



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 
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

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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	
		-		-
	Total cash funds	16,510	64,203	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 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		
2022/23	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
£ 99,870.37	Closing Balances	£ 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 <i>[Signature]</i>	NAME <i>Byrce Clark ACA</i>	DATE <i>17/6/2024</i>
TREASURER		
SIGNED <i>C Pearson</i>	NAME <i>C PEARSON</i>	DATE <i>20/6/24</i>