

Brighton Pebbles Trustees' Annual Report
for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Brighton Pebbles is registered charity number 1166802.

It is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered on 28th April 2016, having been operating as an unincorporated organisation since January 2008.

The main contact address for the charity is:-
37 Graham Avenue, Portslade, Brighton, BN41 2WN

The management committee is made up of 6 trustees who are all parent/carers of children and young people with disabilities.

The trustees are:
Nicola Billington, Lisa Hinton, Anastasia Langford, Lorraine Roberts, Rhianydd Summersett and Marian Tipler

In the event of a trustee leaving post, a new trustee would be sought from the bank of parent carers who are involved in the charity, drawing on relevant expertise to meet the requirements necessary at the time.

The charity also employs a Finance Officer / Fundraiser to carry out all of the administrative and organisational duties needed to keep the charity running.

As the charity is involved in dealing with families, we have a safeguarding policy in place to ensure we follow appropriate guidelines and procedures. Staff and trustees have had safeguarding training and also have DBS checks carried out prior to taking their positions with the charity.

Charitable Objects
The object of the CIO is the promotion of social inclusion among families with disabled children and young people, who are socially excluded from society as a result of their disability or challenging behaviour, by providing recreational facilities and opportunities for disabled children, their parents and carers and their siblings.

Activities

In planning activities for the year, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit was taken into consideration at trustee meetings. Activities are open to any family known to the charity who have a child or young person with disabilities.

Activities are arranged to support families with disabled children and young people living in the Brighton & Hove area.

Regular Activities

Our regular activities include:

- A weekly after school family drop-in session every Friday. These sessions are supported by a small team of playworkers who help to engage the children to take part in activities. Parents and carers stay onsite and have opportunities to network with others, offering mutual peer support.
- A weekly parent/carer pilates class offering a friendly session to meet up with others to improve both physical and mental health.
- A parent/carer craft group offering a chance to meet with others to chat whilst working on your favourite craft project. These sessions usually happen monthly.
- A monthly lunch meet up for parent/carers. Different venues are visited each time to make it easier for people to access across the geographical area.
- We host a private Facebook group for parents and carers to share information, ideas and support.

Main achievements for the period

In addition to our regular activities, we also arrange various other events through the year.

Days out are a big part of what we offer at weekends and during school holidays as these times are when families report the most isolation.

The family day trips have varied in size but attracted an average of 20 people during this period. Our busiest trip this year was a pair boat trips from Brighton Marina, which involved a total of 129 people!

Within this year we have arranged lots of different trips to meet the needs of our families:-

- 2 trips on the Bluebell Railway
- Sealife Centre
- 5 Bowling Sessions
- 5 visits to Sky High Trampoline Park
- 2 visits to Washbrooks Farm

- Boat trip from Brighton Marina (2)
- Jump In Inflatable Fun
- Pantomime in Eastbourne
- Christmas party
- Footgolf
- Ferring Country Centre
- Arundel Wetlands Centre
- 2 visits to the Out of Bounds Climbing Centre
- Butterfly Farm
- Newhaven Fort
- Leonardslee Gardens
- Brooklands Park
- Globalls Crazy Golf
- Blackberry Farm

We have also arranged some trips specifically for young people aged 18-25 and their parents/carers. These have included a flight on the i360 followed by lunch, a trip on the Worthing Wheel followed by lunch and a trip to the Carvery.

For parents, we organised a Christmas lunch meet up. A group of 5 of the dads also went on a short break to Benidorm.

We hired the Kench Hill Centre in Kent for a week in August and were able to offer a holiday to 15 families (a combination of 3 nights, 4 nights, and whole week) A total of 52 people managed to get a break at this lovely place. We were able to fund carers to come along and help families, enabling them to actually have time to relax as a family, as well as spend quality time with siblings. We also brought a cook to cater for such a large group. During the stay we arranged trips to the Kent & East Sussex Railway, the Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway, The Rare Breeds Centre, Port Lympne Wildlife Park & Bodiam Castle, as well as swimming and trampolining, canoeing, paddle boarding & go karting.

During the period covered by this report Brighton Pebbles has provided activities for 99 different families consisting of 160 adults and 182 children.

<u>Financial Review</u>
The charity has a Reserves Policy, recognising it is good practice to hold 3 months' worth of operational costs in the event of the charity needing to wind down. Currently this is estimated at £2708 which is within the £6149 held as free reserves as of 31st March 2026
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Most of the charity's funding comes from other grant making charities, together with some fundraising activities through the year.

At the beginning of the period the charity was holding existing grants & donations from the following organisations: -

- Noel Bennett Fund
- Chalk Cliff Trust
- Brighton & Hove Mencap
- Skerrit's Independent Financial Advisers
- John Lewis Partnership
- Sussex Community Foundation
- David Hunt Foundation
- Brighton & Hove Council Fairness Fund

During the year we were fortunate to be granted funds from several national and local organisations.

- Amaze PaCC Partner Fund
- Brighton & Hove Mencap
- Chalk Cliff Trust
- Wellesley Foundation
- Ernest Kleinwort Foundation
- Due East Grant
- Souter Foundation
- Marsh Charitable Trust
- Barbara Ward Children's Foundation
- Enjoolata Foundation

We have also received donations from private individuals and from fundraising activities carried out by our members throughout the year.

We are extremely grateful for all of these funders who have supported us and enabled us to continue to support our families.

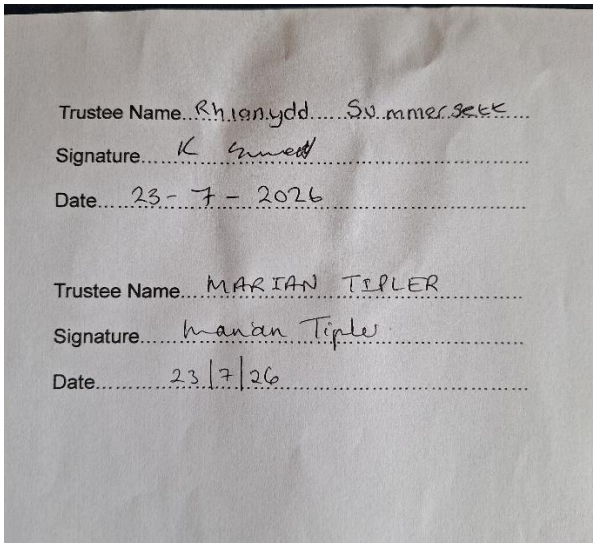
Brighton Pebbles aims to reduce social isolation for its families by offering activities for families to take part in within a safe and supportive environment. We feel that we have achieved this during the period detailed in this report.

A couple of quotes from our members who managed to attend some of our trips during the year:-

> *"The Pebbles activities are so important to us as a family. I have twins who both have SEND so doing activities can be challenging. Being able to access Pebbles activities really has a positive effect on our holidays. It's also great that we get financial support with discounts as being an unpaid carer I am on*

a low income. Another point is that being a special needs family, we are often isolated and the Pebbles activities enable us to socialise with other families and it helps keep us in contact with others and build positive relationships."

"Life can be busy and sometimes challenging, but these trips gave us a chance to pause, laugh and simply enjoy being together as a family without the usual worries or barriers. Our son's joy and excitement reminded us how important these moments are, thank you for making it possible."



Trustee Name Rhiannydd Summerskill

Signature K Summerskill

Date 23-7-2026

Trustee Name MARIAN TIPLER

Signature Marian Tipler

Date 23/7/26

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of *Brighton Pebbles CIO*
Registered Charity number 1166802

1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures specified in the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act) and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 give as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters laid out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Report

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
(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
(b) 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.



Dani Ahrens
Resource Centre
6 Tilbury Place
Brighton BN2 0GY

Date: 24th July 2026

Brighton Pebbles CIO

Accounts for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Registered charity	1166802
Charity correspondent	MRS SALLY HOWELL 37 GRAHAM AVENUE PORTSLADE BRIGHTON

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis from information and explanations supplied by the charity.

Dani Ahrens

Resource Centre
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Date: 26th June 2026

These accounts have been approved by the Trustees of the charity.

Signed by one or two Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees

1. Marian Tipler.

2. R Sumerett

Date 23/7/26

Brighton Pebbles (CIO No.1166802)

Statement of Financial Activities from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Summary receipts and payments

Receipts	2026			2025		
	restricted	unrestricted	total	restricted	unrestricted	total
Donations, grants and legacies	18,486	250	18,736	30,755	713	31,467
Income from charitable activities	-	6,349	6,349	-	7,125	7,125
Other income	-	26	26	-	32	32
Total Receipts	**18,486**	**6,625**	**25,111**	**30,755**	**7,869**	**38,624**
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities	20,322	12,374	32,696	24,296	10,008	34,304
Expenditure on raising funds	-	180	180	-	180	180
Total Payments	**20,322**	**12,554**	**32,877**	**24,296**	**10,188**	**34,485**
Net receipts (payments) for the period	(1,836)	(5,929)	(7,766)	6,458	(2,319)	4,139
Transfers bewteen funds	(196)	196	-	(682)	682	-
Balance of funds at 1st April 2025	14,038	11,882	25,920	8,262	13,519	21,781
Balance of funds at 31st March 2026	**12,005**	**6,149**	**18,154**	**14,038**	**11,882**	**25,920**

NB some additions may vary by +/- £1 due to rounding

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Receipts	2026			2025		
Donations, grants and legacies	**restricted**	**unrestricted**	**total**	***restricted***	***unrestricted***	***total***
Amaze	-	250	250	-	*250*	*250*
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	*12,404*	-	*12,404*
Brighton & Hove City Council Fairness Fund	-	-	-	*1,000*	-	*1,000*
Chalk Cliff Trust	2,912	-	2,912	*2,700*	-	*2,700*
Mencap Brighton and Hove	1,500	-	1,500	*1,500*	-	*1,500*
Noel Bennett Fund	-	-	-	*933*	-	*933*
John Lewis Partnership	-	-	-	*500*	-	*500*
Sussex Community Foundation	-	-	-	*7,218*	-	*7,218*
David Hunt Foundation	-	-	-	*4,500*	-	*4,500*
Wellesley Foundation	2,184	-	2,184	-	-	-
Ernest Kleinwort Foundation	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	-
Due East (Healthy Neighbourhood Fund)	390	-	390	-	-	-
Souter Foundation	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
Marsh Charitable Trust	500	-	500			
Barbara Ward Children's Foundation	3,500	-	3,500	-	-	-
Enjoolata Foundation	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
Donations and gift aid	-	-	-	-	*463*	*463*
Income from charitable activities						
Members' contribution for Kench Hill	-	4,425	4,425	-	*4,734*	*4,734*
Members' contributions: activities and days out	-	391	391	-	*393*	*393*
Members' contributions: parent and siblings activities	-	785	785	-	*820*	*820*
Members' contributions: Friday drop-in	-	516	516	-	*524*	*524*
Fundraising activities	-	232	232	-	*654*	*654*
Other income						
Bank interest	-	26	26	-	*32*	*32*
Total Receipts	**18,486**	**6,625**	**25,111**	***30,755***	***7,869***	***38,624***

Payments			2026			2025
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Friday Drop-in: salaries	5,202	-	5,202	*2,970*	*2,526*	*5,496*
Friday Drop-in: other costs	1,500	196	1,696	*1,273*	*1,616*	*2,889*
General activities and days out	5,555	361	5,916	*2,939*	*2,613*	*5,552*
Parents' and siblings' activities	1,175	1,462	2,637	*1,270*	*1,825*	*3,095*
Over 18s activities	25	342	367	13	207	*220*
Kench Hill 2024	3,684	9,177	12,861	*13,501*	-	*13,501*
Staff and volunteer expenses	-	160	160	-	*236*	*236*
Admin salaries	2,722	-	2,722	*2,158*	-	*2,158*
Admin and organisational costs (inc training)	459	650	1,109	*172*	*925*	*1,097*
Bank charges	-	26	26	-	*61*	*61*
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Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2026

Assets	
Community account	16,217
Deposit (savings) account	711
Cottage Industries account	1,036
Cash in hand	190
Total assets	**18,154**

Non-monetary Assets
none known

Liabilities
none known

Funds held at 31st March 2026

	Date funds received	Balance remaining at 31st March 2026
Restricted funds		
Fitzsimons Activity Fund		238
Hinton Activity Fund		1,036
Chalk Cliff Trust	Jul-25	1,511
Souter Foundation	Nov-25	1,287
Marsh Charitable Trust	Nov-25	41
Mencap	Jan-26	1,500
Barbara Ward Children's Foundation	Feb-26	3,500
Enjoolata Foundation	Mar-26	2,893
Restricted funds held at 31st March 2026		**12,005**
Unrestricted funds		
Designated funds		
Kench Hill (members contributions)		431
Local Giving (Skerrits fundraising)		404
Marian Open House & Auction		166
Free reserves		5,148
Unrestricted funds held at 31st March 2026		**6,149**

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