

**Registered number**  
**05353121**

**Murdered Abroad**  
**Trustee Report and Accounts**  
**for the year ended 28 February 2025**

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**Report and accounts**  
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# Trustee Annual Report 2024/25

## Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Charity registration number: Company registration number: Registered office address:	Murdered Abroad 1111724 5353121 21 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2DY
Trustees:	Eve Henderson, Co-Founder & Chair Brian Chandler, Treasurer Bren McLaughlin, Helpline
Patrons:	The Rt Hon. Lord Charles Falconer of Thoroton KC, Formerly Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.  Commander David Johnston QPM Metropolitan Police (retired)
Accountant:	AJH Accounting Services Ltd, 24 Suffolk Drive, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7FD

The Trustees present their Annual Report for the period 1 March 2024 – 28 February 2025

## Structure, Governance & Management

The charity was established in 2001 as Support After Murder and Manslaughter Abroad (SAMM Abroad) and incorporated in 2005. The Trustees elected to change the charity's name to Murdered Abroad in 2014, due to previous public confusion with another charity with a similar name.

Murdered Abroad is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Murdered Abroad Ltd. During this year the Trustees agreed to revise our Articles of Association to allow non bereaved Trustees to be recruited, providing that *the majority* of Trustees had been bereaved by a murder overseas.

The Trustees of Murdered Abroad (all of whom have lived experience, having been bereaved by murder or manslaughter abroad) meet regularly to manage the charity's fundraising, meetings, events and activities. The Trustees are grateful to Hogan Lovells for their expertise and help during the year.

Ten volunteers helped Murdered Abroad in the year by providing peer support, helping with the organisation of members' events, attending promotional/educational events and general administrative assistance.

All Trustees and volunteers give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Murdered Abroad has no paid employees.

## Objectives

Around 70 murders of British nationals are committed abroad each year. Each member's case may typically take between two and seven years for a perpetrator to be brought to justice if indeed anybody is prosecuted for the crime at all.

Murdered Abroad aims to provide:

- Peer Support for members
- Engagement with, and feedback to, the key UK statutory agencies (Police, Coroners, and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office) involved after a murder abroad, so that they may improve the services they offer and reduce the distress they cause to bereaved families.

## **Key Activities**

### **Peer Support**

Murdered Abroad's core work is to provide bereaved families and friends with the opportunity to connect with others who have experienced a similar, traumatic bereavement.

Peer support meetings, to which all 350+ members are invited, are held approximately every quarter at different regional locations. This year they were held in Gloucester, Northampton, and London. Unfortunately, the GMP Manchester venue was unavailable in 2024 but it has been reserved with the Chief Constable for September 2025. Members from around the country attend the meeting most local to them.

April: Gloucester Police HQ, Guest Speakers: Bernie Kinsella, (retired SIO) and Roger P (Murdered Abroad member). 20 members attended.

June: Two-day meeting at the University of Northampton, Guest Speakers: Jonathon Dixey, Barrister; Paula St John, Family Liaison Officer; Liam Brolan, Criminologist; Reflection and Remembrance Service, Chrissie Brolan; 22 Members attended.

November: Watermen's Hall, London. Guest speakers: Perry Benton, Metropolitan police SIO; Ben Cooper, Documentary Producer; Guy Fithen, Podcast producer; 25 members attended.

### **Helpline and Website**

The Murdered Abroad Helpline (0845 123 2384) is the Charity's primary communication tool for its members and enquirers. The website: [www.murdered-abroad.org.uk](http://www.murdered-abroad.org.uk) is also a valuable resource offering guidance to families and professionals.

The Helpline is available 24/7, 365 days a year. On the rare occasion that the Helpline cannot be immediately answered, callers will be connected to the answerphone and will receive a call back, normally within 24 hours.

Trustee Bren McLaughlin runs the Helpline. She provides information, guidance, practical and emotional support to callers in addition to fielding enquiries from the media and other organisations.

### **Campaigning, Education, Publications**

Principal liaison activities this year have included:

- The Mayor of London's Office for Policing & Crime (MOPAC)'s Victims' Reference Group (VRG) chaired by London's Victims' Commissioner, Claire Waxman.
- One Trustee was invited to join Baroness Helen Newlove, the Victim Commissioner's Victims Advisory Group (VCAG)
- One Trustee and one Adviser met quarterly with the Head of the Murder & Manslaughter Team (MMT) at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.
- Membership of FLACSS (Family Liaison & Co-ordination of Support Services) quarterly meetings with the Chair of FLACSS Chief Constable of Nottingham Constabulary who also sits on the Homicide Working Group (HWG) of the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC).
- Engagement with the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) regarding the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme (CICS and the Victims' Code of Practice (VCoP).
- The Victims & Prisoners bill was debated in the House of Commons and the House of Lords - Baroness Newlove, (Victims Commissioner), Baroness Brinton, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff with the Act finally being passed in the final stages of the last parliament.

Three on-going projects involve:

- the compilation of a useful list of competent English speaking criminal lawyers in foreign countries,
- the setting up of pro-bono translation services in the UK,
- the production of a series of multi-media podcasts.

### **Fundraising**

This year fundraising took a backseat to allow concentration on the above 3 projects. No runner places were available for Murdered Abroad in the London Marathon. Significant funds were received from families whom we had helped previously.

### **Trustee Development**

All Trustees took part in IT training on hardware and software.

### **Reserve policies (financial)**

Trustees have set our Financial Reserves Policy at a higher level than that suggested for most small charities. We intend to hold cash reserves in excess of 3 years' operating costs.

### **Public benefit**

Families suddenly bereaved by a homicide abroad start their difficult journey with no knowledge of what to do next. In their most difficult hour of need, following the most devastating event of their lives, there is little state help. At first, family and friends have limited understanding of the processes involved and they rightly expect compassion, understanding, assistance and guidance from the professionals in the three UK authorities with whom they will be dealing. They are often, sadly disappointed. In one case we assisted a family involved in Interpol's 'Operation Identify Me', following the Belgian, German and Dutch Police's "Cold Case Reviews" into the deaths of 22 murdered women that finally identified the body of a Cardiff woman murdered in 1992.

Murdered Abroad provides the only source of competent expertise with a systemic memory and comprehensive understanding, with 24/7, 365/day per annum support.

This year assistance and peer support was given to families bereaved by murders in:

Australia, Bangladesh, France, Gambia, Ghana (2), India (2), Jamaica, Kenya, Morocco, Pakistan, South Africa (2), Spain, Thailand (2) Tenerife, Turkey, and USA.

*Note: Members' full names are omitted from this report to maintain confidentiality.*

**Murdered Abroad**  
**Registered number:**  
**Directors' Report**

**05353121**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 28 February 2025.

**Principal activities**

The Charity's principal activity during the period was to promote for the benefit of the public any charitable purpose directed to assisting those who have lost through death, resulting from murder, manslaughter or unlawful killing, outside the United Kingdom.

The Charity is governed by the Memorandum and Articles Of Association. It is also a Registered Charity, number 1111724.

**A Company Limited by Guarantee**

The Charity has not issued any share capital as it is limited by guarantee.

**Results and dividends**

The result for the year of the Charity's activities was a surplus of £16,170 (2024 - deficit of £2,528).

**Directors**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

B M Chandler  
E M Henderson  
B McLaughlin

**Directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Murdered Abroad**  
**Registered number:**  
**Directors' Report**

**05353121**

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 24 June 2025 and signed by its order.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B. Chandler', is written over a faint, rectangular grey stamp.

B M Chandler  
Director and Trustee

## **Murdered Abroad Accountants' Report**

### **Accountants' report to the directors of Murdered Abroad**

You consider that the company is exempt from an audit for the year ended 28 February 2025. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes from the accounting records of the company and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

We have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

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Services Ltd*

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Accountants

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24 June 2025



**Murdered Abroad  
Profit and Loss Account  
for the year ended 28 February 2025**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
<b>Turnover</b>		29,453	8,175
Administrative expenses		(19,657)	(15,512)
Other operating income		6,374	4,809
<b>Net income resources for the period</b>		<u>16,170</u>	<u>(2,528)</u>

**Murdered Abroad****Registered number:** 05353121**Balance Sheet****as at 28 February 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	-	818
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	5	83,798	71,523
<b>Net current assets</b>		82,137	71,523
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		82,137	72,341
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	6	(24,068)	(30,442)
<b>Net assets</b>		58,069	41,899
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share premium		2,964	2,964
Profit and loss account		55,105	38,935
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>		58,069	41,899

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.



E M Henderson

Director

Approved by the board on 24 June 2025

**Murdered Abroad**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**for the year ended 28 February 2025**

	Share capital	Share premium	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>At 1 March 2023</b>	-	2,964	41,463	44,427
Net income resources for the period			(2,528)	(2,528)
<b>At 29 February 2024</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,964</u>	<u>38,935</u>	<u>41,899</u>
<b>At 1 March 2024</b>	-	2,964	38,935	41,899
Net income resources for the period			16,170	16,170
<b>At 28 February 2025</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,964</u>	<u>55,105</u>	<u>58,069</u>

On incorporation of the company, a bank balance of £2,964 was in existence as a result of when the registered charity was a non corporate entity.

**Murdered Abroad**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 28 February 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

***Turnover***

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs.

***Tangible fixed assets***

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	over 50 years
Leasehold land and buildings	over the lease term
Office equipment & IT	over 4 years
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	over 4 years

***Debtors***

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

***Creditors***

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

***Taxation***

The company is a registered charity therefore does not pay taxation on any surpluses it makes in a financial period

The company being a charity is not registered for VAT purposes, therefore no input VAT is recoverable. All unrecovered VAT is charged to the relevant cost centres as it's incurred.

**2 Employees**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Average number of persons employed by the charity	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

**3 Directors and trustees**

No directors or trustees were paid remuneration for services provided.

**Murdered Abroad**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 28 February 2025**

**4 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Office equipment £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025	<u>9,953</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 March 2024	9,135
Charge for the year	<u>818</u>
At 28 February 2025	<u>9,953</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 28 February 2025	<u>-</u>
At 29 February 2024	<u>818</u>

**5 Cash at bank and in hand**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Cash at bank	<u>83,798</u>	<u>71,523</u>

Included in the above cash balance at year end is a restricted balance of £24,068 (2023 - £30,442). This was derived from a grant received in the 2022-23 year of \$40,000 for the Charity to spend on specific nominated projects.

**6 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Other creditors	<u>24,068</u>	<u>30,442</u>

Included above is the outstanding balance of a grant that the Charity received in a prior year.

**7 Other information**

Murdered Abroad is a private company limited by guarantee and has no share capital and is incorporated in England and Wales. Its registered office is 21 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2DY

**Murdered Abroad**  
**Detailed profit and loss account**  
**for the year ended 28 February 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Sales</b>		
Sales	29,453	8,175
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<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Trustee costs		
Project fund costs	6,401	4,809
Travel and subsistence	304	97
Fund raising expenses	325	362
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	7,030	5,268
Premises costs:		
Meeting committee expenses	141	119
Meetings with UK agencies	160	149
Meetings for Murdered Abroad Members	7,195	6,951
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	7,496	7,219
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	1,189	1,216
Stationery and printing	56	215
IT expenses	2,544	420
Depreciation	818	818
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	4,805	2,669
Legal and professional costs:		
Other legal and professional	326	356
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	326	356
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	19,657	15,512
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<b>Other operating income</b>		
Other operating income	6,374	4,809
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