


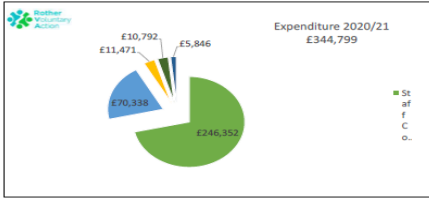
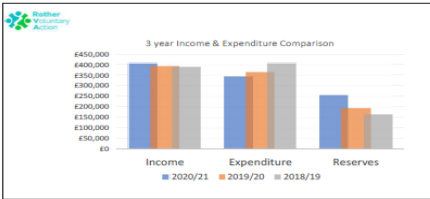

# RVA Annual General Meeting Minutes

10am Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 | Ashburnham



## Attendees (101)

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>		
Adrian	Barrott	Kim	Richards
Amy	Loaring	Lee	Warren
Ana	Mesinezi	Lily	Marsh
Andrea	Randall-Smith	Linda	Seddon
Ann	Paddick	Lisa	Gillette
Annette	Holmes	Lord	McLean
Betty	Toth	Lorraine	Brown
Carole	Green	Lynn	Langlands
Caroline	Hughes	Malcolm	Johnston
Catherine	Lulham	Mandi	Lyons
Chrissy	Brand	Mandy	Doran
Christine	Madeley	Mary	Benton
Christine	Bayliss	Matt	West
Claire	Cordell	Niki	Ashley
Cliff	Willard	Nikki	Collins
Clive	Mills	Ollie	Jeffs
David	Pankhurst	Patricia	Dillon
Dawn	Bamforth	Paul	Courtell
Debbie	Wilkins	Paul	Hellyer
Debby	Anderson	Pauline	Goubert
Diana	Birch	Philip	Bell
Elise	Liversedge	Pierre	MATATE
Emma	Dean	Pili	Lucas
Francesca	Nowne	Rachel	Hills
Guy	Partridge	Rodney	Buse
Hans	van Thoor	Ros	Thomas
Heather	Winchester	Rosalind	Clayton
Iain	Howie	Sally Ann	Lycett
Ian	Noble	Samantha	Deacon
Ian	Jenkins	Stephen	
Jackie	Saull-Hunt	Jonathan	Johnson
Jacky	Everard	Steve	Sampson
Jacqui	Skilton	Stuart	Ramsbottom
Jamie	Ramsden	Susan	Prochak
Jay	Ashworth	Tanya	Vice
Jo	Finnemore	tara	Reddy
Jo	Kirkham	ted	williams
Joe	Powell	teresa	Andrews
John	Collins	Teresa	Flower
Julie	Abson	Terry	Steeple
Julie	Willard	Tim	Birch
Kanna	Ingleson	Tim	Hemmings
Kate	Lawrence	Trudy	Hampton
Kate	MEAKIN	Valeriya	Dvornyk
Kathryn	Harlow	Vikki	Cook
Kathy	Burton	VIP	Wootten
Kevin	Katner	Virginia	Vilela
		William	Ackroyd

1.	The Charman Tim Hemmings welcomed everyone
2.	Housekeeping, COVID safety and fire exits explained, and outline of the day discussed
3.	<b>The Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2019-20 were agreed and there were no matters arising</b>
4.	<p>Chairman's Report 2020-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are all aware that much has happened over the previous year</li> <li>• As Chairman I don't feel that I can compete with a world pandemic in 4 minutes.</li> <li>• Over the past year Claire and the RVA team have done sterling work and have managed to maintain a range of services with many of our partner agencies.</li> <li>• We have an incredibly packed programme for today so I would invite you all to refer to your copies of the Report of the Trustees for a detailed report of the work undertaken.</li> <li>• This is available in hard copy as well as online.</li> <li>• As we have all been affected by the pandemic I feel that today should focus on moving forward, and recognising some of the real positives of our Rother communities.</li> </ul>
5.	<p>Presentation of the Annual Accounts 2020/21</p> <p>The year-end accounts were independently reviewed by Gibbons Mannington &amp; Phipps, chartered accountants (GMP). Pleased to report that the charity continues to perform well under very difficult circumstances, managing to increase its reserves by £61,458</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="252 909 683 1106">  <p>1</p> </div> <div data-bbox="724 909 1155 1106">  <p>2</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div data-bbox="252 1169 683 1366">  <p>3</p> </div> <div data-bbox="724 1169 1155 1366">  <p>4</p> </div> </div>
6.	<p><b>Resolution One:</b> To approve the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</p> <p>Proposed by Dennis Smith, seconded by Linda Seddon, agreed unanimously.</p>
7.	<p><b>Resolution two:</b> Election of RVA Board of Trustees, we have a resignation of Jo Kirkham, and the rest of the current RVA BOARD are willing to stand on block for another term. And on behalf of RVA I would like to propose we invite Cllr Vikki Cook to join the board.</p> <p>Proposed by Jay Brewerton, seconded by Sue Prochak, agreed unanimously.</p>
8.	<p><b>Resolution Three:</b> Appointment of Accountants and Auditors for year 2021/22: Messrs Gibbons Mannington &amp; Phipps, Chartered Accountants</p> <p>Proposed by Linda Seddon, seconded by Clive Mills, agreed unanimously.</p>
9.	<p>Clive mills gave a fitting tribute to Jo Kirkham who stepped down as Trustee at RVA after 16years.</p> <p><i>'It is my great pleasure to have been asked to give a brief testimonial to the tireless work of Jo Kirkham, today, as she steps down after 16 years of service to RVA. Jo has devoted her live to public and community service especially serving her community of Rye. She has held numerous appointments over the years including that of Councillor on Rye Town Council and as Chairman of her beloved Rye Museum.</i></p>

*But today I would like to focus on her service to RVA. I first met Jo in 2003 when I took on the role as Community Networker under the Rother Community Links Project for Rye CVS. It was a dream job for me as I could talk all day long and drink coffee although we did accomplish many good things. Jo was Chairman at the time of Rye CVS. Shortly after this time it was decided to amalgamate the smaller local CVS of Rye Battle and Bexhill Community Partnership into RVA in order to enhance the CVS offer in the Rother area. Jo became part of the leadership team of RVA in January 2005 and was appointed Deputy Chairman and served from 2005 to 2008 under the Chairmanship of John Izzard. In 2008 Jo became Chairman an appointment she held until 2012 with Dennis Smith as Deputy Chairman. In 2012 Jo stepped down as Chair and Dennis stepped up. Since 2012 Jo has remained a faithful Trustee on RVA and her great wisdom and experience across a range of matters has been greatly valued and appreciated. She will be hugely missed by us all on the present RVA Board.*

*Jo, on behalf of us all on RVA both past and present and all those people that you have served and I will continue to serve a massive thank you for all you have done and accomplished for the Rother Community and especially in Rye. We wish you many happy years ahead, perhaps taking things a little easier, but I somehow very much doubt it! Thanks very much Jo.*

*Please accept a little token of our love and appreciation which we hope you will enjoy as we approach Christmastime'.*

**10. Tim Hemmings welcomed the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex Andrew Blackman to present the volunteer awards.**

Awards went to 16 organisations or individuals from across Rother, in 4 Categories:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Award winner</b>	<b>Award</b>
Bexhill in Bloom	Margaret Garcia, Margaret Lee	Enviromental Award
Bexhill Environmental Group	Rosalind Clayton	Enviromental Award
Bexhill Neighbourhood Gardeners	John Willis	Enviromental Award Outstanding
Warming up the homeless	Jay Wootten	Volunteer Award Outstanding
Bexhill Museum	Dr Anne Stacey	Volunteer Award
Ticehurst Vaccination Volunteers	Teresa Killeen, Liz Young, Claudette Neville	Outstanding Volunteer Award
Combe Valley Countryside Park CIC	Peter Clarke	Outstanding Volunteer Award Outstanding
Optivo	Graham Ridley	Volunteer Award
PPG	Kevin Katner	Outstanding Volunteer Award
Heart of Sidley Partnership	Jay Carroll and heart of Sidley Partnership	Outstanding Volunteer Award Outstanding
HAIRE Volunteers	Sue Prochek	Volunteer Award



## Rother Community Networks moving forward:

Build on strong foundations – maintain and develop what you value most:

- Networking
- Learning from each other
- Sharing ideas and opportunities

Strengthen the offer by:

- Prioritising cross cutting themes you identify
- Facilitating learning opportunities
- Supporting collaborative working across sectors
- Listening, recording and reporting on what you tell us – expertise, challenges, opportunities, successes
- Develop mechanisms to ensure the voice of the Community and voluntary sector is heard and influences decision making



2 Local organisations gave talks on their experiences of setting up their organisations with RVA's support over the last year.

Nikki Collins from the Bexhill Collective and Tim Birch from Bexhill Breathers.

[2021 AGM backdrop slides .pptx](#)

14. Lunch and Networking

15. **Evaluation**

We asked all the attendees to fill out an evaluation form of the event.

Excluding staff and Trustee 60 of a possible 85 completed the form.

We asked:

1. *How would you rate the overall quality of the content of the RVA Showcase & AGM?* **44 felt it was excellent 16 said it was very good.**
2. *Was the showcase and AGM well described and broadly in line with what you expected?* **44 felt it was excellent, 14 very good, and 2 good.**
3. *How likely would you join another event hosted by RVA?* **52 said highly likely, 8 said probably.**
4. *How useful was the event to you and your organisation?* **45 said very useful, 13 said useful, and 2 said quite useful.**
5. *How would you rate the booking process and pre-event information?* **45 said excellent, 13 very good, and 2 good.**

We also asked you:

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE OUR FUTURE EVENTS?**

- More networking time- (x3)
- Biscuits at break
- Contact details to be emailed in advance with brief description of organisation(x4)
- Address system could have been better. (x2)
- Improve communication about the market place
- A lot of info was asked for about the nominations- but not much given
- Who else was nominated?
- Explain more clearly about what the breakout rooms were about.
- Opportunity to tell everyone what we are doing and what is on offer.(x2)
- What would you like to see RVA offering in the future?
- Events that we can network at- that can be accessed before or after work
- Funding templates
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- Training on Risk assessments
- Training on safeguarding

- Clear list of examples of support that RVA can give
- Ideas on how to engage volunteers in networking
- Database of volunteers and volunteering options and opportunities
- Networking events for similar groups

**Thank you all for attending our AGM and for your continued support!**