

ESCAPING VICTIMHOOD

Registered Charity No. 1121708

Company No. 6356205

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Charitable Status

Escaping Victimhood is a charity, registered in England, number 1121708. It is also a company limited by guarantee, registered in England number 6356205.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees, who are the charity trustees, and directors of Escaping Victimhood (the charitable company), have pleasure in presenting their report, which incorporates the report of the directors for the purposes of company law, and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The trustees/directors who have held office at any point during the year ended 31 March 2024 and to the date of this report are as follows:-

Trustees:	Nigel Byford (Chair) Tim Newell Kevin Piper Morag Robertson Amandipkaur Singh (appointed 20 June 2024)
Company Secretary:	Kevin Piper
Registered Office:	21, Ludlow Drive, Thame, Oxfordshire OX9 3XS
Independent Examiner:	Peter J Stevenson, FCA
Bankers:	The Cooperative Bank PO Box 8888 Swindon SN12 1TS

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is established via the memorandum and articles of the company, adopted in 2007.

All new Trustees are recruited on the recommendation of organisations and people with whom the charity works, or by existing Trustees; they are given an induction pack and offered appropriate training in order to fulfil their role.

Objectives and activities

The objects of Escaping Victimhood are to relieve persons in the UK who are in need, sickness and distress as a result of crime or disaster, and the families thereof; also, to advance public education and awareness by research into relevant issues. The charity runs residential, experiential workshops for those who have been affected by serious crime, and through this work seeks to inform other groups and agencies about the potential to meet the unmet needs of victims of serious crimes.

Achievements and performance

The last year has seen the continued recovery of the delivery arm of EV from the restrictions of the Covid years. Over the last year we have run two successful workshops with very positive evaluation reports from participants. Another workshop is being held in October 2024.

Although we lost our regular base for running workshops in Birmingham, we have managed to secure an alternative arrangement based in Sheffield which has proven to be more cost effective with good transport links.

Achievements and performance (continued)

Given the limitation on many victims of serious crime, there was a call on us from some past participants for support. Part of our hopes in the past has been to develop a past participants action group to continue to support EV and to maintain the development they had achieved through the workshop. Our executive officer developed online work to provide support having consulted some of the beneficiaries. This involved working with Through Unity, a charity working with the same client group.

Our funding was considerably improved as a result of the unrestricted donation from the Chiltern Quakers.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of the charity have had due regard both to the objectives of the charity, as set out above, and also to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

Financial Review

Thanks to an unrestricted donation from the Chiltern Quakers, for the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity made an overall surplus of £35,700 (2022/23 an overall deficit of £10,127). On restricted funds there was a deficit for the year of £3,572 (2022/23 deficit of £1,908). In total, the reserves carried forward amounted to £77,817 (2022/23 £42,117).

None of the trustees is paid by Escaping Victimhood, and there were no related party transactions; expenses paid to one trustee totalled £83 (2022/23 £123 to two trustees). The average number of employees was 0 (2023: 0). The charity recognises the support it receives through the voluntary assistance of a number of individuals.

Reserves and Investment Policy

The trustees believe that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity as a whole. Surplus funds are placed on deposit when appropriate, and the accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

Going concern

Under all scenarios reviewed, the charity has sufficient reserves to enable it to continue as a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of signing this report. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Future plans

Funding continues to be challenging for the Trustees of EV. We have retained the services of our consultant who continues to explore grant options. However, the board has been able to secure a clear agreement with the National Homicide Service to fund direct referrals from their service to EV. Not only does this provide a clear source of funding but it also builds in a clear vehicle for support post programme for their participants. For those not referred directly by the Homicide Service a clear individualised plan of action is agreed by the course facilitators with the participant and their referring agency.

The Escaping Victimhood Board is currently finalising its strategic plan for the next 5 years and in doing that we have benefited from a new Trustee who has joined us this year and has been a former participant of the workshop thereby adding additional 'lived experience' to the Boards thinking.

Risk management

The trustees believe the principal risk to which the charity is exposed is any reduction in income available to fund future workshop programmes, and the ability to run residential workshops in the future. The level of future commitments is carefully monitored in order to manage these risks, and strenuous efforts are made to foster links with key relevant grant-making trusts and funders.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (information needed by the company's independent examiner in connection with preparing his report) of which the company's examiner is unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's examiner is aware of that information.

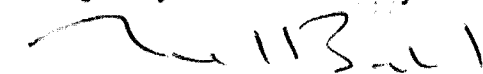
Independent examination

The independent examination of the charity's accounts has been undertaken by Peter Stevenson, Chartered Accountant.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Small Companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees on 22 October 2024

And signed by order of the board by



N Byford
Chairman

22/10/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Escaping Victimhood

I report to the charity trustees on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J. Stevenson

Peter J. Stevenson
Chartered Accountant

8 Harbord Road
Oxford
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Date: 22 October 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Totals £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Totals £
INCOME							
Donations and legacies:							
Grants and donations		20,000	50,403	70,403	0	4,405	4,405
Activities for generating funds:							
Workshop fees		0	0	0	0	0	0
Other income		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total income		20,000	50,403	70,403	0	4,405	4,405
EXPENDITURE							
Costs of generating funds	3	0	0	0	0	902	902
Expenditure on charitable activities							
Staff costs		0	0	0	0	0	0
Activity costs		23,572	9,796	33,368	1,908	10,204	12,112
Other costs		0	1,335	1,335	0	1,518	1,518
Total expenditure		23,572	11,131	34,703	1,908	12,624	14,532
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-3,572	39,272	35,700	-1,908	-8,219	-10,127
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	-6,250	6,250	0
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds b/f at 1st April 2023		35,217	6,900	42,117	37,125	15,119	52,244
Total funds c/f at 31st March 2024		£31,645	£46,172	£77,817	£28,967	£13,150	£42,117

Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above; all of the activities of the charity are continuing.

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COMPANY NO: 6356205


BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	1,054	1,762
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>78,024</u>	<u>42,399</u>
LIABILITIES:		79,078	44,161
CREDITORS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	5	<u>(1,261)</u>	<u>(2,044)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>77,817</u>	<u>42,117</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		77,817	42,117
CREDITORS: FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		<u>(0)</u>	<u>(0)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>77,817</u>	<u>42,117</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted funds	6	31,645	35,217
Unrestricted funds		<u>46,172</u>	<u>6,900</u>
		<u>77,817</u>	<u>42,117</u>

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records which comply with section 386 and for the preparation of accounts in accordance with section 393.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved and authorised for issue by the board on 22 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by


Mr N Byford Trustee


Mr K Piper Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and on the going concern basis.

Escaping Victimhood meets the definition of a public entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

a) Income

Income generally is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the funds have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year when they are received, and placed in a restricted fund.

b) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the accounts once a legal or constructive obligation arises to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is included on an accruals basis, together with irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable activities also include governance costs associated with meeting the statutory and constitutional requirements of the charity.

c) Depreciation

Where applicable, assets of a capital nature are shown as fixed assets and depreciated over their expected lives.

2 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
The net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:		
Independent examiner's fee	0	0
Depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

3 STAFF COSTS

2024 £	2023 £
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The average number of employees was 0 (2023: 0). Fundraising and other consultancy services are provided on an invoiced basis as required.

No trustee received any remuneration nor were there any related party transactions in either year. Expenses of £83 (2023: £123) were reimbursed to 1 trustee (2023: 2 trustees).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4	DEBTORS	2024 £	2023 £
	Prepayments	1,054	1,762
	Other debtors	0	0
		<u>1,054</u>	<u>1,762</u>

5	LIABILITIES: CREDITORS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024 £	2023 £
	HM Revenue and Customs	-	-
	Other creditors: activity costs	1,261	2,044
		<u>1,261</u>	<u>2,044</u>

6	RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
	Victim support funds	35,217	20,000	(23,572)	(0)	31,645
		<u>35,217</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(23,572)</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>31,645</u>

7	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
	Tangible assets	0	0	0
	Current assets	35,217	43,861	79,078
	Current liabilities	(0)	(1,261)	(1,261)
	Creditors > 1 year	(0)	-	(0)
		<u>35,217</u>	<u>42,600</u>	<u>77,817</u>

8 SHARE CAPITAL

Escaping Victimhood is a company limited by guarantee and as such does not have any issued share capital.