

Every Somerset Child's Ability Positively Encouraged

England & Wales · Charity number 1081446

Details

Other names	ENCOURAGING SPECIAL CHILDREN AND PARENTS EVERYWHERE, ESCAPE SUPPORT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2000-07-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AND CARERS AND THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN ORDER THAT THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED.

Activities: Providing support and activities for families with disabled children within the Somerset Area

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE SOMERSET.
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£236,771	£138,237	-	-
2024-03-31	£79,559	£98,716	-	-
2023-03-31	£101,849	£112,410	-	-
2022-03-31	£79,598	£55,434	-	-
2021-03-31	£90,853	£54,795	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Michelle Carden-Smith		2026-02-25
Chris Pearson		2019-11-19
Claire Marie Cole		2026-02-25
Jo Prewett		2017-06-15
Susan Verwey		2025-09-24

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	April	2024	31	March	2025	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

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	Sande Nuttall	Chair		
2	Chris Pearson	Treasurer		
3	Joanne Prewett	Safeguarding Lead		
4	Danielle Holbrook			
5	Sarah Gardener	Secretary		

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

ESCAPE recognises the need for families to have opportunities to spend quality time doing fun things together – not just the child with the disability. Families often find themselves, through no fault of their own, excluded, mis-understood, and, sometimes, subject to prejudice, simply because of the additional needs of their child(ren). We aim to redress that balance by empowering and enabling families - allowing them the opportunity to visit locations, experience events, and participate in activities which might otherwise be unavailable to them. Through doing this we are allowing the children the opportunity to experience a positive childhood where they are integrated fully, and are able to share experiences that will enhance and enrich their lives, which other children and families may take for granted. These activities boost morale, increase confidence and self-esteem, improve social skills, decrease behavioural difficulties and develop and strengthen friendships. Everything ESCAPE does is heavily subsidised – our aim is to cover 50%

of costs - to ensure affordability for everyone, and excellent value for money. These subsidies are made possible through ESCAPE's own fundraising, numerous grant applications and from the support of many local individuals and organisations. We often provide transport, including wheelchair accessible vehicles where required, to and from the locations ensuring the day is as stress free as possible for our members.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- * Weekly daytrips during school holidays – organised days out, usually with transport, allowing families to just come along and have a stress-free day out
- * Annual Special – a trip with overnight stays for the whole family – fully organised by Escape staff, again, taking the stress out of organising such events
- * Parent / carer weekend away – a chance to recharge and have some respite
- * The Hub Club – a monthly drop in group for families to access activities and share quality time
- * Monthly Coffee & Chats - for carers to share experiences, gain information, and make friends
- * Fortnightly exclusive swimming sessions – allowing children to enjoy their time in the pool without too many restrictions, so parents can relax.
- * Monthly Strike Out Club – siblings / young carers group, Teen Club – age 11 – 17 and Family Fun Club – for all the family that meet monthly – we do a variety of activities from paddleboarding, indoor video arcades, enjoy a game of bowling/trampolining, then go for tea and to socialise.
- * Occasional activities for carers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Since the last AGM, Escape visited various locations over the summer. Starting with a popular, well attended trip to Crealy, followed by an outing to Somerset Boat Centre, where families enjoyed time on the Bridgwater/Taunton canal, and a voucher towards their lunch, courtesy of our fundraising officer's continued efforts. We then had our Annual Special at Ashbury Manor Resorts, 2 nights away, Full board with lots of on-site activities for everyone to enjoy and a talent show in the evening. We then had a day visit to Magdelene Farm with the Just Act Natural funding. We also had private hire of Greenbank Outdoor pool which was an amazing hit with the families.

Our next trip took us to The Donkey Sanctuary and then we spent the afternoon at Exmouth beach. Our last outing took us to The Bristol Zoo Project in Bristol a great day for all. October half term saw us visit TimeWarp Arcade for our Family Fun Club and then a day trip to Legoland. This was a hugely popular trip and enjoyed by all who went.

In November we hosted our Christmas Fundraising Ball and raised an amazing £3000.

In December the children were then invited to attend Escape's Christmas party, which unfortunately was cancelled due to horrendous weather conditions, we then rearranged an After Xmas Party at the end of January, where the children were entertained by Crazy Kimmy and her disco.

We attended the The Macmillan Theatre in Bridgwater, it did not disappoint. Accessible to all, they put on a fantastic show, which proved to be very popular with our members – so we have rebooked for 2025.

We also took our Family Fun Club and visited Quayside Trampolining Centre for visit to Santa and a lot of bouncing. We took our Teen Club to the Harvest Moon and had a good old game of skittles with some buffet food. January's Family Fun Club was at Icescape, Weston Super Mare we all had a great time ice skating.

February half term saw many members attending another panto, this time courtesy of Creech & Ruishton Dramatic Society, who invite Escape to watch their dress rehearsal for free. Half term also saw Escape visit the newly reopened We The Curious, Bristol another great day out. We have Community Membership, which we have used once, not advertised due to logistics.

Carer's weekend was at the end of March and they visited Portsmouth for a great weekend.

The Exclusive Swimming sessions continue, and again have specific funding, due to the efforts of the staff to ensure Escape's founding activity continues.

There have been several "Coffee and Chat" events for carers which have been well attended, as well as "Park Meets" in the school holidays for Escape members to pop along and catch up with other members. These are well attended, and popular with members, having no cost, but boosting their social activity.

The Hub Club continues to grow, again, with a trip to Puxton Park in May, alongside its monthly meetings.

Strike Out club – a club for siblings and young carers, continues to prove popular, and then the arrival of two new groups Teen Club and Family Fun Club.

Since the last Committee meeting in January, there have been a lot of changes .. Teamleader has left. The Deputy Teamleader and Family Liaison Officer hours are now 21, and she continues to do a sterling job organising new members, and ensuring the website and social media pages are freshly updated with all that is going on, informing members how to book, and where to be on the day., along with taking on some of the Team Leaders roles.

Our Office Administrator and Fundraising Officer continues to work 21 hours a week, which includes the running of the popular Hub Club. They ensure, through numerous successful grant applications and networking meetings, that funds are continually sourced, allowing Escape to provide greatly subsidised outings and trips for all members along with taking on some of the Team Leader roles.

Escape's Finance & Bookings Officer hours continues to work 11 hours a week. This role involves all things monetary, from banking, to collecting and counting penny pots, through to the arduous annual accounts, alongside ensuring members have paid what is due, and invoices raised where necessary.

This temporary set up is working well, as 2 staff members are in the office during opening hours the majority of the time during term time, as first point of contact. The staff are extremely busy at present organising

the Annual Special and the Big Birthday party.

2024/2025 has been a fantastic year with plenty going on to keep Escape members busy.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Escape holds 6 months of reserves in a restricted account.



Section F Other optional information

See attached annual accounts.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	DANIELLE HOLBROOK	JOANNA PREWETT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	COMMITTEE MEMBER	 Committee member.
Date	09 - 01 - 2026	

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	138,237	-	138,237	106,568
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,065	71,469	-	98,534	- 19,157
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	99,870
Cash funds this year end	27,065	71,469	-	98,534	80,713

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	RBS	5,014	-	-
	Santander Current Account	16,390	23,737	
	Santander Reserve Account	-	23,116	-
	Santander Savings Account	-	110,991	-
	Total cash funds	21,404	157,844	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



		Escape Support Group	
		Treasurers Report	
2023/24	Opening Balances	2024/25	
£ 22,662.82	Santander Reserve	£ 22,877.10	
£ 38,640.79	Santander Current	£ 16,430.91	
£ 35,534.72	Santander Savings	£ 35,639.29	
£ 3,032.04	RBS	£ 5,765.98	
£ 99,870.37		£ 80,713.28	
£ 98,715.86	Escape Expenditure	£ 138,236.76	
£ 57,537.66	Escape Income	£191,363.00	
£ 22,021.11	Contributions received from members	£45,408.54	
-£ 19,157.09	Net Income / Expenditure	£ 98,534.78	
£ 80,713.28	Closing Balances	£ 179,248.06	
£ 22,877.10	Santander Reserve	£ 23,116.46	
£ 16,430.91	Santander Current	£ 40,126.48	
£ 35,639.29	Santander Savings	£ 110,991.26	
£ 5,765.98	RBS	£ 5,013.86	
£ 80,713.28		£ 179,248.06	

INDEPENDENT VERIFIER

SIGNED *[Signature]* NAME *A. DEWBERRY - CASE F.C.C.A* DATE *27/05/2025*

TREASURER

SIGNED *[Signature]* NAME *C. PEARSON* DATE *3/6/25*

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Annual General Meeting 20.06.2024

Chairperson's Report

Thank you everyone for attending the AGM. I would also like to particularly thank Sarah for providing a draft of this report which is the first one I have submitted as Chair.

2023/24 has been a busy year for Escape, with plenty going on. I'd like to pass on our gratitude to our hard working team in the office, Sarah, Ange, Kirsty and Debbie. As in previous years we, as a committee, have had to have very little input into the day to day running of the charity this past year, due to the staff's established roles, individual expertise and teamwork. Nevertheless, committee have been made aware of any more complex situations where support, approval or advice was helpful. Committee are very grateful for the hard work and dedication shown by the team to their work and the member families we serve.

Over the past year the team have continued to work tirelessly to ensure Escape has funds available, to be able to provide the high quality and wide-ranging opportunities to the members that it does.

Ang continues to do an excellent job of keeping on top of the finances, ensuring the accounts are up to date, and members pay all that is owing on time (also thanks to the online booking system). She is the first point of call regarding bookings, and continues to offer support to members as necessary. Thanks must go to Bryce Clark, a local accountant, for his proficiency in verifying the accounts for Escape, and to Chris Pearson, our treasurer, for overseeing them throughout the year. They continue to look very healthy.

Ang has, this year, been able to attend trips due to a change in her personal circumstances. It has been great to see her on the coaches, putting faces to names she has spoken to over the years.

Kirsty continues to be key in maintaining the website, and the introduction of online bookings for trips continues to allow the team to concentrate on other aspects of work. I'd like to thank Kirsty for her commitment to this task as it is looking great, as do all the posters and logos for all the new activities.

Thanks must go to Debbie for her continued hard work in ensuring the healthy accounts remain the way they do, with time committed weekly to grant applications – sometimes a repetitive task, but one that ensures Escape is able to offer the opportunities it does to all its members. As we can see from the statements, this is a role she has excelled herself in, so we thank and congratulate her for that. The Hub Club continues to run on a monthly basis, under Debbie's management with assistance from Kirsty, thanks to a grant Debbie secured after our Children in Need funds ended. Thanks go to both staff for ensuring the children and families who attend have a varied programme of activities.

Debbie continues to organise and attend the very successful monthly “Strike Out Club” bowling club, especially for siblings/young carers. This has been popular and well-supported.

The Exclusive Swimming sessions continue, and again have specific funding, due to the efforts of the staff to ensure Escape’s founding activity continues.

Debbie and Kirsty have also organised several “Coffee and Chat” events for carers which have been well attended, as well as “Park Meets” in the school holidays for Escape members to pop along and catch up with other members. These have also been a welcome addition to our ESCAPE offer.

Sarah continues to oversee the day to day running of the charity and management of staff. She has ensured that workloads remain appropriate, staff get paid on time, and any issues that may arise are dealt with efficiently, alongside helping organise the trips and activities on offer. We thank her for her dedication to the charity’s organisation.

I would also like to thank our committee for continuing to offer their time to support Escape alongside me, the Chair – Jo (who takes Safeguarding lead), Chris (Treasurer as mentioned), and Dani, who stepped down as chair earlier this financial year, but continues to offer support as required.

Thanks also go to everyone who has helped fundraise throughout the past year, staff, members and volunteers alike. Without these valuable efforts, Escape would not be able to do what it does so well. Thanks especially to one of our members, Martin, and staff member Sarah, both doing a parachute jump to raise almost £2500, and past member Jo, who did a sponsored triathlon on behalf of Escape, raising over £500. Fantastic efforts all round. To anyone I’ve missed (apologies) I also pass on our thanks.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members and their amazing children who inspire us every day and make the roles in ESCAPE so satisfying for staff, volunteers and committee members. We hope we have made a real difference in their lives.

Over the coming year we look forward to more days out and I hope more memories are made together. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Escape events throughout the coming year.

Signed Adriano Mitchell

Position Chair

Date June 20th 2024



Charity Name		No (if any)	
ESCAPE SUPPORT GROUP			
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	4/1/2023		3/31/2024

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					
Membership fees	5,079	-	-	5,079	5,852
Bank interest	380	-	-	380	69
Own fundraising	6,027	-	-	6,027	12,359
Grant income	-	33,167	-	33,167	44,298
Donations	11,558	-	-	11,558	7,530
Gift aid	1,287	-	-	1,287	
Membership credits	-	40	-	40	
	-	-	-	-	
Total income	24,331	33,207	-	57,538	70,107
Member contributions to trips & events	-	26,900	-	26,900	27,277
Member contributions to carer's trips & events	-	2,375	-	2,375	3,884
Member contributions to swimming	-	598	-	598	581
Total membership contributions	-	29,873	-	29,873	31,742
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,331	63,080	-	87,411	101,849
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,331	63,080	-	87,411	101,849
A3 Payments					
Trip & event costs	-	51,026	-	51,026	56,236
Strike out club salary / pension	-	1,096	-	1,096	-
Carer's trips & event costs	-	3,801	-	3,801	6,823
Swimming costs	-	1,681	-	1,681	1,248
Hub club costs	-	1,817	-	1,817	2,860
Hub club salary / pension	-	1,911	-	1,911	2,255
Total activity costs	-	61,332	-	61,332	69,422
Fundraising costs	1,786	-	-	1,786	4,449
Rent	-	6,200	-	6,200	5,400
Electricity	-	417	-	417	503
Staff salaries	-	32,134	-	32,134	29,363
Employers NI & tax	-	1,039	-	1,039	394
Employers pensions	-	1,014	-	1,014	628
Phone / mobile / broadband	-	661	-	661	598
Stationery	-	11	-	11	125
Office costs	-	652	-	652	159
Insurance	-	746	-	746	649
Training	-	48	-	48	
Sundry expenses	-	338	-	338	0
Computer & IT fees	-	434	-	434	410
Staff / committee expenses	-	433	-	433	309
Total core costs	-	43,450	-	43,450	38,539
Sub total	1,786	104,782	-	106,568	112,410
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

<i>Total payments</i>	1,786	104,782	-	106,568	112,410
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	22,545	- 41,702	-	- 19,157	- 10,561
A5 Transfers between funds	- 15	15	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,673	58,198	-	99,870	110,432
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	64,203	16,510	-	80,713	99,870

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	RBS Bank Account	4,566	1,200	
	Santander Current Account	11,944	4,487	
	Santander Reserve Account	-	22,877	
	Santander Savings Account	-	35,639	
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	Total cash funds	16,510	64,203	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



2022/23		2023/24	
Escape Support Group			
Treasurers Report			
Opening Balances		2023/24	
£	17,610.08	Santander Reserve	£ 22,662.82
£	45,455.94	Santander Current	£ 38,640.79
£	45,632.42	Santander Savings	£ 35,534.72
£	1,733.17	RBS	£ 3,032.04
£	110,431.61		£ 99,870.37
-£	112,410.09	Escape Expenditure	-£ 98,715.86
£	101,848.85	Escape Income	£ 79,558.77
-£	10,561.24	Net Income / Expenditure	-£ 19,157.09
Closing Balances		2023/24	
£	99,870.37		£ 80,713.28
£	22,662.82	Santander Reserve	£ 22,877.10
£	38,640.79	Santander Current	£ 16,430.91
£	35,534.72	Santander Savings	£ 35,639.29
£	3,032.04	RBS	£ 5,765.98
£	99,870.37		£ 80,713.28

INDEPENDENT VERIFIER

SIGNED *[Signature]* NAME *Byce Clark ACA* DATE *17/6/2024*

TREASURER

SIGNED *[Signature]* NAME *C. PEANSON* DATE *20/6/24*

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Annual General Meeting 21.06.2023

Chairperson's Report

I would like to start by thanking you all for coming along this evening.

2022/23 has been a busy year for Escape, with plenty going on, so I'd like to firstly pass on our gratitude to our hard working ladies in the office, Sarah, Ange, Kirsty and Debbie. We, as a committee, have had to have very little input into the day to day running of the charity this past year, now that we are back to "normal" working, due to the staff's great teamwork and support for each other, ensuring Escape does what it does best for all its members without any behind the scenes issues. They are a great team, and I want them to know their hard work is noticed by many, and appreciated by all Escape members.

So, what have they been up to this year?

Kirsty has been key in maintaining the website, and the introduction of online bookings for trips has enabled the team to concentrate on other aspects of work. I'd like to thank Kirsty for her commitment to this task as it is looking great, and as a parent, I find it so much easier to be able to look through the activities on offer and book at my own convenience, being able to spread the costs, and not be restricted to office hours. A great improvement.

Ang, having had a couple of weeks off due to hip replacement surgery, is now back to work, having spent time working on the annual accounts whilst recovering from home – real commitment to the job. Thanks must go to Bryce Clark, a local accountant, for his proficiency in verifying the accounts for Escape, and to Chris Pearson, our treasurer, for overseeing them throughout the year. They continue to look very healthy. Thank you to Ang for her time and efforts on this arduous task, as well as overseeing the bookings, and ensuring the trips go as smoothly as possible. I understand Ang's circumstances have changed, which will enable her join the other staff members on daytrips on the coaches, so we look forward to seeing more of her out and about.

Thanks must go to Debbie for her continued hard work in ensuring the healthy accounts remain the way they do, with time committed weekly to grant applications – sometimes a repetitive task, but one that ensures Escape is able to offer the opportunities it does to all its members. Unfortunately, Escape's Children in Need funding ceased this year, but due to Debbie's persistence in finding grants, the Hub Club continues to run on a monthly basis, under Debbie's management with assistance from Kirsty. Thanks go to both staff for ensuring the children and families who attend have a varied programme of activities.

Since the last AGM Debbie has organised the monthly "Strike Out Club" bowling club, especially for siblings/young carers. This again has specific funding sourced by Debbie. Well done.

The Exclusive Swimming sessions continue, and again have specific funding, due to the efforts of the staff to ensure Escape's founding activity continues.

Debbie and Kirsty have also organised several "Coffee and Chat" events for carers which have been well attended, as well as "Park Meets" in the school holidays for Escape members to pop along and catch up with other members. These have also been a welcome addition to all Escape has to offer.

Since April, following our last Committee meeting, as agreed, Sarah has upped her managerial hours from 10 to 12 a week, whilst Debbie's Office Administrator and Fundraising Officer hours have raised from 18 hours to 19.5 a week, due to the additional Hub Club hours. Kirsty's Deputy Teamleader and Family Liaison Officer hours remain at 18, and Ang's Finance Officer hours remain at 11 a week. This is working well, as Kirsty and Debbie are both in the office during opening hours in term time, as first point of contact. Sarah continues to oversee the day to day running of the charity and staff, ensuring everyone is satisfied with their workload within their roles, staff get paid on time, and any issues that may arise are dealt with efficiently. This arrangement is working well for all involved.

I would also like to thank our committee for continuing to offer their time to support Escape alongside me, the Chair – Jo Prewett (who takes Safeguarding lead), Sande Nuttal (Secretary), Chris (Treasurer as mentioned), and Rose Cowin, who we said goodbye to earlier this year. Rose had been secretary for a while, having previously chaired Escape, but due to family commitments has now stepped down from the committee. We would like to extend our thanks to her for offering her time, and her support throughout the years, especially Covid and more difficult times.

Thanks also go to everyone who has helped fundraise throughout the past year, staff, members and volunteers alike. Without these valuable efforts, Escape would not be able to do what it does so well. Thanks to the success of the ball organised last December over £5000 was raised. The total for the year, including the festivals, carnivals and events the staff and members attended raised over £12,000. A great achievement.

And finally, I would like to thank all our members and amazing children who inspire us every day.

Over the coming year we look forward to more days out and I hope more memories are made together. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Escape events throughout the coming year.

Signed

Position

Date



2021/22		2022/23	Un Restricted	Restricted	Restricted
All Funds	Income From Generated Funds	All Funds	Funds	Trip Funds	Core Cost Funds
£ 3,625.18	Membership Fees	£ 5,851.57	£ 5,851.57		
£ 24.85	Bank Interest	£ 68.81	£ 68.81		
£ 2,326.42	Own Fundraising	£ 12,359.02	£ 12,359.02		
£ 9,207.11	Trips & event fees	£ 27,276.78		£ 27,276.78	
£ 226.53	Swimming Fees	£ 580.68		£ 580.68	
£ 3,704.75	Carers Trip & event fees	£ 3,884.21		£ 3,884.21	
£ 42,315.00	Income from grant making trusts	£ 44,297.82		£ 34,306.82	£ 9,991.00
£ 13,179.66	Income from Covid Relating Grants				
£ 4,989.17	Donations	£ 7,529.96	£ 7,529.96		
£ 79,598.67	Total Income	£ 101,848.85	£ 25,809.36	£ 66,048.49	£ 9,991.00
	Activities Expenditure				
£ 5,539.62	Trip & Event Costs	£ 56,235.65		£ 56,235.65	
£ 8,401.60	Carers trip & event costs	£ 6,822.95		£ 6,822.95	
£ 1,947.75	Hub Club Costs	£ 2,860.43		£ 2,860.43	
£ 969.10	Hub Club Salary and Pension	£ 2,255.48		£ 2,255.48	
£ 605.00	Swimming Costs	£ 1,247.71		£ 1,247.71	
£ 17,463.07	Total Activities Expenditure	£ 69,422.22		£ 69,422.22	
£ 618.04	Fundraising Expenditure	£ 4,449.30	£ 4,449.30		
	Core Costs				
£ 3,600.00	Rent	£ 5,400.00			£ 5,400.00
£ 282.30	Electricity	£ 502.91			£ 502.91
£ 27,511.36	Staff salaries	£ 29,363.10			£ 29,363.10
£ 682.16	Employers Tax & NIC	£ 393.96			£ 393.96
£ 565.74	Employers pension	£ 628.07			£ 628.07
£ 546.39	Phone / Broadband / Mobile	£ 597.90			£ 597.90
£ 13.02	Newsletter / Stationery / post	£ 124.71			£ 124.71
£ 161.81	Marketing				
£ 423.76	Office costs	£ 159.44			£ 159.44
£ 648.08	Insurance	£ 649.32			£ 649.32
£ 209.10	DBS Checks				£ 9.90
-£ 30.35	Sundry Expenses	£ 0.49			-£ 3.41
£ 2,704.33	Computer & IT Fees	£ 409.89			£ 409.89
£ 35.25	Staff / Committee expenses	£ 308.78			£ 308.78
	Volunteer Expenses				
£ 37,352.95	Total Core Costs	£ 38,538.57			
£ 54,816.02	Total Expenditure	£ 112,410.09	£ 4,449.30	£ 69,422.22	£ 38,544.57



		Escape Support Group			
		Treasurers Report			
2021/22		Opening Balances		2022/23	
£	17,608.33	Santander Reserve	£	17,610.08	
£	32,243.21	Santander Current	£	45,455.94	
£	35,609.88	Santander Savings	£	45,632.42	
£	805.58	RBS	£	1,733.17	
£	86,267.00		£	110,431.61	
£	79,598.67	Total Income	£	101,848.85	
-£	55,434.06	Total Expenditure	-£	112,410.09	
£	24,164.61	Net Income / Expenditure	-£	10,561.24	
£	110,431.61	Closing Balances	£	99,870.37	
£	17,610.08	Santander Reserve	£	22,662.82	
£	45,455.94	Santander Current	£	38,640.79	
£	45,632.42	Santander Savings	£	35,534.72	
£	1,733.17	RBS	£	3,032.04	
£	110,431.61		£	99,870.37	
INDEPENDENT VERIFIER					
Signed <i>B. Clark</i> Name <i>B. Clark</i> Date <i>19/6/2023</i>					
TREASURER					
Signed <i>C Pearson</i> Name <i>C PEARSON</i> Date <i>19/6/23</i>					

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Annual General Meeting 06.06.2022

Chairperson's Report

Welcome and thank you for coming this evening.

I would like to start by thanking our hard working ladies in the office, Sarah, Ange, Kirsty and Debbie. This is the first AGM since Debbie started in January 2020 as Fundraising Officer, the charity having had to cease trading from March 2020 until September 2021 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. I therefore welcome Debbie officially to the Escape team.

During the pandemic, due to staff being unable to "work" whilst on furlough, it was down to the committee to undertake certain tasks, which included applying for Covid grants. I am pleased to say we were successful in doing, so helping secure Escape's future. Thank you to all involved in those grant applications.

June 2020 saw Escape turn 20. Unfortunately, we were unable to celebrate, but there is a party organised for June 18th this year - a couple of years late - but very much worth celebrating. We hope to see as many members as possible at this celebration of achievements.

Since their return in September, having been furloughed since March 2020, the ladies have worked really hard to organise a wide range of trips, as well as constantly applying for funding to make it all happen. Having spent the first 3 months of her role from January to March 2020 helping to organise the Disney trip, which was, sadly, later cancelled, Debbie has since proven herself to be very successful at grant applications, with a total of £37,000 plus awarded since September 2021. This has allowed Escape to provide hugely subsidised trips to Crealy in half term, hold a Christmas Party, go to a pantomime in Bristol at Christmas, visit We The Curious in February, as well as Cadbury World and Puxton Park over the Easter holidays, alongside providing carers with a weekend in Bournemouth.

Kirsty has been key in updating the website, introducing online bookings for trips, enabling the staff to concentrate on other areas. I'd like to thank Kirsty for her commitment to this task as it is looking great.

Ang continues to be our numbers lady and has spent time working on the annual accounts, which are looking very healthy. Thank you to Ang for her time and efforts on this arduous task.

Thanks to Children in Need, the Hub Club picked up where it left off, and continues to run on a monthly basis, initially under Kirsty's management with assistance from

Debbie. Some of the events included an icing cakes workshop, a visit from SASP, making bird feeders and Easter egg hunts.

Alongside this, Kirsty has organised several coffee and chat events for carers which have been well attended.

Since April Sarah has reduced her managerial hours to 10 a week, whilst Debbie's hours have raised from 12 to 18 hours, and Kirsty to 18 from 17.5. Ang has taken on an extra hour a week, now doing 11. This means Kirsty and Debbie are both now in the office during opening hours in term time, as first point of contact. Both are now covering Family Liaison, and Debbie now manages the Hub Club, whilst Kirsty provides support. Debbie continues to be in charge of fundraising and grant applications, whilst Kirsty oversees membership and website content. Ang continues to organise tickets for trips, along with Sarah, as well as overseeing all things to do with finances. Sarah now oversees the day to day running of the charity, with less responsibility for sourcing funding due to the implementation of the Fundraising officer role, Debbie. This arrangement, to date, appears to be working well for all involved.

I would like to thank our committee for giving up their time to serve on the committee. We said goodbye to Kyla Chugg this year. Kyla had been secretary for a few years, but due to family commitments has now stepped down from the committee. We would like to extend our thanks to her for offering her time, and for the amazing grotto she made for Santa at our Christmas party.

Thanks also go to everyone who has fundraised throughout the past 2 years. Without these valuable efforts, we would not be able to do what we do so well. Thanks to the success of the previous ball in 2019 where over £5000 was raised, the ladies have organised another one in December, so please do buy your ticket. It will be a good night.

And finally, I would like to thank all our members and amazing children who inspire us every day.

Over the coming year we look forward to more days out and I hope more memories are made together. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Escape events throughout the coming year.

Signed

Position

Date

Monthly P&L Report for Escape Support Group

For Period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

Turnover

195 Bank Interest
160 Carers Trip & event fees
115 Covid Support Grants
130 Donations
110 Grants
100 Membership Fees
120 Own Fundraising
170 Swimming Fees
150 Trips
TOTAL

Less Cost of Sales:

16005 Carers trip & event costs
16200 fundraising Costs
16100 Hub Club Costs Costs
16110 hub Club Salary
16300 Swimming Costs
16000 Trip & Event Costs
TOTAL

GROSS PROFIT:

Less Expenses:

27900 Computer & IT Fees
2701 DBS Checks
23301 Electricity
25700 Employers pension
25600 Employers Tax & NIC
26702 Insurance
26500 Marketing
26705 Office costs
26300 Phone / Broadband / Mobile
26401 Postage
22700 Rent
28000 Staff / Committee expenses
25500 Staff salaries
27600 Sundry Expenses
TOTAL

NET PROFIT:

Apr '21	May '21	Jun '21	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21
£ 23.00					
£ 4,135.00		£ 2,071.00	£ 3,923.00		£ 3,051.00
£ 7.00	£ 257.00	£ 7.00	£ 3,007.00	£ 7.00	£ 7.00
				£ 10,000.00	
£ 187.00	£ 58.00	£ 62.00	£ 42.00	£ 71.00	£ 810.00
					£ 114.00
					£ 144.00
£ 4,352.00	£ 315.00	£ 2,140.00	£ 6,973.00	£ 10,078.00	£ 4,126.00
£ 20.00	£ 6.00	£ 20.00			£ 35.00
		£ 35.00	£ 1,379.00		
£ 20.00	£ 6.00	£ 55.00	£ 1,379.00	£ -	£ 35.00
£ 4,332.00	£ 309.00	£ 2,085.00	£ 5,594.00	£ 10,078.00	£ 4,091.00
£ 36.00	£ 36.00	£ 38.00	£ 38.00	£ 1,629.00	£ 178.00
£ 42.00	£ 42.00	£ 42.00	£ 44.00	£ 44.00	£ 50.00
£ 69.00	£ 67.00	£ 68.00	£ 79.00	£ 76.00	£ 114.00
			£ 648.00		
					£ 143.00
£ 46.00	£ 46.00	£ 46.00	£ 46.00	£ 46.00	£ 46.00
					£ 13.00
				£ 450.00	£ 450.00
£ 2,083.00	£ 2,092.00	£ 2,098.00	£ 2,250.00	£ 2,139.00	£ 2,456.00
	-£ 125.00		-£ 76.00		
£ 2,275.00	£ 2,158.00	£ 2,291.00	£ 3,029.00	£ 4,384.00	£ 3,450.00

£ 2,057.00 -£ 1,849.00 -£ 206.00 £ 2,565.00 £ 5,694.00 £ 641.00

Oct '21	Nov '21	Dec '21	Jan '22	Feb '22	Mar '22
£ 15.00	£ 321.00	£ 957.00	£ 499.00	£ 1,016.00	£ 897.00
£ 371.00	£ 36.00	£ 67.00	£ 211.00	£ 95.00	£ 917.00
	£ 1,300.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 13,015.00		£ 8,000.00
£ 633.00	£ 248.00	£ 30.00	£ 37.00	£ 52.00	£ 1,815.00
£ 82.00	£ 581.00	£ 233.00	£ 471.00	£ 176.00	£ 250.00
			£ 91.00	£ 77.00	£ 59.00
£ 670.00	£ 1,319.00	£ 839.00	£ 450.00	£ 3,060.00	£ 2,725.00
£ 1,771.00	£ 3,805.00	£ 12,126.00	£ 14,775.00	£ 4,476.00	£ 14,664.00
		£ 463.00		£ 15.00	£ 7,924.00
£ 15.00	£ 38.00	£ 18.00	£ 20.00	£ 23.00	£ 424.00
£ 50.00	£ 393.00	£ 924.00	£ 382.00		£ 199.00
					£ 969.00
	£ 220.00	£ 55.00	£ 110.00	£ 110.00	£ 110.00
£ 788.00	£ 450.00	£ 606.00	£ 515.00	£ 1,361.00	£ 405.00
£ 853.00	£ 1,101.00	£ 2,065.00	£ 1,027.00	£ 1,509.00	£ 10,031.00
£ 918.00	£ 2,704.00	£ 10,061.00	£ 13,748.00	£ 2,967.00	£ 4,633.00
£ 38.00	£ 38.00	£ 22.00	£ 593.00		£ 58.00
		£ 120.00	£ 70.00	£ 20.00	
£ 14.00	£ 31.00	£ 137.00		£ 36.00	£ 65.00
£ 52.00	£ 52.00	£ 52.00	£ 52.00		£ 94.00
£ 101.00	£ 108.00				
	£ 141.00	£ 2.00	£ 20.00		
£ 83.00	£ 145.00	£ 1.00	£ 17.00	£ 28.00	£ 9.00
£ 46.00	£ 46.00	£ 46.00	£ 46.00	£ 48.00	£ 41.00
£ 450.00	£ 450.00	£ 450.00	£ 450.00	£ 450.00	£ 450.00
					£ 35.00
£ 2,347.00	£ 2,112.00	£ 3,509.00	£ 2,588.00	£ 2,568.00	£ 1,269.00
-£ 50.00					£ 221.00
£ 3,080.00	£ 3,122.00	£ 4,337.00	£ 3,835.00	£ 3,149.00	£ 2,242.00

-£ 2,162.00 -£ 418.00 £ 5,724.00 £ 9,913.00 -£ 182.00 £ 2,391.00

TOTAL

£ 23.00
£ 3,705.00
£ 13,180.00
£ 4,989.00
£ 42,315.00
£ 3,625.00
£ 2,327.00
£ 227.00
£ 9,207.00
£ 79,601.00

£ 8,402.00
£ 619.00
£ 1,948.00
£ 969.00
£ 605.00
£ 5,539.00
£ 18,081.00

£ 61,520.00

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£ 283.00
£ 566.00
£ 682.00
£ 648.00
£ 163.00
£ 426.00
£ 549.00
£ 13.00
£ 3,600.00
£ 35.00
£ 27,511.00
-£ 30.00
£ 37,352.00

£ 24,168.00



		Escape Support Group			
		Treasurers Report			
2020/21		Opening Balances		2021/22	
£	17,574.25	Santander Reserve	£	17,608.33	
£	9,293.34	Santander Current	£	32,243.21	
£	23,034.28	Santander Savings	£	35,609.88	
£	307.16	RBS	£	805.58	
£	50,209.03		£	86,267.00	
£	90,853.02	Total Income	£	79,598.67	
-£	54,795.05	Total Expenditure	-£	55,434.06	
£	36,057.97	Net Income / Expenditure	£	24,164.61	
£	86,267.00	Closing Balances	£	110,431.61	
£	17,608.33	Santander Reserve	£	17,610.08	
£	32,243.21	Santander Current	£	45,455.94	
£	35,609.88	Santander Savings	£	45,632.42	
£	805.58	RBS	£	1,733.17	
£	86,267.00		£	110,431.61	
INDEPENDENT VERIFIER					
Signed <i>Bryce Clark</i> Name <i>Bryce Clark</i> Date <i>6/6/2022</i>					
TREASURER					
Signed <i>C. Peim</i> Name <i>C. Peim</i> Date <i>6/6/22</i>					

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REPORT

Accounts April 2020 – March 2021

Escape ceased trading due to the Covid pandemic from Wednesday 18th March 2020 to 5th October 2021.

The accounts reflect this as there is no expenditure for trips organised, only refunds for cancelled activities.

The only outgoings were rent and utilities for the office space (the office was sublet from October 2020 to July 2021), wages (which were covered by HMRC Furlough payments) employers tax & pensions payments, insurance, mobile phone and wifi accounts package payments, stamps to send members Christmas cards, and a staff team Christmas lunch to maintain contact.

Income was from grants (some restricted), donations, membership payments, and bank interest. There were no fundraising activities carried out by Escape.



2019/20		Income	
All Funds	Code	Income From Generated Funds	
£ 4,806.84		100	Membership Fees
£ 142.29		195	Bank Interest
£ 7,473.08		120	Own Fundraising
			Refund from Cogo Travel Disney
£ 50,305.69		150	Trips & event fees
£ 226.00		170	Swimming Fees
£ 2,821.25		160	Carers Trip & event fees
			Refund from Hub Club
£ 55,838.29		110	Income from grant making trusts
			Income from Covid Relating Grants
£ 6,079.76		130	Donations
£ 573.74		140	Misc.
			Members Credit
			Gift Aid
£ 128,266.94	Total Income		Total Income
	Cost of Trips		Trips Expenditure
£ 1,450.97		16200	fundraising Costs
£ 66,412.64		16000	Trip & Event Costs
			Trip & Event Refunds
£ 7,425.00		16005	Carers trip & event costs
			Carers trip & event refunds
£ 2,177.86		16100	Hub Club Costs
£ 1,384.80		16110	Hub Club Salary
£ 2,325.00		16300	Swimming Costs
			grant repayment
£ 81,176.27	Total Cost Of Trips		Total Trips Expenditure
	LESS EXPENSES		Core Costs
£ 5,400.00		22700	Rent
£ 688.94		23301	Electricity
£ 27,033.51		25500	Staff salaries
£ 472.40		25600	Employers Tax & NIC
£ 481.46		25700	Employers pension
£ 651.38		26300	Phone / Broadband / Mobile

£	419.14	26402	Newsletter / Stationery / post
£	19.50	26500	Marketing
£	299.72	26705	Office costs
£	600.76	27002	Insurance
£	60.00	27500	Training
£	366.16	27600	Sundry Expenses
£	367.09	27900	Computer & IT Fees
£	1,352.96	28000	Staff / Committee expenses
		28100	Volunteer Expenses
£	38,213.02	Total Expenses	Total Core Costs
£	119,389.29		Total Expenditure

2020/21		Un Restricted		Restricted		Restricted
All Funds		Funds		Funds		Salary Funds
£ 461.50		£ 461.50				
£ 109.91		£ 109.91				
£ 4,508.53		£ 4,508.53				
£ 14,500.00				£ 14,500.00		
£ 3,709.00				£ 3,709.00		
£ 310.00				£ 310.00		
£ 17,122.00				£ 17,122.00		
£ 44,217.49				£ 44,217.49		
£ 5,263.07		£ 5,263.07				
£ 651.52		£ 651.52				
£ 90,853.02		£ 10,994.53		£ 79,858.49		
£ 350.00		£ 350.00				
£ 21,106.00				£ 21,106.00		
£ 506.00				£ 506.00		
£ 250.00				£ 250.00		
£ 700.00				£ 700.00		
£ 22,912.00		£ 350.00		£ 22,562.00		
£ 2,700.00						
£ 161.57						
£ 25,599.71						£ 25,599.71
£ 1,145.41						£ 1,145.41
£ 526.17						£ 526.17
£ 549.60		£ 549.60				

£ 129.90		£ 129.90				
£ 600.76		£ 600.76				
£ 36.00		£ 36.00				
£ 433.93		£ 433.93				
£ 31,883.05		£ 1,750.19		£ -		£ 27,271.29
£ 54,795.05		£ 2,100.19		£ 22,562.00		£ 27,271.29



Escape Support Group		
Treasurers Report		
2019/20	Opening Balances	2020/21
£17,468.93	Santander Reserve	£ 17,574.25
£17,084.12	Santander Current	£ 9,293.34
£6,778.18	Santander Savings	£ 23,034.28
£0.15	RBS	£ 307.16
£41,331.38		£ 50,209.03
£128,266.94	Total Income	£ 90,853.02
-£119,389.29	Total Expenditure	-£ 54,795.05
£8,877.65	Net Income / Expenditure	£ 36,057.97
£50,209.03	Closing Balances	£ 86,267.00
£17,574.25	Santander Reserve	£ 17,608.33
£9,293.34	Santander Current	£ 32,243.21
£23,034.28	Santander Savings	£ 35,609.88
£307.16	RBS	£ 805.58
£50,209.03		£ 86,267.00
INDEPENDENT VERIFIER		
Signed <i>Bryce K. Clark</i>	Name <i>B.R. Clark</i>	Date <i>10/9/2021</i>
<i>ACA</i>		
TREASURER		
Signed ... <i>C. Pearson</i> ...	Name <i>C. PEARSON</i>	Date <i>2nd 10/21</i>