SUSSEX STEEL

Charity Registration No **1160159**

Annual Report and Accounts for the 12 Months
31st December 2025

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31 December 2025

1. Reference & Administration Details

CHARITY NAME

Sussex Steel

STRUCTURE

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered on 26th January 2015. Charity Number 1160159

The charity was established under a constitution which established the objects and powers of the charitable incorporated organisation.

TRUSTEES

Trustees who served office during the year were

J. Acott
M. Klanczkowski
S. Allen
C. Hawes
L. Acott
A.Bajjon

The trustees are all unpaid positions.

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

The Co-operative Bank.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Pauline Farr ACMA

2. Objectives & activities

Sussex Steel provides education in the art of steelpan for all.

Activities include running workshops and giving tuition both in schools and within the wider community. We provide the loan of free pans for schools to start their own Steelband group. We provide opportunities for steelpan players of all ages to perform in public.

We provide opportunities for all members of society to participate in music

3. Achievements and performance

This year was our 20th Anniversary and a celebration concert was arranged at Worthing Pavillion Theatre. Participation was from all bands across Sussex Steel as well as an Alumni Band. Several of the Alumni Band had not played since their schooldays and this rejuvenated their enthusiasm for playing and they have since joined current bands.

Our largest growth this year has been within the adult bands. Following successful taster sessions, we have introduced a second beginners band on a different evening

Progress between the different bands has been encouraged with several of the beginners band having moved to the intermediate band, some of the intermediate having joined the community band and a couple of community players have joined the Advanced band.

The Community band were once again invited to play at the Swanage Carnival, which was very successful and led to further bookings.

The advanced band played in the Brighton Pride procession and played at Brighton Railway Station and raised £702 for Children in Need

All the Sussex Steel bands played at the Christmas event held at a local Church.

4. Plans for future periods

We will continue to work with schools and the community, providing free access to steelpans where necessary.

We will continue to build links with other community groups and organisations.

4. Plans for future periods (Cont)

Provide further opportunities for players to perform in public, allowing them to build up their confidence and gain performance experiences at different types of events

An Arrangers Workshop to encourage current band members to develop their skills by arranging a piece for their band to play.

Members from across the Sussex Steel groups will be invited to attend workshops for mass bands.

5. Financial Review

The Charity made an operating surplus of over under £ 13K in the year, which an increase of £ 6k over the previous year, mainly driven by a 17% increase in players subscriptions and the success of the 20th Anniversary celebration concert

Investment in new pans and other musical equipment amounted to £ 5.4k in the year.

The Trustees recognise the need to invest in new and replacement pans and other musical equipment. The Restriced fund has been increased to £10k to meet these demands, leaving £ 21k of unrestriced funds at the year end, an increase of £ 4k over 2024.

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity at the period-end, and are confident that the current level of funding will be sufficient to enable the charity to continue in accordance with its objectives.

6. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:-



31/7/2026

Colin Hawes
Treasurer

Date

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees on the accounts for the twelve months ended 31st December 2025 as set out on pages 5 and 6.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Pauline Farr
Examiner

Date 31/7/26.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For year ended 31st December 2025

	Unresticted Total £	Restricted Total £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
INCOME FROM				
Donations and Grants	7,170	-	7,170	1,946
Functions	6,025		6,025	3,925
Players Subscriptions	22,386		22,386	19,130
Busking	2,202		2,202	1,330
Workshops	278	-	278	1,850
Gift Aid	5,507		5,507	3,972
Fund Raising & Other Income	565	-	565	200
Annual Concerts	8,813		8,813	4,206
Trips and tours		3,530	3,530	3,270
TOTAL INCOME	52,946	3,530	56,476	39,829
EXPENDITURE ON				
Travel	103		103	394
Stationery, IT & General admin	594		594	334
Uniforms	139	-	139	95
Tuition & Performances	21,236		21,236	15,497
Vehicle Expenses	1,528	-	1,528	1,416
Venue Hire	4,335		4,335	3,263
Tuning & minor equipment	22	2,024	2,046	3,358
Annual Concerts	6,263		6,263	1,760
Insurance	1,166		1,166	1,088
Charitable Donations	702		702	401
Other Event Costs	1,005		1,005	300
Maintenance & repairs	-		-	-
Trips & tours		3,890	3,890	4,365
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	37,093	5,914	43,007	32,271
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	15,853	(2,384)	13,469	7,558
ASSET PURCHASES		5,443	5,443	5,724
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	(11,827)	11,827		
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	4,026	4,000	8,026	1,834
Cash funds brought forward	17,116	6,000	23,116	21,282
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	21,142	10,000	31,142	23,116

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
For year ended 31st December 2025

	Original Cost £	Accumulated Depn £	Current Value £	2024 Current Value £
Unresticted Fixed Assets				
Pans and instruments	20,634	13,687	6,947	5,895
Gazebo	1,173	848	325	325
IT and Other Equipment	634	541	93	93
Storage Container	1,936	484	1,452	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	24,377	15,560	8,817	6,313

	Unresticted Total £	Restricted Total £	2024 Total £	2024 Total £
Cash Funds				
Cash at Bank	21,142	10,000	31,142	23,116
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	21,142	10,000	31,142	23,116
Other Assets				
Stock of CD's for sale			-	-
Liabilities				
Suppliers			-	-
	-		-	-
NET ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	**29,959**	**10,000**	**39,959**	**29,429**

C Hawes
Trustee