

Sussex Area Service Committee Minutes (March 2026)

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

Date of meeting: Wednesday 18th March 2026

Meeting began at: 19:00

Meeting chaired by: Rob (Tech ASC, covering Chair)

Meeting minutes taken by: Lauren (stand in Minutes)

- Rob welcomed all attendees
- Lauren led us in with the 12 Concepts
- Rob asked attendees to introduce themselves

Attendance

Members present included: Steven, Dean, Carl, Dani, Rachel, Jim, Rob, Kat, Aaron, Lauren, Chloe, Connor, Sarah, Teresa, Robert, Dan, Adam, Jenna, Nicky, Sell, Georgia, Gemma, Laura.

Online attendees included: Wayne, Jo, Jenny, Lexi, Adam B, Daniel, Babs, Steven, Emma, Jane, Peter, Jill, Penny, Lucy, Rich, Ginni, Babs

26 voting GSRs present – meeting was quorate.

Administration

- New GSRs: One new email received and forwarded to Area for mailing list inclusion.
- Apologies: Ben (Treasurer), Ash (Chair), Louise (Vice Chair), Peter (GSR)
- Vacancies: Minutes, Vice-Treasurer, Vice-Minutes
- Elections: Ginni elected as Vice-Minutes
- Opening Area Balance: £6,747.87.

Old Business - CAR Report

- CAR reports to be completed online by 1st April.
- Groups asked to provide feedback; no questions raised during the meeting.

Group Reports

Below is a condensed summary. (All details preserved.)

Monday

- Shoreham Women's – Well attended, clean time shared, no contribution, needs more women.
- Phoenix Online (11am) – No representation.
- Chichester Strength In Unity – Mixed membership, £30 contribution.
- Hastings Living Clean – Full service, self-supporting, no contribution; needs women.
- Worthing New Beginnings 7pm – Full service, self-supporting.
- Hove Just for Today – £60 contribution, safe meeting, male greeter.
- St Nick's Basic Text – Needs greeter, especially female.
- Crawley 7:30 – No contribution, prudent reserve in place, needs support.
- Lewes Monday – Full service, well attended, CAR report submitted, no contribution.

Tuesday

- Phoenix Online (11am) – No representation.
- Crawley Living Clean – £21.71 contribution; literature order.
- Shoreham Zoom – Newcomers attending, self-supporting, contributing.
- Dorset Gardens LGBTQ – Well attended, £11 contribution.
- Neurodiversity Meeting 7pm – Non-attendance reported.
- Eastbourne – Self-supporting, no contribution, needs support.
- Worthing – £35 contribution, full service, many newcomers.
- Recovery Hub Brighton – No representation.

Wednesday

- Phoenix Online (11am) – No representation
- Brighthelm (in-person) – No representation.
- Brighthelm Online – Needs secretary; meeting on 12/2.
- Brighton Women's – No contribution; service available.
- Lewes 7pm – No representation.
- Sussex Area Online – no representation
- Worthing Durrington 7pm – Service available, no contribution.
- Haywards Heath – Prudent reserve; needs support; 1-hour meeting.

Thursday

- Shoreham 9:30 – No report
- Phoenix Online (11am) – No representation
- South Portslade 5:30 – Full service, self-supporting, no contribution.
- Keep It Simple, Lewis – Apologies from Peter.
- Horsham – Self-supporting, no prudent reserve, no contribution
- Hastings 7:30 – No representation.
- Chichester Traditions – £20 contribution.

Friday

- Phoenix Online (11am) – No representation
- Spiritual Principles, Brighton – £50 contribution.
- Queer Connection – No representation.
- Worthing 7pm – £50 contribution, full service.
- Bexhill Friday Freedom – No representation.
- Bognor Regis 7:30 – Share meeting, £20 contribution.
- Newhaven Living Clean – No report.
- Crawley 7:30 – prudent reserve.

Saturday

- Bright'n Shiny – No GSR; needs GSR and service.
- Hastings JFT 10:30 – No representation.
- Phoenix Online (11am) – No representation
- Littlehampton (LA Does NA) – Format change, mixed clean time, no contribution, service available. London Convention Weekend, no meeting.
- Haywards Heath – £40 contribution.
- Hanover – £100 contribution.
- Eastbourne 6pm – Responsible for 3 meetings; all need support; issues with TV replacement costs; full committee.
- Lewes One Promise – No representation.

Sunday

- Early Risers – Well attended, self-supporting, £100 contribution.

- Bognor Women's – £10 contribution, needs support; free parking.
- Phoenix Online (11am) – No representation
- Shoreham Women's – No report.
- Hove Step Meeting – New meeting starting 30 April, 7–8:15pm, venue TBC.
- Arundel New Meeting – Starting 29 March, 6:15–7:15pm; requested starter pack.

Subcommittee Reports

SAOC (Online Committee)

- Groups must keep SAOC updated on meeting times, Zoom details, accessibility.
- Feedback welcome.
- New secretary elected.
- Campout website reviewed; concerns resolved; suggestion that more than one person should have access.
- Closing balance this month £161.83
- Request for funds: £150 approved.
- Next meeting: Saturday 5 April, 2pm.
- Vacancies: Vice-Treasurer, Social Media.

RCM Report

- 13 RCMs present.
- Hampshire Convention upcoming.
- Campout: 7–9 August.
- UK Comms: No chair; shares needed.
- UKCNA Birmingham Unity Event in March.
- Public information audio project underway.
- Prison outreach: Ongoing work to expand NA access nationally.
- Fellowship development & prison vetting: 9–10 May.
- Regional opening balance: £45,614.17, Regional closing balance: £33,344.04.

F&E / Campout Support

- Vice-Chair needed.
- Sponsored walk: Opening balance £300; closing balance £300.
- Walk scheduled for 5 April, 10am.

SANAC (Convention Committee)

- Next meeting 5 April.
- Flyers prepared for London Convention.
- Minutes from previous meeting delayed but being checked.
- Vacancies: Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer.
- QR code pending confirmation.
- One-day convention: 15 August, Barman Community Hall, £15 entry.
- Tickets available at London Convention.

LSC (Local Service Committee)

- Meeting held Tuesday 10th.
- Many positions vacant; listed online.
- Opening balance £500; closing balance £320.18.
- Request for funds: £179.82.
- Next meeting: Tuesday 14 April.
- Literature for prisons sent in advance; Polegate & prisons covered by Babs.

Campout Committee

- Meeting held 7 March.
- Vacancies: Vice-Chair, Vice-Minutes, Vice-Programme.
- Full cost breakdown available.
- Sponsored walk 5 April.
- Query raised about dog-show insurance; Area to investigate.

ASC Treasury & Funding Discussions

Prudent Reserve

- Area is below prudent reserve.
- Campout committee provided full breakdown and timeline; acknowledged as within 3-month guideline for future requests.

Ring-Fenced SANAC Money

- Noted that SANAC funds have had no movement for 2 years.
- Proposal to review ring-fenced funds and consider redistribution through service structure.

- Proposal seconded and carried.
- Any change to earlier GSR decisions will require formal reversal.
- Area will explore flow of funds to region.

Starter Pack Requests

- Two starter packs requested for two new meetings.
- Request denied because meetings have not yet opened and no attendees yet.

ASC Closing

- Area closing balance: £7,497.41.
- Prudent reserve: £4,000 (for convention).
- Meeting closed.
- Stand in minute taker. Please contact ASC via asc@sussexna.org if there are any amendments or queries.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 15th April 2026, 7.00pm to 9.00pm at Hove Park School.