER IN SUSSEX**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objectives are for the benefit of the public to promote the efficiency of Christian based charities in the furtherance of their objectives, or any one of them, mainly but not exclusively by the provision of information, advice, support and infrastructure provision; and the relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services.

Significant activities

Activity and focus in 2019

Diane Watts continued her excellent work as the Development Worker and continued her work scoping and networking across the Diocese of Chichester to ascertain the range of social action activities already taking place by the Church of England and other denominational groups. This resulted in regular reports to the trustees and recommendations in relation to areas of concern or gaps in provisions that she was able to identify. She also explored opportunities for collaboration with local councils and other secular charities and community groups.

Areas identified for monitoring and potential project generation remained as described in the 2018 report and included the following:

- Homelessness and night shelter/hostel and day centre provision
- Mental Health and wellbeing of vulnerable groups
- Loneliness and isolation in urban and rural settings
- Provision of new housing areas and the challenge of community building for those new to a community
- Food & fuel poverty and the action of food banks
- Slavery and exploitation of recent immigrants and other vulnerable groups
- Debt and financial exploitation

Diane continued to deliver some training programmes to local churches including Know Your Church, Know Your Neighbourhood workshops, involvement with the Clewer Initiative on human trafficking and slavery, the Places of Welcome initiative and the start up of Renew Wellbeing Cafés. She produced regular newsletters and produced recommendations for the trustees to consider.

A principal recommendation was that assistance in the area of mental health and wellbeing was a request from many churches. To this end the trustees employed Elle Weaver as a mental health and wellbeing advisor on 4th February 2019 on a part-time basis. Elle will focus on training churches in good mental health practice and developing a mental health quality mark for churches.

Towards the end of 2019 an opportunity arose to collaborate with the NHS and a neighbouring diocese to employ a Hear Here Coordinator to assist churches in caring for those who are hard of hearing and training and appointing Hear Here champions to help with hearing aid maintenance. Accordingly Amber Jackson was employed on 1st December 2019 in this role on a part-time basis.

The year ended with Diane's resignation from Together in Sussex to take up a role with the Baptist Union heading up their social welfare work. The trustees are grateful for her work with us in establishing Together in Sussex and are making plans to continue this important work.

Together in Sussex is not a grant making body, but exists instead to encourage, support and otherwise resource local community and church groups to engage with the above and other social challenges that may uniquely and variously occur in local settings. Together in Sussex offers opportunities for networking, resource and expertise sharing and can act as a broker between various groups wishing to address similar issues.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The Directors and therefore the Trustees of Together in Sussex have paid due regard to the Charity Commission on Public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity met its objectives during the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity has no reserves policy.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Organisational structure

The Trustees of Together in Sussex are made up of Church and community leaders in Sussex along with a representative from the Church Urban Fund. The directors meet when necessary to carry out the work of the charity and maintain its direction and ethos.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

10375699 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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Registered office

211 New Church Road
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Trustees

Venerable M C Lloyd Williams
J R Miles

Minister Of Religion
Charity Development
Manager

Reverend K M O'Brien
M B Poole

Vicar - resigned 6/8/2019
Vicar

Ms M M Saffery

NGO Director

Mrs J Perry

Social Welfare - appointed 29/11/2019
Consultant

Independent examiner

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11/02/2020 and signed on its behalf by:



M B Poole - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
TOGETHER IN SUSSEX**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Together in Sussex ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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



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Date: 07/02/20

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		<u>61,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,633</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Total		<u>61,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,633</u>	<u>60,000</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>51,285</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>52,410</u>	<u>41,872</u>
Governance costs		<u>612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>612</u>	<u>300</u>
Total		<u>51,897</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>53,022</u>	<u>42,172</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>9,736</u>	<u>(1,125)</u>	<u>8,611</u>	<u>17,828</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>25,065</u>	<u>19,250</u>	<u>44,315</u>	<u>26,487</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>34,801</u></u>	<u><u>18,125</u></u>	<u><u>52,926</u></u>	<u><u>44,315</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	-	375	375	750
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		35,191	17,750	52,941	44,165
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(390)	-	(390)	(600)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>34,801</u>	<u>17,750</u>	<u>52,551</u>	<u>43,565</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>34,801</u>	<u>18,125</u>	<u>52,926</u>	<u>44,315</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>34,801</u></u>	<u><u>18,125</u></u>	<u><u>52,926</u></u>	<u><u>44,315</u></u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				34,801	25,065
Restricted funds				18,125	19,250
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>52,926</u></u>	<u><u>44,315</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on11/02/2020..... and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
M B Poole - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2019	2018
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	375	375
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018 .

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018 .

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2019	2018
Development workers	2	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	50,000	10,000	60,000
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Total	50,000	10,000	60,000
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	41,497	375	41,872
Governance costs	300	-	300
	<u>41,797</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>42,172</u>
Total	41,797	375	42,172
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	8,203	9,625	17,828
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	16,862	9,625	26,487
	<u>16,862</u>	<u>9,625</u>	<u>26,487</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	25,065	19,250	44,315
	<u>25,065</u>	<u>19,250</u>	<u>44,315</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	<u>1,500</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2019	750
Charge for year	<u>375</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,125</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2019	<u>375</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>750</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019 £	2018 £
Accrued expenses	<u>390</u>	<u>600</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	25,065	9,736	34,801
Restricted funds			
General Restricted Fund	19,250	(1,125)	18,125
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>44,315</u>	<u>8,611</u>	<u>52,926</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	61,633	(51,897)	9,736
Restricted funds			
General Restricted Fund	-	(1,125)	(1,125)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>61,633</u>	<u>(53,022)</u>	<u>8,611</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/18 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	16,862	8,203	25,065
Restricted Funds			
General Restricted Fund	9,625	9,625	19,250
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,487</u>	<u>17,828</u>	<u>44,315</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,000	(41,797)	8,203
Restricted funds			
General Restricted Fund	10,000	(375)	9,625
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,000</u>	<u>(42,172)</u>	<u>17,828</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,862	17,939	34,801
Restricted funds			
General Restricted Fund	9,625	8,500	18,125
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,487</u>	<u>26,439</u>	<u>52,926</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	111,633	(93,694)	17,939
Restricted funds			
General Restricted Fund	10,000	(1,500)	8,500
TOTAL FUNDS	121,633	(95,194)	26,439

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	2019	2018
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,633	-
Grants	60,000	60,000
	61,633	60,000
Total incoming resources	61,633	60,000
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	34,368	31,000
Social security	7,034	3,125
Pensions	2,325	2,325
Insurance	646	-
Sundries	173	-
Administration costs	7,309	5,047
Professional fees	180	-
Computer equipment	375	375
	52,410	41,872
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fee	300	300
Accountancy fees	312	-
	612	300
Total resources expended	53,022	42,172
Net income	8,611	17,828