



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date				
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
<b>From</b>		01	April	2024	<b>To</b>		31	March	2025

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Escape Support Group		
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	Every Somerset Child's Ability Positively Encouraged		
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1081446		
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Unit H, Creech Business Park, Mill Lane, Creech St Michael, Taunton Somerset <b>Postcode</b> TA3 5PX		

#### 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

<b>Type of governing document</b> (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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### 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%



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)

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.

- \* 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 Krazy 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 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	
Date	09-01-2026	Committee member.



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

4/1/2024

To

3/31/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	6,354	-	-	6,354	5,079
Bank Interest	662	-	-	662	380
Own Fundraising	10,538	-	-	10,538	6,027
Grant Income	-	164,298	-	164,298	33,167
Donations	9,511	-	-	9,511	11,558
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,287
Member Credits	-	-	-	-	40
					-
Total Income	27,065	164,298			57,538
Member Contributions		45,408			29,873
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	27,065	209,706	-	236,771	87,411
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	27,065	209,706	-	236,771	87,411
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Trip/Event Costs	-	60,701		60,701	54,827
Clubs	-	10,553		10,553	4,824
Swimming	-	1,952		1,952	1,681
	-	-		-	-
<b>Total Activity Costs</b>	-	73,206		73,206	61,332
	-	-		-	-
Fundraising costs		5,860		5,860	1,786
Rent		6,600		6,600	6,200
Electricity		1,271		1,271	417
Salaries		42,335		42,335	32,134
NI & Tax		1,958		1,958	1,039
Pensions		2,538		2,538	1,014
Phone/mobile/broadband		590		590	661
Stationery		138		138	11
General Office Costs		1,377		1,377	652
Insurance		799		799	746
Training	-	396		396	48
Sundry Expenses	-	66		66	- 338
Computer and IT Fees	-	451		451	434
Advertising/Promotional		489		489	
Staff/Committee Expenses		163		163	433
Total Core Costs		59,171		59,171	43,450
<b>Sub total</b>	-	138,237		138,237	106,568
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	

	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	138,237	-	138,237	106,568
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	27,065	71,469	-	98,534	- 19,157
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	99,870
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	RBS	5,014	-	-
	Santander Current Account	16,390	23,737	
	Santander Reserve Account	-	23,116	-
	Santander Savings Account	-	110,991	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,404</b>	<b>157,844</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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	



		Escape Support Group	
		Treasurers Report	
<b>2023/24</b>		<b>Opening Balances</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
£	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
£	<b>99,870.37</b>		£ <b>80,713.28</b>
£	<b>98,715.86</b>	Escape Expenditure	£ <b>138,236.76</b>
£	57,537.66	Escape Income	£191,363.00
£	22,021.11	Contributions received from members	£45,408.54
-£	<b>19,157.09</b>	<b>Net Income / Expenditure</b>	£ 98,534.78
£	<b>80,713.28</b>	<b>Closing Balances</b>	£ <b>179,248.06</b>
£	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
£	<b>80,713.28</b>		£ <b>179,248.06</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT VERIFIER</b>			
SIGNED <i>[Signature]</i>		NAME <i>A. DAWBERY - CASE FCA</i>	DATE <i>27/05/2025</i>
<b>TREASURER</b>			
SIGNED <i>[Signature]</i>		NAME <i>C. PEARSON</i>	DATE <i>3/6/25</i>