

CHESHIRE CRIMEBEAT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended
31st MARCH 2025

Charity Number
1077203

Mitchell Charlesworth
Accountants
Chester

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TRUST INFORMATION

31st March 2025

Trustees: Mr. M.A.T. Trevor-Barnston (Chairman)
Mr. N.W. Bromley-Davenport
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
31st March 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Objects of the Charity

The Charity was constituted under a trust deed dated 12th July 1999 to promote for the public benefit, and in particular for the young (primarily through their own motivation and initiative), a safer and increased quality of life through the prevention of crime and the protection of people of all ages and property from criminal acts; to secure the advancement of education particularly amongst those between the ages of five years and twenty-five years of age but also for the public benefit generally in all matters relating to crime and to alcohol, drug and other solvent abuse at large in the County of Cheshire.

Statement of Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the objects of the Charity are compliant with the Charities Commission Guidance on Public Benefit.

Appointment of Trustees

Details of Trustees can be found on page 1. The body of trustees shall consist not more than nine persons being ex-officio trustees, nominated trustees and co-opted trustees. The ex-officio trustee shall be the incumbent High Sheriff.

Organisation of the Charity

The Trustees hold at least one ordinary meeting per year which may be called at any time by the Chairman or any two trustees upon not less than ten days notice being given to the other trustees. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chairman or any two trustees upon not less than four days notice being given to the other Trustees of the matters to be discussed but if the matters include an appointment of a trustee or a proposal to amend any of trust deed clauses, then twenty one days notice must be given. There shall be a quorum when at least one third of the number of trustees or two trustees which ever is the greater are present at the meeting. Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Trustees present and voting on the question. The chairman shall have the casting vote.

Achievements and performance of the charity

The number of projects supported for the year 2024/2025 was 466. Since the first ever grant was made in 1999 Cheshire Crimebeat has supported 5,856 projects and over £500,000 has been given in schemes all across the Cheshire Police area in the last 26 years with an excess of half a million young people benefiting directly or indirectly.

Recognition

We wish to record our grateful thanks to Cheshire Constabulary for their ongoing excellent financial support over the year, which has enabled Mark Watson, our Co-ordinator, to achieve another successful year as described below. Thanks are also extended to all four trustees for their efforts this year as well.

Projects that prevent crime, and also those that assist victims of crime and help protect vulnerable and at-risk young people remain at the core of the work that Cheshire Crimebeat supports.

Helping Neighbourhood Policing teams deliver their service to local communities is something Cheshire Crimebeat has always done. We regularly fund projects that allow Officers to offer positive engagement by way of community events.

Other projects this year have concentrated on reducing drug and alcohol misuse, Hate Crime, street & online safety, road safety, knife crime and violence & intimidation against women and girls (VAIWG).

We have continued to support South Cheshire ABC (Amateur Boxing Club) this year, a group we previously successfully nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which they received in 2022. The club received another High Sheriff Award this year for their ongoing excellent work. They are moving to new premises in Crewe in 2025 and are very grateful for support from both Cheshire Constabulary and Cheshire Crimebeat.

Proactively preventing crime is always a fundamental aim for Cheshire Crimebeat and during this this year we have funded a number of Mini Police projects across the force, allowing young children across the county to become involved in 'policing' their local communities. Working with children at such a young age helps to lower the risk of them entering criminality or becoming a victim of crime in the future.

The Mini Police from Kingsmead Primary School in Northwich were invited by High Sheriff Clare Hayward MBE to take part in the Annual Legal Service at Chester Cathedral to mark the start of the Legal Year, where they made an excellent impression. The Mini Police programme aims to increase trust and confidence within both the young people and their communities through early intervention, the delivery of safety messages, preventative education and long-term problem solving. Cheshire Crimebeat nominated the Kingsmead Mini Police for a National Crimebeat Award which they won in March 2025, which was an excellent end to the year.

Financial review and reserves

The Statement of the Financial Activities on page 6 shows that resources retained for future use at 31st March 2025 amount to £29,411 (2024: £18,665).

Grant Making Policy

The Trustees ask for grant applications through Parish Councils, Youth Justice Teams, Community Safety Partnership, Probation Service, Youth and Church Groups, Cadets, Scouting Movement and Cheshire Children's Service. Grant applications are reviewed on a monthly basis.

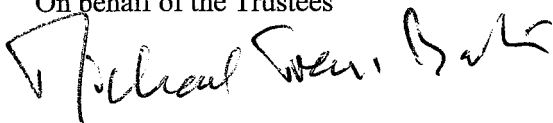
Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed in particular those related to the operations and finances and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Reporting Accountants

Mitchell Charlesworth will continue in office as reporting accountants for the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Trustees



M.A.T. Trevor-Barnston

Date

22/7/25

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.
- safeguarding the charity's assets;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Mitchell Charlesworth

Accountants

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHESHIRE CRIMEBEAT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Cheshire Crimebeat

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

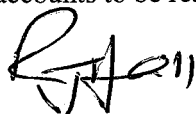
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr R Hall FCA

Independent Examiner

Date

22/7/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Total Unrestricted Funds Year to 31.3.2025 £	Total Unrestricted Funds Year to 31.3.2024 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>	4		
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income : donations		35,960	20,276
Investment Income		652	17
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Total Incoming Resources		<u>36,612</u>	<u>20,293</u>
<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Charitable activities:			
Grants	5	24,716	32,448
Other costs	6	-	(253)
Governance costs	7	1,150	1,074
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Total Resources Expended		<u>25,866</u>	<u>33,269</u>
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the year		10,746	(12,976)
Total Funds brought forward		<u>18,665</u>	<u>31,641</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>29,411</u>	<u>18,665</u>

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 2025

		Total Unrestricted Funds 31.3.2025	Total Unrestricted Funds 31.3.2024
	Notes	£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	2,000	2,000
Cash at Bank		28,561	17,763
Current Liabilities			
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	9	1,150	1,098
Net Assets		<u>29,411</u>	<u>18,665</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds		<u>29,411</u>	<u>18,665</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on *date*
and signed on its behalf by Mr. M.A.T. Trevor-Barnston

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

In preparing the accounts the following accounting policies have been complied with:

- a. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from the 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.
- b. The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.
- c. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
- d. Investment income is recorded when receivable.
- e. Gift Aid reclaimable on donations to the charity is included with the amount received.
- f. Expenditure on grants is recorded once the Trust has made an unconditional commitment to pay the grant and this is communicated to the beneficiary or the grant has been paid, whichever is the earlier. The Trust has not made any grant commitments of more than one year.
- g. Other expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis.

2. Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income where it is applied for charitable purposes.

3. Related Party Transactions

None of the trustees were paid any remuneration or expenses by the charity during the year (2024: None).

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4. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	Year to 31.3.2025	Year to 31.3.2024
	£	£
Voluntary income: Donations		
Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner	30,000	20,000
Cheshire East Council	5,000	-
National Crimebeat	500	-
Sundry	<u>460</u>	<u>276</u>
	<u>35,960</u>	<u>20,276</u>
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	<u>652</u>	<u>17</u>

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5. Analysis of Grants Made, 466 projects

<u>No.</u>		<u>£</u>
5391-5410	Cheshire East ACT NOW Project	1,417.00
5411-5420	Over Peover Youth Engagement	500.00
5421	Northwich Vulnerable Young Person Project	110.00
5422-5447	Winsford Youth & Community Forum Project	1,000.00
5448-5471	BASE Wilmslow	1,000.00
5472-5491	Crewe Reach Project	1,000.00
5492-5501	Norwich ASB Project	840.00
5502-5517	Winsford Youth Engagement	477.40
5518	SJD Road Safety Project	250.00
5519-5521	Ruff & Ruby Workshops	300.00
5522-5571	Chester Youth ASB Project	2,500.00
5572-5581	Youthforia Project 2024	1,000.00
5582-5587	Cheshire FA Summer ASB Prevention	600.00
5588-5637	Drug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Project	4,000.00
5638-5687	OFL Crime Prevention Project	1,000.00
5688-5689	Ruff & Ruby Workshops	200.00
5690-5701	Warrington Gemini Shoplifting Project	550.00
5702-5711	DangerPoint Safety Visits	704.00
5712	Northwich Mini Police	40.00
5713-5762	Oakfield Lodge Education Project	1,000.00
5763-5792	Bollington & Macclesfield Sea Cadets	998.25
5793-5804	Halton Haven Young Person Project	500.00
5805-5808	Chester Crime Prevention	600.00
5809	Crewe Crucial Crew	300.00
5810-5819	Northwich Mini Police	500.00
5820-5821	CWaC Christmas Crime Prevention	400.00
5822-5824	Runcorn Christmas Crime Prevention	396.73
5825-5836	CEC Carers Project	990.50
5837-5838	Easter Crime Prevention - Northwich	200.00
5841-5852	Crewe Reach Project	1,000.00
5839-5840	Wharton Primary School Crime Prevention	200.00
5853-5856	Poynton Mini Police	142.50
<u>Total</u>		<u>24,716.38</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
6. Other costs		
Cheques written to fund prior year projects not cashed within 6 months of writing	-	(350)
Refreshments	-	97
	<u>-</u>	<u>(253)</u>
	2025 £	2024 £
7. Governance Costs		
Accountancy	1,150	1,074
	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,074</u>
8. Current assets	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	2,000	-
Prepayments	=	<u>2,000</u>
9. Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,098</u>