



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.01.2024** To **31.12.2024**

Charity name: **Gun Control Network**

Charity registration number: **1080791**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Advancement of Health or Saving of Lives
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We collect, analyse and publicise data about firearms misuse in the UK. We support those affected by gun violence. We liaise with police, MPs, government agencies, journalists and the general public to highlight deficiencies and loopholes in current firearms legislation. We campaign for gun licensing reform and tighter control on lethal and lookalike weapons in the interests of public safety.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We highly value the contribution made by volunteers, the Gun Control Network was first established in 1996 as a small voluntary organisation with 5 members / volunteers. GCN currently has 6 volunteers supporting us.
Other		<u>Historical context and developments</u> The Gun Control Network was established in 1996 following the terrible shootings of 16 children and their teacher in Dunblane. It was then, and remains to this day, the only national gun control campaign group in the UK. Since that time it has successfully campaigned for a complete ban on the civilian ownership and use of handguns in 1997, a ban on lookalike imitation guns in 2006, airgun licensing in Scotland in 2016, tougher licensing processes on shotguns 2020 to date, and full cost recovery licence fees in 2025. First established in 1996 as a small voluntary organisation with 5 members / volunteers. In 2020 GCN became a charity after the Charity Commission rules about campaigning activities changed.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><u>Activities</u></p> <p>The organisation has remained a small, informal, close knit group, some of whom have been affected by gun tragedies: all are completely committed to the goal of tighter control of guns. GCN manages and populates a website which produces the most comprehensive data on gun incidents in the country. It lobbies Ministers, journalists, MPs, civil servants, police and like minded groups on all matters related to gun control. It responds to media requests and to public approaches.</p> <p>In 2024 we have continued to capture and log details of all reports relating to gun incidents which come to our attention from media sources published in England Scotland and Wales. We extract data from these, identify trends and publish monthly reviews for Members of Parliament, the media, Police and Crime Commissioners, Councillors and others interested in our work. We have continued to raise awareness of public health and safety issues relating to gun misuse and have provided support, advice and networking opportunities to victims of gun misuse and their families.</p> <p>We have responded to requests from journalists, politicians, academics, students, documentary film makers, charities and those affected by gun misuse. We have provided data, comments, statements, interviews advice and information.</p> <p>We have provided support and advice to those affected by animal cruelty involving guns. We continue to redirect intelligence received from members of the public relating to the behaviour, physical and mental health of gun owners, inappropriate relationships between gun owners and police firearms licensing staff, poor governance of gun clubs, inadequate safety planning at shooting events and guns being offered for sale and other public safety concerns.</p> <p>We have engaged with the Home Office, MPs, The College of Policing, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services, META, Police and Crime Commissioners, charities, groups and organisations working to support those who have been impacted upon by domestic violence and those affected by shooting related animal cruelty. We have liaised nationally and internationally with others working on gun controls.</p> <p>Our activities over the year have involved the expansion and development of our website. We have welcomed new volunteers, and we continue to work in the interests of public safety, to prevent gun violence and save lives.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p><u>Website and funding</u></p> <p>For many years the website, and all administration, was managed on a voluntary basis and the organisation had little need for funds. Occasional sums were offered and accepted on an ad hoc basis for such things as travel expenses for meetings, stationery, communications etc.</p> <p>In 2002 a grant from was received from Northern Rock to cover the administration and support for the website. Occasional small grants were made until, in 2011, the Priory Foundation began its long lasting support of GCN which continues to this day. Another long lasting supporter was Sir Peter Lampl of the Sutton Trust who provided occasional funds for specific items such as a new website.</p> <p>The website is the main public facing element of GCN. It is used extensively by journalists and MPs.</p> <p>2024 was an exceptional year for GCN. We embedded our new website, we communicated with Ministers of the new government, we welcomed two new trustees. One of our long held campaigning objectives was introduced – namely the introduction of a proper firearms licence fee that was not taxpayer subsidised. Changing legislation takes time but we have shown over the last 29 years that a small organisation with limited funds and complete commitment to the cause, can bring about changes that have a lasting impact of public safety. The UK has some of the tightest gun controls in the world which is aligned with some of the lowest levels of gun crime. But shotgun licensing is still too weak and we are urging the government to remedy this. There is still work to be done.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Income in the year: £26,790 (2023: £20,066), all unrestricted. Expenditure in the year: £25,035 (2023: £24,642) made from unrestricted income funds.</p> <p>There was a small surplus at the end of the year of £1,755 (2023: deficit £4,576), this increased the charity's unrestricted general funds to £6,541 (2023: £4,786).</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	To advance the activities of the charity in the forthcoming year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,541 Unrestricted income funds
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Gun Control Network
Other name the charity uses	GCN
Registered charity number	1080791
Charity's principal address	11 Cloves Hill Morley Derbyshire DE76DH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gill Marshall Andrews	Chair of Trustees		
2	Michael James North			
3	Peter Squires		Appointed March 2024	
4	John Barnes		Appointed March 2024	
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Gill Marshall Andrews</i>	
Full name(s)	Gill Marshall Andrews	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	25 th October 2025	

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees of **The Gun Control Network, registered charity number 1080791** on my examination of the accounts for the year ended **31st December 2024**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

K R Moss

25th October 2025

Kathleen Moss ACMA, CGMA

Chartered Management Accountant



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Gun Control Network

No (if any)
1080791

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
1.1.24

To

31.12.24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Trust Donation	17,500	-	-	17,500	15,000
Individual Donations	8,000	-	-	8,000	5,000
Credit	40	-	-	40	-
HMRC Charities	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
Book royalties	-	-	-	-	66
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,790	-	-	26,790	20,066
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,790	-	-	26,790	20,066
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Freelance Co-ordinator	12,475	-	-	12,475	11,981
Freelance Data	9,008	-	-	9,008	10,501
website/IT	3,262	-	-	3,262	2,160
meeting	190	-	-	190	-
travel	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,035	-	-	25,035	24,642
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,035	-	-	25,035	24,642
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,755	-	-	1,755	-4,576
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,786	-	-	4,786	9,362
Cash funds this year end	6,541	-	-	6,541	4,786

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	6,541	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,541	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Gill Marshall Andrews	Gill Marshall Andrews	25th Oct 2025	