Community Advice Support and Education

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

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Charity n. 1161466 - Incorporating 15 years of experience

1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

Income		2025-26	2024-25
Summer and recreational events		7,889.54	5,951.77
Christmas Events		9,763.35	5,170.00
Grants:			
BHCC (Cost of Living)	*9,000.00*		*4,500.00*
National Lottery for 2025-6	*2,750.00*		*0.00*
National Lottery for 2026-7	*8,250.00*		*0.00*
Postcode Lottery	*5,000.00*		*0.00*
Community Resilience Fund	*3,500.00*		1,200.00
TUUT	*1,400.00*		*5,000.00*
HNF	*0.00*		*450.00*
Total Grants		**29,900.00**	
Donations: General		**7,860.00**	6,250.00
Donations from individuals		**1,113.82**	2,112.25
Donations to be used for future events		**2,900.00**	0.00
Miscellaneous income		**326.08**	0.00
Donations for individuals		**0.00**	30.00
Total income		**59,752.79**	30,664.02

Closing Balance 31 March 2025	**12,366.79**
Plus income minus expenditure this year	17,926.18
Rent and insurance arrears paid after March 2026	2,269.52
Other adjustments	2,242.47
Balance Forward 1 April 2026	**34,804.96**
Restricted funds:	
Donations for projects in 2026-27	6,760.00
National Lottery grant for 2026-27	8,250.00
TUUT	1,400.00
Total Restricted funds for 2025-26	**16,410.00**
Total unrestricted funds	**18,394.96**

Expenditure		2025-6	2024-25
Summer, educational and recreational events		7,949.33	5,893.36
Christmas Events		9,836.81	7,861.65
Free food/Cost of living		7,230.70	9,072.09
Social Space costs:			
Internet and telephones	512.72		*505.44*
Volunteers expenses	450.36		*419.57*
Cleaning and maintenance	266.94		*341.36*
Utilities and rubbish collection	2,652.44		*1,483.66*
Total social space costs		**3,882.46**	
Increases of costs from 2023-24 to 2024-25		*N/A*	*2,661.97*
Rent		7,833.31	6,999.96
Insurance		769.52	724.30
Fundraising costs		38.00	114.00
Stationery, admin and publicity		99.00	80.10
Governance Costs		84.48	95.67
Financial charges		227.42	208.14
Welfare Rights costs:			
Affiliation and insurance	406.00		399.00
Training and books	194.80		185.85
Transport	892.40		663.10
Support Costs	2,050.08		1,845.40
Volunteers expenses	332.30		368.30
Total Welfare Rights costs		**3,875.58**	
Donations for individuals		0.00	30.00
Total expenditure		**41,826.61**	39,922.92

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15 Furze Hill Court
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To whom it may concern,

CASE: Charity registration no. 1161466

I have been asked to examine the accounts of Community Advice Support and Education (charity reg. 1161466) for the year ending 31st March 2026, and write a brief report. I have examined the accounts, and to the best of my knowledge, there is nothing:

1. which causes me to believe that any material aspect of the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Part 8 s. 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.



Professor John Drury

10th September 2026

Date

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended March 31st 2026

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026.
In accordance with Section 4 (6) of the Charities Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 the trustees have given due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers and duties during the period.

Reference and administration details

Charity name: Community Advice Support and Education
Charity Registration Number: 1161466
Address: CASE Central, 4 Crestway Parade, Brighton, BN1 7BL
Bank details: Unity Trust Bank, Account 20353054, Sort Code 608301 (current account); East Sussex Credit Union, Member Account 8095 (reserve account).

Trustees
Adi Archer (Treasurer), Felton Shortall (Chair/Secretary), Adrian Rumney , Natalie Coomber, Pip Tindall, Ernesto Granese, Stella McHugh, Tracey Nye and Jess Owen.

Structure, governance & management

Community Advice Support and Education was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 29 April 2015. Trustees are elected from the membership in accordance with the charity's constitution.

Independent Examiner
Professor John Drury, 15 Furze Hill Court, Hove, BN3 1PG .

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the appropriate regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Aims and Objectives

The objects of the Community Advice Support and Education are:

The prevention and relief of poverty and the relief of need amongst individuals and families on low incomes (whether due to low wages, irregular employment, unemployment, sickness or disabilities) in the City of Brighton and Hove and surrounding areas, regardless of race, gender, age, nationality or sexual orientation, in particular but not exclusively through:

- The provision of advice, representation and support to those on low incomes concerning welfare and employment rights and entitlements.
- The provision of small emergency grants, food, clothes and other everyday necessities.
- The provision of information regarding access to other services which may complement our advice and support.
- The organisation of educational, cultural and recreational events for those in need in order to build capacity to overcome the social and cultural barriers that cause or exacerbate poverty through:
    - The facilitation of mutual skills sharing.
    - The organisation of free educational, cultural or recreational outings, activities and events for families and individuals on low income.
    - The administration of both vocational and non-vocational educational classes, including courses of English for Speakers of Other Languages for individuals on low income.
    - The promotion of an understanding of European matters and culture amongst European migrant workers, and potential migrants workers, who are on low incomes; by providing information on the laws and constitution of the European Union and its member states, and by facilitating the mutual exchange of experiences of living and working across the European Union.

Financial Review 2025-26

During the previous financial year, 2024-25, we faced substantial financial challenges. Rising costs, particularly core costs, such as fuel prices, combined with a sharp fall in income from donations and grants, meant that we making a serious loss. By the end of the year we had ended up making a £9,288 loss, which threatened our ability to financially sustain our charitable work in the future.

However, as we noted in last year's financial report, as a result of a concerted fund raising campaign over the year - whose success only became apparent after the end of our financial year - we have been able substantial improvement of our financial position.

As we stated in last year's report:

"During the course of the year, our fundraising team's efforts to secure unrestricted funding and funding for core costs succeeded in raising £23,000 made up of the following grants:

- *A £7,000 two year grant secured from the City Councils Catalyst Fund despite fierce competition.*
- *A two year grant of £11,000 also was secured from National Lottery*
- *And a year unrestricted grant of £5,000 was secured from the Postcode lottery"*

Further fund raising efforts over 2025-26, such as securing £13,000 from Brighton & Hove City Council's *Crisis and Resilience Fund*, has greatly improved our financial position. In addition we have seen an increase in donations from some grant making trust towards our events and outings. In some cases we have received donations greater than we asked for! (This may be because the recent increases in interest means that grant making trust that make donations from the return on financial investments have experienced something of a windfall in the amount they can donate).

Of course, with the two year coming to end, we will need to make a concerted effort to replace them in 2026-27. Nevertheless we are still a healthy financial position than we were in last year.

Maintaining our support for our beneficiaries

The improvement in our financial situation over the course of 2025-26 has meant that we had the financial basis with which to maintain our services supporting our beneficiaries. In the year 2025-26 we were able to maintained our free Welfare Rights advice service, which remains in high demand. especially with the recent changes in welfare benefits. With the help of the £9,000 from the Household Support Fund, we were able to expand the amount of food and basic necessities to those coming to us in urgent need.

We also *maintained our full programme of Summer and Christmas events for families on low income, which has promoted the mental well being of many families as well as family and social cohesion in the*se difficult times. We *held our usual three free outings over the school Summer holidays, and at Christmas we organised two outings to see Pantomimes and a Children's Christmas Party.*

Summary

As the accounts show, over the financial year 2025-26 our total income was £59,752. This was nearly than double the £30, 664 we received in 2024-25. Our expenditure was £41,826 up from the £39,922 we spent in the previous year. We therefore made a surplus of £17,926 over the course of the year. The total balance on March 31st 2026 stood at £34,804. This includes money from the two year grants we received which has been held over for the coming year.

As a result we have £18,394 of unrestricted reserves. Currently our reserve policy is to aim have the equivalent three months of total expenditure as unrestricted reserves. We therefore have restricted reserves equivalent to 5.28 months of expenditure.

Summer and Christmas Events and Outings

















Acknowledgments
We would like to thank: Shirley Connor from the *Hollingdean Community Centre*, our local MP Siân Berry and Lynne Gash-Quantrell, East Sussex Branch Organiser for the *PCS*, for their continued support for CASE and its activities. We also thank our local community for donating clothes books and toys, all our donors, including in particular the *Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust* and *T.U.U.T.,* without whose generous help we would not be able to offer our services, and, last but not least, our volunteers, whose commitment and enthusiasm has been essential in sustaining CASE and its work over this very difficult past year.

Declaration
The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed:



Name: Felton Shortall
Position: Trustee (Chair/Secretary) Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 10/9/26