

Sussex Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Our website: <https://sussexna.org/>

Date of meeting: Wednesday 21st January 2026

Meeting began at: 19:00

Meeting chaired by: Ash (Chair - Sussex ASC)

Meeting minutes taken by: Hannah (Minutes Secretary - Sussex ASC)

- Ash welcomed all attendees
- Louise led us in with SPAD
- Ash asked attendees to introduce themselves

Attendees:

1. Ash (Chair - Sussex ASC)
2. Louise (Vice Chair - Sussex ASC)
3. Sel (GSR - Wednesday Durrington)
4. Catherine (Outgoing GSR - Eastbourne)
5. Dan (GSR - Monday Crawley and representing Tuesday Crawley)
6. Chloe (GSR - Wednesday Haywards Heath)
7. Lucy (GSR - Wednesday Womens Brighton)
8. Rob (GSR - Saturday Littlehampton)
9. Ben (To get service)
10. Gemma (GSR - Thursday Chichester)
11. Georgia (Vice GSR - Thursday Chichester)
12. Aaron (Vice GSR - Friday Bognor)
13. Charlie (GSR - Brighthelm)
14. Lauren (Vice RCM - Sussex ASC)
15. Andy (GSR - Bright'nShiny)
16. Phil (GSR - Thursday Shoreham)
17. Rob (Tech - Sussex ASC)
18. Hannah (Minutes Sec - Sussex ASC)
19. Jim (Outgoing Treasurer - Sussex ASC)
20. Rachel (RCM - Sussex ASC & Chair - Sussex Campout Committee)
21. Darcy (Tea Person - Sussex ASC)
22. Ria (Co-GSR - Friday Hanover)
23. Karl (GSR - Monday Basic Text)
24. Wayne (GSR - Friday Spiritual Principles & Chair - F&E)
25. Ian (GSR - Friday Crawley)
26. Adam (GSR - Friday Worthing)
27. Katie (GSR - Monday Lewes & representing Early Risers)
28. Peter (GSR - Worthing Monday)
29. Adam (GSR - Tuesday LGBT)
30. Michelle (Outgoing GSR - Saturday Haywards Heath)
31. Steve L (Vice Chair - LSC)
32. Babs (Chair - SAOC)
33. Nikki (GSR - Thursday Portslade)
34. Andy (GSR - Daily Brighton Phoenix)
35. Hayley (GSR - Sunday Shoreham Womens)
36. Asia (Outgoing GSR - Tuesday Shoreham)
37. Joss (GSR - Tuesday Worthing Spiritual Principles)
38. Peter S (GSR - Monday Living Clean)
39. Sarah (Literature Sec - Sussex ASC)
40. Phil (Vice Literature Sec - Sussex ASC)

Attendees present: 40

Area Service Committee (ASC) members present: 10

Voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) present: 24

Sub-Committee Chairs present: 5

Apologies:

1. Jenna (GSR - Friday Newhaven)
2. Janna (GSR - Monday Hove)
3. Laura (GSR - Thursday Horsham)
4. Jill (Chair - Sussex LSC)
5. Darren (GSR - Neurodiversity Online)
6. Angela (GSR - Tuesday Crawley)

- Chair asked for last month's ASC Minutes to be ratified
- Last month's ASC Minutes were ratified by Peter

Positions vacant at Sussex ASC: Treasurer (4 years clean time), Vice Treasurer (3 years clean time), Vice Minutes Sec (18 months clean time), Vice Literature (1 year clean time), Literature Secretary.

- Ben put himself forward for Treasurer of Sussex ASC
- Ben was voted in as Treasurer of Sussex ASC
- We thanked Jim for his service as Treasurer
- Ash confirmed Ben can shadow Jim into his new role

Treasurer's Opening Balance: £7169.62 (£4000 is ring-fenced for SANAC17. Our prudent reserve is £3500 and we are below it).

Reported by: Jim (Treasurer for Sussex ASC)

Old business:

- Issue with online meeting has been resolved with SAOC

Group Service Representative (GSR) Reports:

Monday Shoreham - Phil (on behalf of Penny)

- [Full committee](#)
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0
- Numbers fluctuating so could do with more women

Monday Hastings - Peter

- [Positions vacant: Greeters](#)
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £57.50

Monday Worthing - Peter

- [Positions vacant: Treasurer](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Monday Hove - Nikki (representing)

- [Full committee](#)
- Doing well

Monday - Basic Text - Karl

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter](#)
- Doing well
- Literature: Amount not specified
- Contribution: £40

Monday Lewes - Katie

- [Full committee](#)
- Nice mix of newcomers and old-timers

Monday Crawley - Dan

- [Positions vacant: Female Newcomer Rep and Male Newcomer Rep](#)
- Meeting time changed to 19:30
- Literature: £40.60
- Contribution: £0

Tuesday LGBT - Adam

- [Full committee](#)
- Good message of recovery
- Literature: £148.90
- Contribution: £142.65

Tuesday Eastbourne - Catherine

- [Positions vacant: Greeters](#)
- Literature: £81.30 Contribution: £0 (Catherine noted £30 but not received by ASC)

Tuesday Worthing - Joss

- [Full committee](#)
- Well-attended
- Fully self-supporting
- Literature: £54
- Contribution: £0

Tuesday Crawley - Dan (on behalf of Angela)

- [Positions vacant: Male Newcomer Rep](#)
- Literature: £27.50
- Contribution £59.71

Brighton Online Daily - Andy

- Literature: £0
- Contribution £0

Tuesday Online - Asia

- [Positions vacant: Secretary, GSR, Screen Sharer, Newcomer Reps](#)
- 7-10 people coming
- Contributions paid directly to Sussex ASC

Tuesday Neurodiversity - Darrell (via email)

- [Full committee](#)
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0
- 20-30 people weekly
- Potentially starting another online meeting

Wednesday Brighthelm - Charlie

- Literature: £22
- Contribution: £0

Wednesday Womens - Lucy

- Literature: £36
- Contribution: £0

Wednesday LGBT - Chloe

- [Positions vacant: Greeter](#)
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Wednesday Durrington - Sel

- [Positions vacant: Literature](#)
- Well attended
- Regular newcomers
- Literature: £43.90
- Contribution: £0

Thursday Shoreham - Phil

- [Full committee](#)
- Going well
- Literature: £11.70
- Contribution: £15

Thursday Portslade - Nikki

- [Positions vacant: Male Greeter & Female Greeter](#)
- Well attended
- Fully self-supporting
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Thursday Chichester - Gemma

- [Full committee](#)

- Well-attended
- Unity Day on 9th May 2026
- Contribution: £20

Thursday Horsham - Laura

- [Full committee](#)
- Well-attended
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Friday Spiritual Principles - Wayne

- Awaiting venue for invoice to see where their finances are
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Friday Worthing - Adam

- Well-attended
- Diverse clean times
- Literature: £12
- Contribution: £20

Friday Crawley - Ian

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter, Male Greeter and Tea Person](#)
- Well attended
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Friday Bognor - Aaron

- Well-attended
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Saturday Bright'n Shiny - Andy

- [Positions vacant: Female Newcomer Rep](#)
- Well attended
- Fully self-supporting
- Literature: £54
- Contribution: £0

Saturday Littlehampton - Rob

- Going well
- Good mix of old-timers and newcomers
- Literature: Small literature order
- Contribution: £0
- Basic Texts are given to Newcomers

Saturday Haywards Heath - Michelle

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter](#)
- Well attended
- Good mix of people
- Candlelit meeting
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £50

Saturday Eastbourne - Catherine

- [Positions vacant: Treasurer & Vice Treasurer](#)

Sunday Early Risers - Katie

- [Positions vacant: GSR](#)
- Looking into prudent reserve
- Could do with more women
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Sunday Shoreham Women's - Hayley

- [Full committee](#)
 - Well attended
 - Mixture of clean time
 - Fully self-supporting
 - Literature: £0
 - Contributions paid directly to Sussex ASC
- Ash reminded all GSR's that we have Public Liability Insurance that covers all meetings and events. If anyone ever needs a copy of it, email ASC - asc@sussexna.org

Chair called a break called at: 19:50

Meeting resumed at: 20:05

GSR re-count: 24

[Sub-Committee Reports:](#)

Regional Committee Member (RCM)

Reported by: Rachel (RCM - Sussex ASC)

- Full report sent to all GSR's ahead of ASC
- UKSO statement read about a legal issue about funds
- Hampshire Campout this year will be on 7-9th August
- London Convention have limited tickets as last year they went over capacity. If you want tickets, get them now.
- There will be a NYE event this year - all Events can be found here: <https://events.ukna.org/events>
- Womens Unity Day in Leeds will be on 8th March
- Conference Agenda Reports. Rachel and Lauren are joining a group on Sunday to learn more about it. Survey due 15th March. Questions will be explained at February ASC.
- H&I Prison Vetting Do's & Dont's - document sent out with reports
- World Convention July 2028 will be in Dublin
- 35th Annual UK Convention of NA will be in Birmingham on July 2nd-5th
- Region Closing Balance (before admin costs): £46,703.66
- No request for funds

Next meeting: 14-15th March 2026 in Solihull

Fundraising & Entertainment (F&E)

Reported by: Wayne (Chair - F&E)

- [Positions vacant: Vice Chair and Vice Treasurer](#)
- Full report sent to all GSR's ahead of ASC
- Meetings over Christmas were well attended
- **Treasurer's Opening/Closing Balance:** £364
- **Request for funds:** £92 (to bring up to prudent reserve)
- Talking about one day convention in March or May

Next meeting: Saturday 14th February 2026 at 5pm

In Person: Hanover Centre, Brighton

Local Services Committee (LSC)

Reported by: Steve (Vice Chair - Sussex LSC)

- [Positions vacant: Presentations Co-ordinator \(3 years clean time\), Vice Presentations Co-ordinator \(2 years clean time\), Vice Chairperson \(3 years clean time\), Vice Literature Secretary \(1 year clean time\), Minutes Secretary \(2 years clean time - urgent need\), Vice Minutes Secretary \(1 year clean time\), Vice Treasurer \(3 years clean time\), Zoom Tech Support \(2 years clean time\), Panel Leaders x1 HMP Lewes, x2 HMP Ford in Arundel & x2 Mill View Hospital in Hove \(4 years clean time\), Representatives x2 Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton \(4 years clean time\), Panel Leader x1 Recovery Lighthouse in Worthing.](#)
- No report sent out ahead of ASC
- New meeting starts at Millview in February
- All current commitments all going well
- **Treasurer's Opening Balance:** £500
- **Treasurer's Closing Balance:** £376.11
- **Request for funds:** £123.89 (to Louise)

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 6pm

In Person: Hove Park School, Nevill Campus, Nevill Road, Hove BN3 7BN

Online: Zoom ID: 832 7042 4390 **Password:** 096 544

Sussex Area Online Committee (SAOC)

Reported by: Babs (Chair - SAOC)

- [Positions vacant: Vice Treasurer, Webservant - Social Media \(Instagram\), Secretary](#)
- Full report sent to all GSR's ahead of ASC, along with Zoom Guidelines (click hyperlink in document for more details about virtual meetings)

• **Treasurer's Opening/Closing Balance:** £253.16

• Any queries: webservant@sussexna.org

Next meeting: Saturday 7th February 2026 at 9.30am

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88067850159?pwd=UFNhaTlzdTl6aXh3SXhVc3d3aVFoZz09>

Sussex NA Campout 2026 Committee

Reported by: Karl (Catering - Campout Committee)

• **Positions vacant:** Kids' Corner, Bonfire/Wood Warden, Vice Chair, Vice Minutes Secretary, Vice Catering, Vice Tea/Tuck Shop, Vice Merchandise, Vice Programming

• Full report sent to all GSR's ahead of ASC

• Date and Venue secured: 26-28th June 2026 at Sussex Topiary Park, Rudgwick (near Horsham) RH12 3BU. **Please circulate the below poster.**

• Fundraiser 14th February at Hanover Centre. **Please circulate the below poster.**

• **Treasurer's Opening Balance:** £55

• **Treasurer's Closing Balance:** £121

Next meeting: 7th February 2026 at 12pm-1pm

In person: St Georges Church, St George's Road, Brighton, BN2 1ED

Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91926610872?pwd=OTJTbFlkctta0dPVnlaVWp3TnRkQT09#success>

Sussex NA Convention Committee (SANAC)

• **Reported by:** Steve (Chair of SANAC)

• **Positions vacant:** Vice Chair, Treasurer

• Committee is proposing the next Sussex NA convention to be in 2027, as there haven't been people coming forwards for positions.

• In discussions for one-day convention

Next meeting: 1st February 2026 at 1:15pm

In person: Kennedy Street Recovery Hub, St Peter's Place, Brighton, BN1 4SB.

Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84630054944?pwd=nhloJlsZ35NzqT3ZD9br7hEbhSdKtm.1#success>

- Ash explained the Convention Committee is a one year commitment and to maybe focus on a one-day convention, instead of postponing.
- Catherine counter-proposed that GSR's could try and get more people in for SANAC service
- Sel asked if he could vote on behalf of group
- Ash explained it'd need to go to GSR's for a vote
- Peter said SANAC committee have been trying to get people on the committee
- Ash said if SANAC are still struggling to find Treasurer by next ASC it may need to be postponed. He expressed that GSR's should go back and try and get people on-board before next ASC.

Any new business:

- Aaron questioned ASC venue change

- Ash said he is looking to move ASC around Sussex - more details will come as we have it. There'll be a 1-2 month's notice for this.

- Wayne asked about taking subsidising Basic Text to Region. Aberdeen ASC does this.

- Ash said our prudent reserve is low and literature is over-stocked. However, what we can look at is have Literature shipped from Belgium as it's cheaper. He asked Wayne to ask how they do it in Aberdeen and bring more info back to next ASC.

- Wayne is going to ask Aberdeen and email Rachel to take the question to Region.

- Lauren said some areas in the UK run one-day events to fundraise and give out Basic Texts free of charge.

Request for funds:

• Aaron = £12 (Travel)

Housekeeping reminder from Chair: This room needs to be put back exactly as we found it, as previously at this venue there have been complaints of drinks being mopped up by whiteboard cloths, tables not put back correctly etc. We are the face of NA.

- Lauren suggested people attending ASC to bring re-usable cups, as we have no access to a kitchen.

Literature Sales: £260.00

Business for next meeting:

• Literature Sec positions to be discussed with Phil & Sarah

• SANAC committee proposal about postponing convention

Treasurer's Closing Balance: £6763.72 (£4000 is ring-fenced for SANAC17. Our prudent reserve is £3500 and we are

below it).

Reported by: Jim (Treasurer for Sussex ASC)

Sussex Area Bank Account details:

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Sussex NA

Account Number: 00958845

Sort Code: 30-98-74

Reference: Meeting location/time/day (so we can identify payments)

Payments cut off is 8:30pm on the day of Area.

- Ash thanked all attendees for their attendance
- All attendees said the Serenity Prayer to end the meeting

Next ASC meeting: Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7pm-9pm (Doors open 6:30pm)

In Person: Hove Park School, Nevill Campus, Nevill Road, Hove BN3 7BN

Online: <https://service.ukna.org/committee/area-sussex-asc/link>

Meeting closed at: 20:54

Links for helpful Literature:

Resources & Service Materials: <https://fd.ukna.org/content/fd-resources-service-materials>

The Group Booklet: <https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Group-Booklet-English.pdf>

GSR Basics: <https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/GSR-Basics-English.pdf>

Posters for upcoming events:

