



## **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.

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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		
<b>£ 79,598.67</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 101,848.85</b>	<b>£ 25,809.36</b>	<b>£ 66,048.49</b>	<b>£ 9,991.00</b>
	<b>Activities Expenditure</b>				
£ 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	
<b>£ 17,463.07</b>	<b>Total Activities Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 69,422.22</b>		<b>£ 69,422.22</b>	
<b>£ 618.04</b>	<b>Fundraising Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 4,449.30</b>	<b>£ 4,449.30</b>		
	<b>Core Costs</b>				
£ 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				
<b>£ 37,352.95</b>	<b>Total Core Costs</b>	<b>£ 38,538.57</b>			
<b>£ 54,816.02</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 112,410.09</b>	<b>£ 4,449.30</b>	<b>£ 69,422.22</b>	<b>£ 38,544.57</b>



		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>					
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