

ESCAPING VICTIMHOOD

Registered Charity No. 1121708

Company No. 6356205

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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ESCAPING VICTIMHOOD

Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

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. CIO status has been applied for.

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 2025.

The trustees/directors who have held office at any point during the year ended 31 March 2025 and to the date of this report are as follows:-

Trustees:	Nigel Byford (Chair)
	Tim Newell
	Kevin Piper
	Morag Robertson
	Amandipkaur Singh
Company Secretary:	Nigel Byford
Registered Office:	32 Woodland Avenue Hagley DY8 2XQ
Independent Examiner:	Mr Joe Quayle
Bankers:	The Cooperative Bank
	PO Box 8888
	Swindon
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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

During the reporting year we have continued to run experiential workshop and three were held during the reporting period. As usual there was an evaluation session with participants on the last

day and positive feedback was received. The change of venue from Birmingham to Sheffield has continued to prove successful with the active support of venue staff.

Funding for the work of the charity is always a concern and the charity has benefitted from support by the Quakers and other small donations including Just Giving. During the year close links have been established with the Homicide Service to facilitate and fund referrals of individuals who would benefit from our work. Information sessions were run by the charity for Homicide Service managers. Referrals have been made and this continues to be a very positive working relationship which we hope to develop further. Over the coming year we will be seeking to further fundraise through applications to relevant charitable institutions to enable participation by those who may not be registered with the Homicide Service.

Public Benefit

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

Financial Review

As the charity has run three workshops this year there has been bigger financial outlay as not all places are funded via the Homicide Service. As at 31st March 2025 this has resulted in a deficit against the previous year of £39,164. (2023/24 overall surplus of £35,700) In total the reserves carried forward amounted to £38,653 (2023/24 £77,817). Funding for the coming year is planned and workshops run by the charity will be fully funded

None of the trustees are paid by Escaping Victimhood, and there were no related party transactions. No expenses were claimed or paid to Trustees during this financial year. The charity recognises the support it receives through the voluntary assistance of a few 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.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of 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 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 companies 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 companies examiner is aware of that information.

Independent examination

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Trustees on 22nd January 2026



N Byford
Chairman



T Newell
Trustee

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 2025, 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.



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Date: 20/01/2026

ESCAPING VICTIMHOOD
Statement of financial Activities as at 31st March 2025

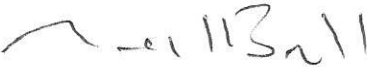
	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	2025 Totals	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	2024 Totals
INCOME						
Donations grants and legacies	25,000	257	25,257	20,000	50,403	4,405
Activities for generating funds						
Other income						
Total income	25,000	257	25,257	20,000	50,403	70,403
EXPENDITURE						
Costs of generating funds						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Staff costs				0	0	0
Activity costs	39,169	23,845	60,292	23,572	9,796	33,368
Other costs		1,407	1,249	0	1,335	1,335
Total expenditure	39,169	25,252	61,541	23,572	11,131	34,703
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-14169	-24,995	-36,284	-3,572	39,272	35,700
Transfer between funds						
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds b/f at 1 st April 2024	£31,645	£46,172	77,817	35,217	6,900	42,117
Total funds c/f at 31st March 2025	£17,476	£21,177	£38,653	£31,645	£46,172	£77,817

COMPANY NO: 6356205
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	0	1,054
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>39,739</u>	<u>78,024</u>
		39,739	79,078
LIABILITIES:			
Creditors falling due within one year	5	(1,086)	(1,261)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		38,653	77,817
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		38,653	77,817
Creditors due after more than one year	0	0	0
NET ASSETS		38,653	77,817
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted funds	6	17,476	31,645
Unrestricted funds		21,177	46,172

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 requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records which complies with Section 386 and the preparation of accounts in accordance with section 393. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, relating to small entities and the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved and issued by the Board on 22nd January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr N Byford
| Chair/Trustee



Mr T Newell
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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	2025	2024
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The net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:

Independent examiner's fee	0	0
Depreciation	0	0

3	STAFF COSTS	2025	2024
		0	0

The average number of employees was 0 (2024: 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. No expenses were paid to trustees.

4	DEBTORS	2025	2024
	Prepayments		1,054
			<u>1,054</u>
5	LIABILITIES:	2025	2024
	Creditors falling due within one year	1,086	1,261
	HM Revenue and Customs		
	Other creditors: activity costs		
		<u>1,086</u>	<u>1,261</u>

6 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 31 st March 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 1 st April 2025
Victim support funds	<u>31,645</u>	<u>25000</u>	<u>(39,169)</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>17,476</u>

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Tangible assets	0	0	
Current assets	17,476	22,263	39,739
Current liabilities	(0)	(1,086)	(1,086)
Creditors > 1 year	(0)		(0)
	17,476	21,177	38,653

8 SHARE CAPITAL

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