Southbourne & District Age Concern CIO (also known as Age Concern Southbourne)

Charity Number 1182153

New Road, Southbourne, West Sussex PO10 8JX

Annual Report of the Board of Trustees for the year to 31.3.26

Objectives and Activities

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

The object of the CIO continues to be to promote the welfare of the aged in any manner which now is or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable, within the parish of Southbourne, hereinafter called the ' area of benefit '.

In the year to 31.3.26 we continued to provide services for our members by way of lunch club, entertainments, gentle exercise, tai chi, and occasional trips out. We provide transport using an adapted minibus. Whilst the increasing cost of electricity, fuel and food is an increasing concern, we are fortunate to have been in receipt of several grants in recent years, as well as donations from our supporters every year, which cover our increased costs.

Southbourne & District Age Concern has no paid staff and is run and managed by our team of friendly volunteers. We would like to thank them for their continued hard work and acknowledge the difference they make to the members with their cheerful approach. We received a 5 (top score) for food hygiene rating from Environmental Health.

Southbourne & District Age Concern has no regular source of income and is reliant on donations and grants in order to continue to provide services to the members.

We have received donations from private individuals who we thank heartily. We were also in receipt in 2026 of generous donations from the Prinsted Residents Carol Service, Southbourne Social Club and individual supporters of our charity. In the year to 31.3.26 we received donations in memory of members and supporters of our organisation, from their friends and families. Southbourne Parish Council donated the £250 raised at the tombola stall at the Sussex Day Fete.

We received the final installment of a 3 year grant from The Yapp Charitable Trust. We also received a grant from The Garfield Weston Charitable Foundation. Without these grants we could not provide our services to the members and wish to heartily thank these organisations.

This year we celebrated our 50th year anniversary at the centre, on the hottest day of the year, with a party and music for members, volunteers and supporters. We also had our usual Christmas Dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by the members.

We are still holding funding from prior years towards the purchase of a defibrillator, which will be placed outside of the centre within easy reach of not just the users of the Age Concern centre, but also the members of the Southbourne Mens' Shed, Southbourne Club and the school run public that pass by our building going to and from Southbourne Primary Schools. We hope to soon have sufficient funding to install the defibrillator.

We also received funding from Chichester District Council towards forthcoming building refurbishments.

Southbourne & District Age Concern does not make grants.

Structure, governance and management

Southbourne & District Age Concern is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated on 19 February 2019. It was initially founded as a charity in 1976 and registered as the new CIO on 19th February 2019.

The CIO was established and is governed by its Constitution which established the objects and powers of the CIO.

The board of trustees is responsible for the overall management and control of the charity.

The mechanism for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is by invitation to existing supporters of the charity and those who have expressed an interest in acting in such a capacity. Selection will depend upon the skills, commitment and experience such candidates may be able to offer in order that the charity should have balanced skillsets available to it.

Financial Review

During the year donations and grants were received amounting to £17,016 (2024: £133). Funding for building refurbishment of £27,780 was received.

As at 31 March 2026 the charity's funds amounted to £69,350 (2024: £47,943).

Southbourne & District Age Concern retains funds in a restricted emergency reserve in order to ensure there are enough funds to cover at least one year without any grant income. The Trustees ensure that there are always enough funds to cover all liabilities of the CIO for at least 12 months.

Southbourne & District Age Concern also holds the members' raffle funds on their behalf which at 31st March 2026 was £682 (2024 £364).

Trustees

Margaret Melhuish

John Le Poidevin

Janet Mort

Sue Talbot

Alice Smith (Treasurer)

Signed by Alice Smith, Treasurer Date 31/10/26

Southbourne & District Age Concern
Charity Registration No: 1182153
Balance Sheet

	31.3.26	31.3.25
Assets		
Business Reserve Account	67,961	43,997
Barclays Community Account	2,125	4,125
Cash	246	182
Members raffle funds	(682)	(361)
Total assets	69,650	47,943
Accumulated Funds		
Opening balance	47,943	26,285
Surplus (deficit) for the year	21,707	21,659
Total reserves	69,650	47,943
Restricted Emergency Reserve	10,000	10,000
Other restricted funds	35,983	18,955
Unrestricted Reserves	23,668	18,988
Total reserves	69,650	47,943

I have examined the Books, vouchers and bank statements of Southbourne & District Age Concern CIO and I certify that the above Accounts form a correct statement of the transactions up to and including 31 March 2026

Signed ..... Date 16/10/2026

Michael F G Cope FFA

Southbourne & District Age Concern CIO
Charity Registration No: 1182153
Income and Expenditure Account

Year ending	**31.3.26**	**31.3.25**

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Year ending	**31.3.26**	**31.3.25**
INCOME		
Donations	10,636	9,735
Rental income	2,380	3,058
Grants	31,780	28,340
Fundraising events	-	-
Bank interest	491	266
Total income	45,287	41,398
LESS: EXPENDITURE		
Centre repairs & maintenance	6,324	4,018
Rent	3,500	4,375
Food & kitchen items	3,449	2,480
Electricity & Gas	3,242	3,339
Tai Chi	1,980	1,980
Vehicle maintenance & insurance	1,526	1,047
Insurance	1,499	1,203
Water charges	623	207
Vehicle fuel	592	396
Council Tax	389	143
Admin costs	249	311
Special Events	100	103
Telephone	55	90
DBS checks	50	50
Total costs	23,579	19,740
Surplus/ (Deficit)	21,707	21,659