



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 Period start date **To 31 March 2025**
Period end date

Charity name: The Moira Fund

Charity registration number: 1129693

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To alleviate the distress and trauma of persons suffering a bereavement through the violent death of a loved one through murder or manslaughter
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity makes grants to individuals and families in support of these objectives and may also make unsolicited grants to other organisations which provide services to traumatically bereaved victims The charity organises fundraising activities to provide the monies for the grant-making.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the charity's activities for the year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the reporting period, The Moira Fund have received an ever-increasing number of applications from families who have lost a loved one through murder or manslaughter and are facing significant hardship and trauma.</p> <p>There is little doubt that the on-going cost of living crisis has had a significant impact on the number of applications received and we are seeing an increasing number of applications for help with the "basics" i.e. food, clothing, white goods, carpets, the many things which we as the public take for granted.</p> <p>Those Families have been referred by Police Family Liaison Officers, the Homicide Support Services of Victim Support in England and Wales, and by Support for Families Bereaved through Crime (SFBC) of Victim Support Scotland. In addition, ad hoc applications are received from other organisations such as Education, Social Work and other charities.</p> <p>We have helped in the region of 180 families located throughout England, Scotland and Wales. During the reporting period we held a significant focus on the children affected by murder and launched two initiatives to help support them during the Summer Holidays and at Xmas. Around 100 children were supported in this regard.</p> <p>Several successful fundraisers were organised by The Moira Fund e.g. our Annual 5k Run in Queen's Park, a nationwide Prize Holiday Draw, a Golf Day and more. In addition a number of informal fund-raising events were led by victims families who were previous beneficiaries of Moira Fund grants.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Achieved.
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The cost of living crisis clearly has an impact upon the public's ability to contribute money to charity. That said, The Moira Fund has been lucky during this reporting period and we did not experience a notable dip in contributions or effort.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Standard building society return.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's finances remain healthy and our reserves are strong.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Moira Fund continues to be operated entirely by unpaid volunteers, with its day-to-day activities overseen by a small number of dedicated principal officers. The trustees recognise that this structure, while cost-effective and deeply personal, presents potential challenges should any of these individuals become unable to fulfil their roles due to illness or bereavement. In particular, one of the founding officers — Moira Jones's mother — is now 84 years old, and while she remains actively involved, the charity acknowledges the importance of planning for future leadership and operational resilience.</p> <p>To ensure continuity, the trustees are committed to identifying and preparing suitable individuals who could oversee the charity's work and uphold its values should the need arise. The charity continues to receive generous support from the public across England, Wales, and Scotland, though it is anticipated that sustaining current levels of engagement may become more difficult in the years ahead.</p> <p>Financially, the trustees assess that the charity's current reserves are sufficient to maintain its existing level of support for at least three years, even in the absence of further fundraising. This provides a stable</p>

		foundation from which to plan and adapt as circumstances evolve.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£186,143.55
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed dated February 2009
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	The Moira Fund is constituted as a charitable trust and is governed by a trust deed dated February 2009. It is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (No. 1129693) and OSCR in Scotland (No. SC041077).
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	There must be at least three Trustees at any given time. Trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution of the existing Trustees passed at a special meeting. Trustees are appointed from the existing volunteer cadre.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Moira Fund
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1129693
Charity's principal address	The Moira Fund 37 Ferrers Road Weston Stafford ST18 0JN

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	Helen Beatrice Jones	Chair		
2	Colin Douglas Field	Deputy Chair		
3	Peter Ward	Treasurer		
4	Grant Hugh Jones			
5	Rebecca Whitehouse			
6	Kate Ward			
7	Carol Thomas			
8	Emily Field			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Bea Jones
Full name(s)	Colin Douglas Field	Helen Beatrice Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Deputy Chair	Chair
Date	30 October 2025	

THE MOIRA FUND

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - Financial year ending 31st March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
RECEIPTS		
Donations and fundraising	35,615.34	30,148.11
Donations and fundraising (Mydonate/GoldenGiving)	9,616.60	3,937.71
Scottish Governant Grant - Victims Surcharge Fund	14,500.00	14,500.00
Gift Aid (HMRC generated from general receipts)	1,483.52	2,080.70
Bank interest (Santander Business account)	0.00	233.93
Bank interest (Stafford Railway B. S.)	3,780.00	
Interest & miscel.	1,013.92	2,846.62
Total Receipts	66,009.38	53,747.07
PAYMENTS		
Grants and donations paid	53,456.77	44,312.87
Office expenses (Computer I.T. & PO box)	5,362.03	415.46
Printing and publicity	0.00	294.69
Travel and hotel expenses	626.87	1,219.31
Consultancy fees	0	80.00
Miscel	218.24	667.92
Total payments	59,663.91	46,990.25
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	6,345.47	6,756.82
RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	179,798.08	173,041.26
RESERVES CARRY FORWARD	186,143.55	179,798.08
REPRESENTED BY:		
RBS/Cooperative Bank current account balance	42,363.55	39,783.10
Santander Business Reserve Account (note 1)	-	14.98
Stafford Railway B.S.	143,780.00	140,000.00
TOTAL NET ASSETS	186,143.55	179,798.08



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

THE MOIRA FUND

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1129693

Set out on pages

THREE

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st MARCH 2025

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

8.8.25.

Name:

ARTHUR GOULD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCOUNTANT

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.