

THE HIGH SHERIFF'S POLICE TRUST FOR THE COUNTY OF THE WEST MIDLANDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1075800

Details

Other names BUILDING BLOCKS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1999-06-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO ALCOHOL, DRUG AND SOLVENT ABUSE (AND THE CONSEQUENT EFFECTS OF SUCH ABUSE) AND TO THE EFFECTS OF CRIME GENERALLY. TO PROMOTE OR SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WHICH ENCOURAGE THE MENTAL, MORAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE (WHILST DIVERTING THEM AWAY FROM CRIME AND OR DRUG, ALCOHOL OR SOLVENT ABUSE). TO PROMOTE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT A SAFER AND INCREASED QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTY FROM CRIMINAL ACTS. TO UNDERTAKE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Building Blocks is the West Midlands Police Forces charitable trust and only funds projects which are within the West Midlands county. Its main focus is youth and projects which tackle the issues of drug abuse and diverting young people from crime.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WEST MIDLANDS
- Birmingham City
- Coventry City
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Solihull
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,427	£3,441	-	-
2024-03-31	£641	£1,400	-	-
2023-03-31	£171	£819	-	-
2022-03-31	£9	£11,311	-	-
2021-03-31	£41	£805	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jane Heppel		2023-07-20
Jonathan Jardine		2024-01-04
Mike O'Hara		2024-01-04
Peter Gillett		2024-01-04
Wasim Ali		2024-12-06

Accounts

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs J Heppel Mr J Jardine Mr P Gillett Mr M O'Hara Mr W Ali
Charity Number	1075800
Principal Address	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner West Midlands Police, Lloyd House Colmore Circus Queensway Birmingham West Midlands B4 6NQ
Accountant	Ainsley Dyer Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner West Midlands Police, Lloyd House Colmore Circus Queensway Birmingham West Midlands B4 6NQ

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BUILDING BLOCKS THE HIGH SHERIFF'S POLICE TRUST FOR THE COUNTY OF THE WEST MIDLANDS TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issues in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 6 April 1999. The charity obtained registered charitable status on 3 June 1999 (registered number 1075800). The objectives are to provide support to children and young people in order to prevent crime, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour. To provide services to support children and young people into education and employment. To promote or support activities which allow children and young people to develop their personal and social skills creating confidence and independence. This will be achieved by providing grants to successful applicants. The trust deed gives the trustees the power to apply the funds in such a manner as they think fit to or for the benefit of any charitable object or purpose.

There are at present no restricted funds

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs J Heppel
Mr J Jardine
Mr P Gillett
Mr M O'Hara
Mr W Ali

The Trustees who were appointed/resigned during the year were:

No resignations during the year 24-25.

Mr W Ali was appointed as a trustee on 6th December 2024.

The maximum number of trustees is eight and the minimum is four.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The charity is a single organisation.

The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have found the Charity Community Bank Account meets their requirements to generate income and yet still have ready access to funds.

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 the major risks.

Objectives and Activities

The charity is governed by a declaration of trust, which sets out the role and method of election of members of the management committee. The management committee meets on at least three occasions during the year and is responsible for the governance of the charity and for all policy, organisation and financial matters.

Building Blocks is the Police and Crime Commissioners and West Midlands Police charitable trust and only funds projects which are in the West Midlands County. Its main focus is youth and projects which tackle the issues of substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and diverting young people from crime.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The trustees meet on a regular basis to consider what grants they will make and to review any feedback they have received. Nominations for grants are elicited by formal and informal means. The trustees invite organisations to submit a formal application saying how the funds would be used and what would be achieved. The trustees seek feedback on the actual use of the grants given and the achievements made. The explanations and feedback received are sufficient for monitoring the quality of the grants made.

Achievement and Performance

The administration of the charity moved from West Midlands Police to the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioners in 2015/16. This change to administrative arrangements should affect the purpose or direction of the charity going forward.

Due to this administration change, changes in Trustees in 2016/17 and the current income stream for the charity being revised, the activity to the charity has been to a minimum. However, it is expected the activity of the charity will increase, as a sustainable future for the charity is determined.

Financial Review

The accounts which follow, show a net income for the year amounting to £23,986. This is mainly due to the sales income received during the year.

These bank balances have built up over a number of years and trustees want to spend a proportion of these balances. This will ensure young people of the West Midlands benefit from these accumulated balances.

The trustees are satisfied the reserves of the charity are at a sufficient level to enable the charity to continue operating.

On behalf of the board of trustees



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Mrs J Heppel
Trustee

Dated: 9th June 2025

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ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 7

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit and independent examination is not required for this year under section 144(2) and 145(1) of the Charities Act 2011.

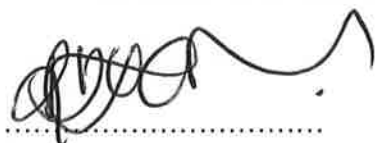
Basis of Accountants Report

The examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Accountants Statement

In connection with the examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) Which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act; have not been met or
- b) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Ainsley Dyer ACMA, CGMA.
Accountant

Dated: 9th June 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

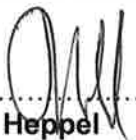
	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS</u>			
Donations and Legacies	2	26,557	0
Investment Income	3	870	641
		27,427	641
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	4	0	0
Total Incoming Resources		27,427	641
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>			
Bursaries			
Projects Supported		2,994	0
Trustee Insurance		447	900
Governance Costs		0	500
Total Resources Expended	5	3,441	1,400
Net Income for the Year / Net Movement in Funds		23,986	-758
Fund Balances at 1 April 2024		77,469	78,227
Fund Balances at 31 March 2025		101,455	77,469

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BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors	8	0		0	
Cash at bank and in hand		101,455		78,369	
		<u>101,455</u>		<u>78,369</u>	
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	0		900	
		<u>0</u>		<u>900</u>	
		0		900	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>101,455</u>		<u>77,469</u>
<u>INCOME FUNDS</u>					
Unrestricted Funds			101,455		77,469
			<u>101,455</u>		<u>77,469</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 9th June 2025



Mrs J Heppel
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 1993.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised when received or where the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1.3 Resources Expended

Expenses, including grants, are recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay in the case of expenses, or approved by the Trustees in the case of grants.

2 Donations and Legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and Gifts	<u>26,557</u>	<u>0</u>
Donations and Gifts		
Unrestricted Funds:		
Police Sources		
Other		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

3 Investment Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest Receivable	<u>870</u>	<u>641</u>

4 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Mobile Phone Recycling	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5 Total Resources Expended

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bursaries	0	0
Projects Supported	2,994	0
Trustee Insurance	447	900
Governance Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>

6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year

7 Employees

There were no employees during the year

8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals - Trustee Insurance - AON UK.	<u>0</u>	<u>900</u>