CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Southend-On-Sea Pride	1202603

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,664	-	-	1,664	237
Event Income	16,395	-	-	16,395	5,624
Fundraising Income	205	-	-	205	589
Grants	450	-	-	450	9,998
Merchandise Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorships	3,000	-	-	3,000	9,000
Training Income	-	-	-	-	150
Transfers from other groups	920	-	-	920	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	22,634	-	-	22,634	25,598
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,634	-	-	22,634	25,598
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	9	-	-	9	-
Café Expenses		-	-	-	85
Computer Expenses	147	-	-	147	872
Entertaining		-	-	-	-
Event Costs	26,842	-	-	26,842	24,216
Insurance	738	-	-	738	-
Postage and Stationery		-	-	-	24
Refreshments		-	-	-	42
Sundry expenses	67	-	-	67	-
Accountancy	480	-	-	480	480
Sub total	28,283	-	-	28,283	25,719
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,283	-	-	28,283	25,719
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,649	-	-	- 5,649	- 121
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,028	-	-	18,028	18,149
Cash funds this year end	12,379	-	-	12,379	18,028

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	12,379	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,379	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dan Turpin Dan Turpin (Oct 19, 2026 15:21:27 GMT+1)	Dan Turpin	

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	26

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Southend-on-Sea Pride

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1202603

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Samantha Adams	Chair		
2	Catherine Weir			
3	Daniel Turpin	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	**CIO - FOUNDATION**
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	**CIO - FOUNDATION**
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	**Elected internally**

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. TO PROMOTE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY: - THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION IN RELATION TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS, INTERSEX, QUEER, QUESTIONING (LGBT) AND ALLIES AND ASSOCIATES LIVING WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA; - CHALLENGING HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, OR ANY ASSOCIATED NEGATIVE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOUR WITHIN SOCIETY; - WORKING WITH PARTNERS AND ORGANISATIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IN DEVELOPING INITIATIVES THAT WILL ENHANCE AND SAFEGUARD LGBT PEOPLE'S LIVES, ENSURING THEIR

	INCLUSION IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE, AND THAT THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED; - ADVANCING EDUCATION, RAISING AWARENESS AND PROMOTING A CULTURE BASED ON EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY. 2. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BY PREVENTING LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS, INTERSEX, QUEER, QUESTIONING PEOPLE (LGBT) AND ALLIES AND ASSOCIATES FROM BEING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY ON THE GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY; 3. THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND THE PRESERVATION OF GOOD MENTAL HEALTH IN THE CITY OF SOUTHEND-ON-SEA AMONG THOSE SUFFERING FROM, OR AT RISK OF SUFFERING FROM, MENTAL ILL-HEALTH AND WHO ARE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER THROUGH PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT AND SIGNPOSTING TO OTHER APPROPRIATE SERVICES.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	**To promote equality and diversity for the public benefit by: - the elimination of discrimination in relation to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex, queer, questioning (LGBT) and allies and associates living within the city of Southend-on-Sea; - challenging homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, or any associated negative attitudes and behaviour within society.**

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers.	**Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organisation, as we have no paid staff.**

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our established monthly groups have continued to thrive and grow. These include LGBTQ+ History, Queer Families, Rainbow Roots (our gardening and wellbeing group), and Drawn Together (our arts and crafts group). Across all groups we have seen increased participation, welcomed new members, and continued to provide safe and supportive spaces for individuals across our community.

Following the closure of our regular venue, we adapted our social offer by transforming our monthly Coffee & Chat group into Switch & Chat, an informal social gathering hosted at Switch. Despite the challenge of relocating, the group has successfully established itself over the last four months, attracting new attendees at every session while maintaining a welcoming environment for regular participants.

Partnership working remains central to our approach. We have continued to work alongside local organisations to broaden the opportunities available to LGBTQ+ people across Southend. This includes Proud Conversations, a weekly social group for LGBTQ+ people aged 50 and overdelivered by Age Concern, and Queer & Trans Action, delivered at St Mark's Church by the LGBTQ+ Chaplaincy, providing support, advocacy and community for trans and non-binary individuals.

This year presented significant operational challenges. We were pleased to secure a partnership with South Street Coffee & Bar, delivering a number of successful community events including a revitalised Proud event and a Drag Brunch. Unfortunately, the sudden closure of the venue in June required us to rapidly reassess several planned activities and identify alternative approaches to community engagement.

One of the most significant decisions taken by the committee this year was not to deliver our traditional Summer Pride Festival. Whilst a difficult decision, it allowed us to focus on developing a more sustainable and achievable programme of activity. In its place, we successfully delivered Pride Inside, Pride party and a week-long programme of community-focused events celebrating LGBTQ+ identity and visibility across Southend.

The Pride programme included a flag-raising event at Porters, a combined Queer Families and Rainbow Roots session at the Mendip Wildlife Garden, a collaborative Drawn Together and Rainbow Roots event, an evening of poetry and spoken word at St Mark's Church, and the inaugural Kings, Queens & Betweens event at Ironworks.

We were thrilled to strike a partnership with The Victoria through our continued strong partnership with Kiwi events which enabled us to

flex our usual festival offer maintaining the stalls and some of the music offer to deliver Pride inside. We maintain the important Pride March with a short program of speeches and rally to ensure we kept the important issues facing LGBTQ communities at the forefront of our activities. We partnered with Skylar's Bar to deliver the official Pride Party, providing an opportunity for the community to come together in celebration and ensuring that Pride Week concluded with the visibility, joy and sense of belonging that remain at the heart of Southend Pride's mission. Together, these events demonstrated our ability to remain visible, creative and community-focused while adapting to changing circumstances.

Fundraising has also continued to be an important focus. During the year we as well as prod and drag brunch at South street coffee and bar we delivered Peace With Pride, a wellbeing-focused fundraising event promoting self-care and community connection. We also established a new partnership with The Board Game Hut, hosting the first of two planned Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot events. These activities not only generated valuable income but also enabled us to engage with new audiences and strengthen community relationships.

We're incredibly proud of Why We Pride, written by Sam Adams and brought to life by Blatella Films. The film has been recognised by film festivals through official selections and award nominations, reflecting the importance of its message and the impact it continues to have with audiences.

Overall, despite significant challenges and a changing local landscape, Southend Pride has remained resilient, adaptable and committed to serving the LGBTQ+ community. Through collaboration, innovation and the dedication of our volunteers, trustees and partners, we have continued to deliver meaningful opportunities for connection, wellbeing, visibility and pride throughout the year.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time, expertise and support, helping us continue to create a more inclusive and welcoming Southend for all. With special thanks to the committee who despite one of our most challenging year have faced the challenges with resilience and resolve to ensure we continue to support and be a voice for our community

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The Trustees consider reserves at the level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.** **The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.**
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Dan Turpin Dan Turpin (Oct 19, 2026 15:21:27 GMT+1)	
Full name(s)	Dan Turpin	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	

Date	

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19 October 2026

Dear Sir,

RE : ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

During the course of the independent examination of your accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026, the following representations were made to us by the trustees. Please read these representations carefully and if you agree with our understanding, please sign, and return a copy of this letter to us as confirmation of this.

Representations

1. We acknowledge as trustees our responsibility for making accurate representations to yourselves and for the accounts which we have prepared for the Charity.

2. We confirm that accounting records had been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination and that all the transactions undertaken by the Charity had been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all trustee and members' meetings, have been made available to us.

3. We confirm that, at the balance sheet date, the charity had no liabilities or contingent liabilities other than those included or disclosed in the accounts.

4. We confirm that there had been no events since the balance sheet date which required disclosing or which would materially affect the amounts in the accounts, other than those already disclosed or included in the accounts.

5. We confirm that the Charity has not contracted for nor authorised any capital expenditure other than as disclosed in the accounts.

6. We confirm that there are no laws or regulations that are central to the Charity's ability to conduct its business other than those already notified to you.

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7. We confirm that, in our opinion, the Charity's financial statements should be prepared on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the Charity's needs.

8. We confirm that we are not aware of any transactions with related parties requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

9. We confirm that all grants, donations and other income, including those subject to special terms or conditions, have been notified to us. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions during the year in the applications of such income.

10. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud. We confirm that we have disclosed to you the results of our own assessment of the risk of fraud in the Charity.

11. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving trustees, managements or employees who have a significant role in internal control or that could have material effect on the financial statements. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by former trustees, employees, regulators or others.

12. We confirmed that we are not aware of any matters of material significance which should be reported to the Charity Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Maynard Heady LLP

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

DECLARATION

I confirm that I have read and understood the contents of this letter and agree that it accurately reflects the representations made to you by the trustees during the course of the independent examination.

I confirm that the above representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy us that we can properly make each of the above representations to you.

Dan Turpin
Dan Turpin (Oct 19, 2026 15:21:27 GMT+1)
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Treasurer

Date:
Signed on behalf of the trustees

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Southend-on-Sea Pride		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1202603
Set out on pages	1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

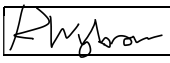
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		**Date:**	
Name:	R J Wybrow		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountant FCA Membership Number 1476865		
Address:	Matrix House, 12-16 Lionel Road Canvey Island, Essex SS8 9DE		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

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