THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1142336

Details

Other names	ROAD VICTIMS TRUST (LTD BY GUARANTEE), RVT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07591489
Registered	2011-06-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND DISTRESS AMONG PERSONS WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM WHO HAVE SUFFERED THE SAME AS A RESULT OF ANY SERIOUS ROAD COLLISION AND THE FAMILIES OF SUCH PERSONS WHO ARE INJURED.2. TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS BY RESEARCH INTO ISSUES RELATING TO THE VICTIMS OF ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO DISSEMINATE THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH.

Activities: THE CHARITY PROVIDES SUPPORT TO THOSE AFFECTED BY ROAD DEATH WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTIES OF BEDFORDSHIRE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, HERTFORDSHIRE, NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bedford
- Cambridgeshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hertfordshire
- Luton
- Norfolk
- Peterborough City
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£339,524	£432,860	-	-
2024-03-31	£445,246	£427,444	-	-
2023-03-31	£406,657	£353,748	-	-
2022-03-31	£316,584	£304,584	-	-
2021-03-31	£336,055	£295,629	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Diane Patricia Stevens		2021-02-19
IAN GEOFFREY PEARS		2012-04-24
Kevin Vincent		2022-12-14
LYN HESSE		2014-04-01
Matthew John Staton		2025-01-16
Paul Jones		2014-04-25
ROBERT PANTON		2011-06-02
Saul Jeavons		2025-06-12
TIMOTHY SHARPE		2015-09-16

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07591489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142336

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

FOR

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, a number of whom are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report, including the directors report required by company law, with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aftermath of a fatal road collision is truly devastating, with numerous lives being taken and countless more being irrevocably changed in a blink of the eye. The early intervention of the Road Victims Trust (RVT) makes a very real difference to the people who receive their support.

Our Vision:
RVT's vision is of a society where everyone has access to a holistic package of emotional, practical and, where required, legal support to enable them to meet their needs following death or life changing injury on the road.

Our Values:
We value:
- Supporting our clients throughout our interactions with them and identifying and responding to their needs.
- Meeting our obligations and delivering our promises.
- Caring for the emotional and physical wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- The commitment and contribution of our staff and volunteers.
- Equality of opportunity, diversity, honesty, fairness, openness and integrity in all that we do.
- Making the best use of our resources.

The ethos of our independent charitable trust reflects the above principles. It includes a passionate determination to improve and develop our services and to raise national awareness of the issues involved following serious road collisions.

Fundamentally, therefore, the overall guiding principles of RVT have a client focus and are needs based.

The charity, The Road Victims Trust, is established for the public benefit. The objects of the charitable company are to provide emotional and practical support to all persons affected by fatal and life-changing collisions in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Following requests from the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) of Norfolk and Suffolk, we have given support to the residents of those areas. The charity's objects, set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, specifically include the following:
- To relieve sickness and distress among persons within the United Kingdom who have suffered the same as a result of any serious road collision and the families of such persons who are injured;
- To advance public education and awareness by research into issues relating to the victims of road traffic collisions and their families, and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following strategies have been identified as crucial to our success in achieving our aims:

Governance Strategy:
The RVT Trustees to act as a guardian of our vision, values, aims and assets, protecting the probity of the organisation and ensuring the vitality and long-term wellbeing of RVT.

Financial Strategy:
To secure funding to underpin the long-term future of the RVT, and to make best use of our financial resources in order to develop RVT services.

Objectives and aims (Continued)
Research and Knowledge Management Strategy:
To effect change and improvements that actively support the needs of victims and families affected by serious road traffic collisions.

Business Development Strategy:
To develop the overall service provision of the RVT and increase national awareness of the need for such vital services, and to work with other agencies and organisations to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of the service provided.

Information Systems Strategy:
To ensure the appropriate level of investment is made in Information Systems (IS) to achieve both our desired strategic outcomes and operational focus.

Key Performance Indicators:
- The Trustees will approve the annual priorities for the Trust and monitor performance against them at each Trustee meeting.
- Service delivery will be monitored by the Chief Executive on a monthly basis and by the Trustees at each meeting.
- The Chief Executive and Clinical Service Lead will periodically review and evaluate the performance of the service provision.
- The reports on such performance will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Significant activities
The Road Victims Trust (RVT) provides an holistic service that attends to both practical and emotional needs of anyone affected by Fatal and Serious Injury collisions on the roads. We have a client led approach and carefully listen to the individual needs of the individual from the outset.

We offer free, weekly counselling sessions as well as practical support. Counselling sessions are for as long as is useful when there has been a fatality, due to the complex, unique feelings that are experienced following being bereaved by, or having witnessed, such a collision. We also offer practical support following assessment and signpost where appropriate. We are able to provide further practical support through the legal and administrative processes that follow in the months or years after the collision.

During the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, the RVT received 173 referrals across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. These comprised: 111 fatal collisions and 62 life-changing injury collisions. Through these referrals, we contacted 539 individuals, each of whom was offered immediate access to the Trust's specialist support. During this period, we delivered nearly 3,200 hours of counselling support, provided by our dedicated team of professionals and more than 65 volunteer counsellors. Their skill, empathy and commitment ensured that every person affected by trauma received the highest standard of care at a time of profound need.

The complexity of the cases we supported continued to grow. Many individuals presented with complex grief, psychological trauma, multiple losses, or challenges arising from prolonged criminal justice processes. Yet our model of early intervention - receiving referrals within 24 to 48 hours of a collision - enabled us to provide timely and stabilising support from the outset.

The counselling is provided by either a Coordinator or Counselling Volunteer and is free to the client, and for as long as both the client and RVT feel it is useful. This may range from a few weeks to a couple of years and will often remain an important part of the support through inquest or criminal court proceedings that may follow.

The year was marked by difficult decisions. Our withdrawal from Norfolk and Suffolk - driven solely by a lack of sustainable funding - was one of the most significant challenges the Trust has faced in recent years. The need in these counties remains significant, and the absence of a specialist service leaves a gap we hope can be addressed in future. In our core counties of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, demand remained consistently high. We are grateful for the continued trust placed in us by local Police Forces, Family Liaison Officers, Police and Crime Commissioners and Vision Zero partners. These relationships ensure rapid referral pathways and a collaborative approach to post-collision care.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities (Continued)

During 2024/25, RVT has continued to strengthen its voice within regional and national road safety activity. Through the respective Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Vision Zero Partnerships, local partnerships in all three core counties, and national engagement with the Department for Transport and PACTS, we champion the lived experience of victims and families. Our collective ambition remains unchanged: that no person should be killed or seriously injured on the UK's roads.

Achieving this requires a united effort - a combination of education, engineering, enforcement, post-collision response and cultural change. RVT is proud to contribute its expertise and ensure that the needs and perspectives of victims remain central to policy and practice.

It has been another year of development and transition as we have improved and adjusted our systems to enable new ways of providing our service. This has continued to present us with challenges, however, the dedication and adaptability of our staff and Counselling Volunteers in the service of our Clients has once more been exceptional.

The RVT are represented at the three Strategic Road Safety Partnerships across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These partnerships all strive to reduce the amount of casualties on the roads of the three counties and we are able to bring our experience and expertise specifically to look at the post collision response.

Public benefit

The services of the charity operate for the public benefit and are available to all in the local community as stated in the objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and as described in the objectives and aims above.

The trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

As always, we are extremely grateful to our very loyal friends and supporters who continue to fundraise for us in many wonderful ways, continuing to raise awareness and funds for the RVT. It has been a challenging year, however, the service we provide has remained of high quality and this is due to the exceptional commitment and professionalism of both the staff team and our valued Counsellors who offer their services on a voluntary basis.

All of our counselling volunteers receive a high level of support to ensure they are offering best practice, including 1:1 fortnightly or monthly clinical supervision and continuous professional development. Our counselling volunteers do a difficult but often rewarding job and we value their commitment and expertise which is at the core of what we do.

This year, we delivered an intensive 45-hour training programme for those who had applied to volunteer as counsellors with RVT and successfully completed our selection process. We were pleased to welcome 11 new recruits into the role of Counselling Volunteer, each joining a team where every person - volunteers, employed staff, Trustees and the wider leadership - plays an essential part in delivering the service.

We offer our deepest thanks to all those who supported the Trust in 2024/25: our funders, partners, corporate supporters, community groups, individual donors and the many people who undertook fundraising challenges on our behalf. Their collective belief in our work enables us to stand alongside hundreds of individuals during their most painful moments.

Our Friends and Supporters:
It is not possible to mention every one of the hundreds of Friends and Supporters who have donated so much by way of time, energy and money. Here is a very small selection of some of the Corporates and Businesses which have provided generous support to the RVT:

- The Bedfordshire Charitable Trust,
- The Wixamtree Trust,
- The Harpur Trust (Supporting families in Bedford Borough),
- National Highways,
- Cambridgeshire Highways,
- The Police and Crime Commissioners of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire for providing funding towards our core service.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995, in Hertfordshire since 2010 and in Cambridgeshire since 2013, to provide the following services to all residents of these three counties affected by fatal road collisions:

- Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.
- Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.
- Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.
- Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.

In addition, we offer telephone support to enquiries from outside Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

2025 saw the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Road Victims Trust. Thirty years of providing an invaluable service to those affected by the tragedy of road traffic collisions. As the reach of our services has increased, demand has followed and the RVT is now supporting more than 400 people per year across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. As progress in reducing road traffic collisions has stalled both nationally and locally, this demand is only expected to increase as we seek to improve our offer to children, young people and people from minority groups.

During 2024/25, our team of five Coordinators, supported by a Clinical Team Administrator, contacted 539 individuals who had been affected by the death or serious injury of someone on the roads of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These contacts followed 173 referrals received from a combination of Roads Policing teams, Family Liaison Officers, other agencies and individuals who approached the Trust directly through self-referral. Each referral represents a collision that resulted in one or more individuals receiving life-changing or fatal injuries. The referral may therefore contain just one or several people wanting our service. This becomes apparent as we begin to make contact with all of those affected.

Fundraising activities

In order to continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the RVT rely on the friendship and support of many people, groups and businesses across the communities.
"We continue to be supported by a loyal group of supporters who have taken part in many fundraising events for us. Undoubtedly the economic down-turn has meant that there has been a subsequent decrease in regular giving and planned events. Nonetheless we have continued to receive good levels of support that make a very real difference to so many."

Internal and external factors

The Road Victims Trust has historically been wholly financed by charitable donations and grant making trusts supplemented with occasional Government grants.

Since 2014 we have forged close links with the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These links have been further developed with the signing of formal Service Level and Information Sharing Agreements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the year ended 31 March 2025, the charity had an overall net income deficit of £93,336 (2024: Surplus £17,802).

Total income decreased by £105,722, from £445,246 to £339,524. Included was income from donations and gifts, which amounted to £93,644 (2024: £90,787), an increase of £2,857. Income from local government agencies decreased to £193,658 (2024: £314,600). The RVT withdrew its service from Norfolk and Suffolk regions on 2 December 2024. This resulted in a reduction in funding of £120,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioners of these areas for the April 2024 to March 2025 financial year. However, 31 clients are still being supported by the charitable company in those regions.

Expenditure on charitable activities totalled £432,860 for the year ended 31 March 2025 compared to £427,444 for the year ended 31 March 2024. This represented an increase during the year of £5,416.

Overall, the funds of the charitable company have decreased from £415,190 as at 31 March 2024 to £321,854 as at 31 March 2025. However, the charitable company is considered to have sufficient funds carried forward to meet operating needs.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity during the year were provided by local government agencies, for example: National Highways, Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Police, and Hertfordshire Police.

The funding position of the RVT, in common with many other small charities, remains hugely challenging and far greater emphasis and focus has been placed on the delivery of a financial strategy that enables us to provide the best possible levels of victims care within the constraints of the budget.

Road Victims Trust Fundraising Standards:
The RVT conforms to all recognised fundraising standards. We are a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising in the UK. The RVT recognises and conforms to the 6 guiding principles expected by the Charity Commission:

- Planning Effectively,
- Supervision of Fundraisers,
- Protecting Reputation, Money and Other Assets,
- Following Fundraising Law and Regulation,
- Follow the Recognised Standard for Fundraising,
- Be Open and Accountable.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the company has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit. The charity has no long-term investments. The company's cash reserves are held mainly in a bank current and short-term investment bank accounts. The trustees invest some of the cash reserves in bank deposit accounts and will look to maximise investment income receivable from bank accounts, whilst balancing this with the need to keep funds readily available to meet the operating costs of the charitable company.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the company's activities in the medium term and the trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory. The policy of the trustees is to hold sufficient funds to meet the operating costs of the centre for the foreseeable future. The current level of reserves is £321,854 (2024: £415,190), and the company held £358,498 (2024: £462,569) cash at bank and in hand at the balance sheet date.

Going concern

The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and anticipate that the level of income received will increase for the year ended 31 March 2025.

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. We have updated our strategy for the next three years, to 2028. Improvements to our service and the ability to meet the diverse needs of road collision victims and their families are key areas we strive to improve over this period. This will make our offer more holistic, supporting better engagement and standing with the diverse communities we serve.

The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following work-streams and projects have been identified as priorities for the RVT in the year April 2025 to March 2026:

- Strengthening financial resilience,
- Enhancing capacity in response to rising demand,
- Deepening partnerships across our core counties,
- Expanding community fundraising opportunities,
- Continuing to advocate nationally for post-collision care,
- Contributing to the wider Vision Zero movement and road danger reduction.

We remain steadfast in our mission and optimistic about what can be achieved through collaboration, compassion and shared purpose.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Road Victims trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 April 2011 and registered as a charity on 9 June 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up with net liabilities, the members of the company are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

The trustees meet regularly to administer the company and are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees have employed a team to deliver the charity's services and manage the day-to-day operations of the charitable company.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association at the first and all subsequent annual general meetings all the directors must retire from office, but all retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and in selecting new trustees, seek to identify people who are willing to help the charity in the broader community work and enhance the skill set and structure of the management committee. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills. The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The RVT has a group of dedicated Trustees who work closely with the Chief Executive to set the overall mission and strategic direction of the Trust. The Trustees also monitor and evaluate our work and ensure that the requirements of the Charities Act for proper governance and accountability arrangements are in place. To meet the needs of clients of serious road traffic collisions we are structured around a small team of paid employees supported by trained Volunteers.

Our whole supportive culture has grown through collaborative partnership working. We are proud of our formal co-operative arrangements with the Collaborated Roads Policing Units across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the 3 Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the HM Coroners, the 3 Strategic Road Safety Partnerships and our informal links with the Fire and Rescue Services and General Practitioners.

Through these partnerships and the dedication of our staff and volunteers we are able to offer a holistic service, free at the point of delivery, to our clients.

Related parties

The were no material related party transactions during the year under review.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07591489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142336

Registered office

146 Bedford Road
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Trustees

R Panton
I G Pears
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones
T Sharpe
Ms R Wong
Ms D P Stevens
K Vincent
M J Staton Trustee (appointed 16.1.25)
S Jeavons (appointed 12.6.25)

Directors

Ms L Hesse
R Panton
P D Jones
P A Cook (Chief Executive Officer)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Road Victims Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's 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 ('the 2006 Act').

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 charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.

David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA

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4 December 2025

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	**31.3.25 Unrestricted funds** £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		**287,302**	405,387
Other trading activities	2	**43,860**	33,842
Investment income	3	**8,362**	6,017
Total		**339,524**	445,246
EXPENDITURE ON			
Other		**432,860**	427,444
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(93,336)**	17,802
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**415,190**	397,388
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**321,854**	415,190

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	**1,130**	3,581
Cash at bank and in hand		**358,498**	462,569
		359,628	466,150
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	**(37,774)**	(50,960)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**321,854**	415,190
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**321,854**	415,190
NET ASSETS		**321,854**	415,190
FUNDS	12		
Unrestricted funds		**321,854**	415,190
TOTAL FUNDS		**321,854**	415,190

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Road Victims Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity.

The nature of the charitable company's operations and principal activities can also be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future and consider the use of the going concern basis of accounting appropriate. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is able to manage its risks successfully.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank and is recognised using the effective interest method.

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance cost, finance and administration costs. Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
The charitable company is not VAT registered and therefore VAT incurred is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Operating lease expenditure
Amounts payable under operating leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation
The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Schedule 6, paragraph 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable trust company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.
Where applicable, current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Gifts and non-exchange transactions
Acquisitions that are in substance a gift of one business to another where the substance of the transaction is gifting the control of one entity to another are accounted for as non-exchange transactions in accordance with the SORP. The fair value of the gifted recognised assets and liabilities are recognised as a gain or loss in the statement of financial activities in the year of the transaction.

Government grants
Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Government grants are accounted for using the accruals model. The difference between the fair value of the grant and the consideration is recognised as a liability and amortised over the useful economic life of the grant. The amortisation is recognised within income.

Government grants received as a contribution to revenue expenditure are recognised in the statement of financial activities on a systematic basis over the period in which the related costs are recognised in respect of which the grant is intended to compensate. The related expenditure is included under operating costs. Grants are recognised in the same period as the related expenditure provided the conditions for receipt have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received.

Financial instruments
Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or equity. An equity instrument is any contract which evidences residual interest in the assets of the company after deduction of any liabilities.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Transaction price should also include transaction costs: transaction costs are those costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the debt instrument.

If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. The present value of a financial asset or financial liability that is repayable on demand is equal to the undiscounted cash amount expected to be paid or received.

On subsequent measurement basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid or received for basic financial instruments payable or receivable within one year.

Impairment
Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Debtors, creditors and provisions
Debtors and creditors are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or financial liabilities.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and bank current and demand deposit accounts. Short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account is included in cash at bank and in hand when applicable.

Estimation uncertainty
The management board is of the opinion that there are no areas of material estimation uncertainty in preparing the accounts which would be likely to give rise to a material adjustment to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Judgements
No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	**43,860**	33,842

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	**8,362**	6,017

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	**423,823**	**9,037**	**432,860**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	31.3.25 Other resources expended	31.3.24 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	**308,216**	**294,481**
Social security	**22,491**	**21,822**
Pensions	**8,308**	**8,207**
Rates and water	**2,091**	**2,127**
Insurance	**3,680**	**2,458**
Light and heat	**1,863**	**1,884**
Telephone	**6,517**	**6,293**
Postage	**1,860**	**1,381**
Sundries	**215**	**68**
Printing and stationery	**1,899**	**663**
Support and supervision	**18,789**	**14,060**
Travel	**10,993**	**10,587**
Advertising and publicity	**2,155**	**2,503**
Refreshments	**352**	**182**
Room hire	**4,041**	**2,963**
Course and conference fees	**1,953**	**11,183**
Cleaning and household	**1,397**	**1,010**
Repairs and maintenance	**1,109**	**1,268**
Fundraising costs	**5,776**	**7,687**
IT maintenance and services	**20,118**	**25,208**
Bank charges	**-**	**1**
	423,823	**416,036**

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4. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Governance costs

	31.3.25 Other resources expended	31.3.24 Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	**1,980**
Subscriptions	**4,742**	**4,514**
Professional fees	**2,301**	**4,886**
Statutory filing fees	**14**	**28**
	9,037	**11,408**

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	1,980

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

7. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**308,216**	294,481
Social security costs	**22,491**	21,822
Other pension costs	**8,308**	8,207
	339,015	324,510

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Management (Chief Executive Officer)	**2**	1
Co-ordinators	**7**	7
Administration	**3**	2
Fundraising and Business development	**-**	1
	12	11

Included in staff costs, above, were employee benefits received by key management personnel for their services to the charity:

	31.3.24	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**30,000**	52,854

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7. STAFF COSTS - continued

Social security costs	**2,885**	5,829
Other pension costs	**900**	1,395
	33,785	60,078

There were no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	405,387
Other trading activities	33,842
Investment income	6,017
Total	445,246
EXPENDITURE ON	
Other	427,444
NET INCOME	17,802
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	397,388
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	415,190

9. TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Schedule 6, paragraph 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes. No corporation tax liability arises for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	1,130	3,581

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	1	1
Social security and other taxes	4,646	7,124
Pensions liability	-	1,384
Accruals and deferred income	33,127	42,451
	37,774	50,960

Deferred income

Deferred income comprises advance income received in relation to the charitable activities of the company.

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	35,000	72,000
Amount released to income from previous year	(35,000)	(72,000)
Amount deferred to next year	27,500	35,000
Balance at the end of the reporting period	27,500	35,000

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	415,190	(93,336)	321,854
TOTAL FUNDS	415,190	(93,336)	321,854

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	339,524	(432,860)	(93,336)
TOTAL FUNDS	339,524	(432,860)	(93,336)

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	397,388	17,802	415,190
TOTAL FUNDS	397,388	17,802	415,190

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	445,246	(427,444)	17,802
TOTAL FUNDS	445,246	(427,444)	17,802

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

14. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	**1,092**	1,194
Donations	**91,814**	88,449
Gift aid	**738**	1,144
Grants	**193,658**	314,600
	287,302	405,387
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	**43,860**	33,842
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**8,362**	6,017
Total incoming resources	**339,524**	445,246
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	**308,216**	294,481
Social security	**22,491**	21,822
Pensions	**8,308**	8,207
Rates and water	**2,091**	2,127
Insurance	**3,680**	2,458
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Fundraising costs	**5,776**	7,687
IT maintenance and services	**20,118**	25,208
Bank charges	**-**	1
	423,823	416,036
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	1,980
Carried forward	**1,980**	1,980

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	**1,980**	1,980
Subscriptions	**4,742**	4,514
Professional fees	**2,301**	4,886
Statutory filing fees	**14**	28
	9,037	11,408
Total resources expended	**432,860**	427,444
Net (expenditure)/income	**(93,336)**	17,802

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1142336

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Road Victims Trust
Giving hope to rebuild lives

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Prince Michael INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY AWARDS



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FRONT COVER:

The Road Victims Trust holds a service of remembrance and hope to mark the World Day of Remembrance for all those who have lost their lives on the road globally.

Pictured: Paul Cook (Chief Executive), Lyn Hesse (Chair of Trustees) and the Bedfordshire Police Cadets outside St Paul's Church.

The Roads Victims Trust's contribution is invaluable in helping to support those who have been affected by serious injury or death on our roads.

The role of the RVT in supporting people through a horrific time is important. No other organisation offers this support, and the specialist counselling provided by the Trust.

The RVT have been delivering this service in Bedfordshire for an incredible thirty years after they were founded by Clifton Ibbett following the tragic loss of two of his children in a collision in Bedfordshire in 1982.

I would like to thank all their staff and volunteers for providing this vital service to the people of Bedfordshire and more widely.

I am pleased that I am able to fund the Trust which I know is well regarded by those who have benefitted from its services.

Our Road Safety strategy for Bedfordshire is committed to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads but as long as there are serious and fatal collisions, the work of the Trust will sadly be needed. Therefore, I committed to continuing the partnership between the RVT and the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Police Roads Policing Unit.



John Tizard

Police and Crime Commissioner of Bedfordshire

OUR TRUSTEES

Lyn Hesse (Chair), Paul Jones, Robert Panton, Ian Pears, Tim Sharpe, Diane Stevens, Kevin Vincent & Rosaline Wong

OUR STAFF

Paul Cook (Chief Executive), Sam Baker (Director of Operations), Sarah Jones (Clinical Lead), Lucy Hancock (Lead Coordinator), Janet Cantor (Senior Coordinator), Diana Joy (Senior Coordinator), Vicky Rankin (Coordinator), Sarika Shah (Administrator), Amy Barrett (Administrator), Terry Wilding (Treasurer)

PATRONS AND ADVISORS

The Trust is able to call upon the services of a number of distinguished individuals for specialist advice and support:

Susan Lousada
HM Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire

Robert Voss CBE CStJ
HM Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire

Lady Dannatt MBE
HM Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk

Lady Clare, Countess of Euston
HM Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk

Helen Nellis CVO CStJ
Retired Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire

Dr Tim Dalgleish
MA, PhD, MSc, CPsychol, AMBPsS

Lady Sue Acland

Rt Revd Richard Atkinson OBE
Bishop of Bedford

Rt Revd Stephen Conway
Bishop of Lincoln

Nick Dean
Chief Constable Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Charlie Hall QPM
Retired Chief Constable Hertfordshire Constabulary

Tom Osborne
HM Coroner Milton Keynes

Dr Jo Barnes FHEA
Transport Safety Research Centre

Tanya Fosdick
Research Director at Agilysis Limited

Andrew Hopkinson
Chief Fire Officer at Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Darryl Keen DL
Retired Director of Community Protection and Chief Fire Officer for Hertfordshire

Dr Jennifer Heath
PhD, DClinPsy, MSc,BSc

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF TRUSTEES AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE





In 2023, a total of 1,624 people lost their lives on the roads of the United Kingdom, with nearly 30,000 left with serious and life-changing injuries. These figures mark a 5% decrease in road deaths compared to the previous year. The number of fatalities in 2023 is the lowest recorded, outside of years affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The devastation caused by these collisions is immeasurable. Lives are lost in an instant, and countless more are irreversibly changed forever.

Since 1994, the Road Victims Trust (RVT) has provided a professional, timely, and unconditional package of post-collision support to those affected by fatal and life-changing collisions. Through close partnerships with front-line Roads Policing and Family Liaison Officers, we receive referrals within 24 to 48 hours of a collision. This allows us to provide early intervention, offering support to individuals overwhelmed by the haze of trauma and despair. This pro-active, case-managed and professional support extends to over 600 people each year across the areas in which we operate.

At RVT, we firmly believe that the local commissioning of services—delivered by local people to local people—ensures the highest levels of post-collision support. Our case-managed approach, strengthened by a growing cohort of highly skilled professional counsellors who volunteer their time and expertise, makes a tangible difference. We help individuals at their lowest point move toward a place where they can begin to cope with their trauma and rebuild their lives.

This vital work would not be possible without the support and understanding of so many within our communities. We are immensely grateful for the partnerships we have developed with Police Forces and Police and Crime Commissioners across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk, who fund or have previously funded part of our services. We also value our collaborative relationships with Road Safety Partnerships, community groups, and associations that recognise the importance of our work. Our vision is that no human being should be killed or seriously injured as the result of a road collision and our goal will always be to collaborate effectively to reduce the number of serious collisions on our roads, working with partners to deliver a Safe System approach that promotes a shared responsibility for road safety.

Nationally, we are proud to work alongside the Department for Transport and other leading charities to amplify the victim's voice. Together, we aim to shape the conversation and ensure a robust, quality package of support is available to all those who are affected across the UK.

There is undoubtedly more work to be done, but we remain proud of our dedicated team and our cohort of over 65 volunteer counsellors who strive to bring hope to hundreds of people each year.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who has supported the RVT over the years. The continued belief in our service continues to make a life-changing difference.

Lyn Hesse
Chair of Trustees

Paul Cook
Chief Executive

ROAD VICTIMS TRUST VALUES



The Road Victims Trust (RVT) is a registered charity (1142336) that operates across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk to provide the following services to all residents of the five counties affected by fatal and life-changing collisions:

- **Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.**
- **Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.**
- **Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.**
- **Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.**

SERVICE TEAM REPORT
01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024

During 2023/24, a dedicated team of 7 Coordinators have contacted 620 individuals who have been affected by the death or serious injury of someone on the roads of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Of these, 380 have accepted a level of our service – with 204 having one or more calls from an individual case manager providing emotional and practical support, and 176 have received free, regular weekly counselling sessions. We have also continued to support 104 people who continued to receive counselling from the previous year.

The counselling is provided by either a Coordinator or Counselling Volunteer and is free to the client, and for as long as both the client and The Road Victims Trust (RVT) feel it is useful. This may range from a few weeks to a couple of years and will often remain an important part of the support through inquest or criminal court proceedings that may follow.

This year we have provided input on Family Liaison Office training across the 5 counties. We love doing this as our relationship with the Police and their trust in us is key to being able to deliver the service. We have engaged with colleges and students to talk about how they might be able to work with us, and how we might support them to achieve their counselling qualification in an organisation that recognises the need to support counsellors physical and emotional wellbeing if they are to be fully available to work with their clients.

During 2023/24, we ran two intensive (45 hours over 5 weeks) training courses for counsellors who are either senior trainees or qualified, who have the potential to become counselling volunteers with the RVT. The first was in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire and the second in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. From these courses we successfully recruited 15 new counselling volunteers who have now joined the team.

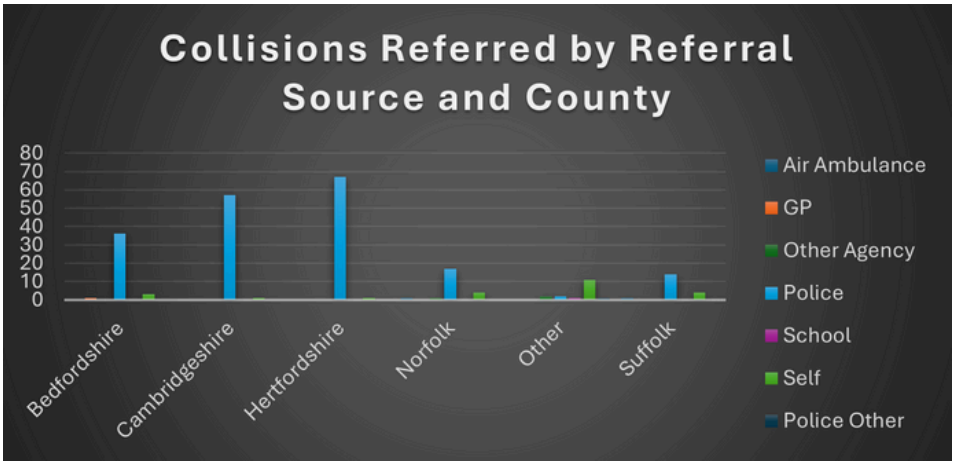
All of our counselling volunteers receive a high level of support to ensure they are offering best practice, including 1:1 fortnightly or monthly clinical supervision and continuous professional development. Our counselling volunteers do a difficult but often rewarding job and we value their commitment and expertise which is at the core of what we do.



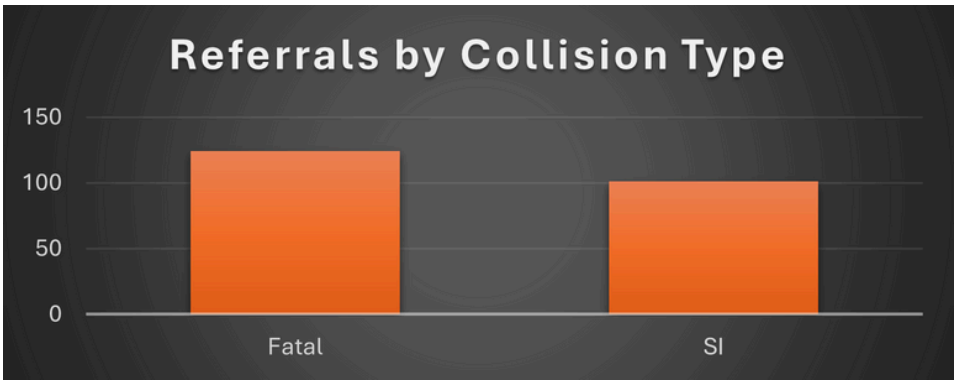
Sarah Jones
Clinical Service Lead

Collision Referrals

During 2023/24, 225 Fatal or Serious Injury (SI) were referred to RVT.
Each referral represents a collision that resulted in one or more individuals receiving life-changing injuries. The referral may therefore contain just one or several people wanting our service. This becomes apparent as we begin to make contact with all of those affected.



The chart below shows the split between Fatal and Serious Injury collisions referred to us during this period

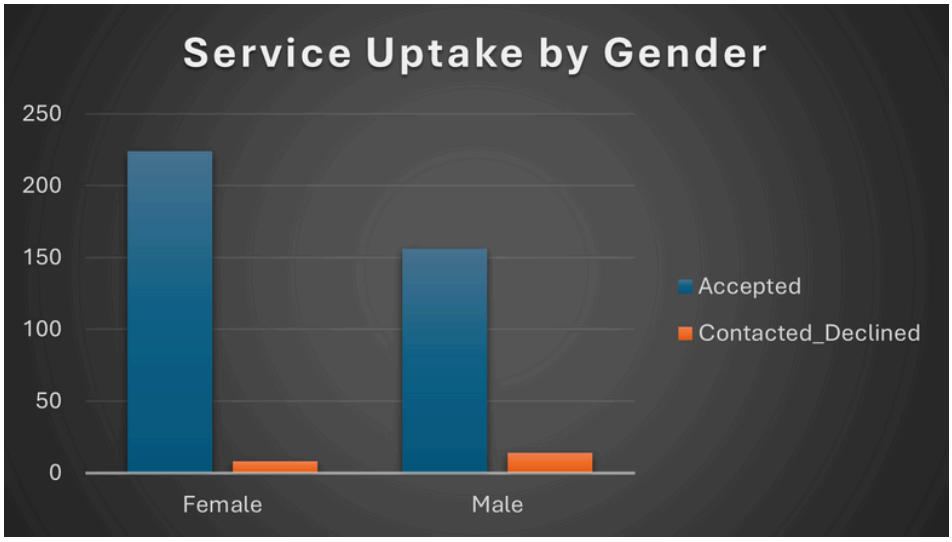


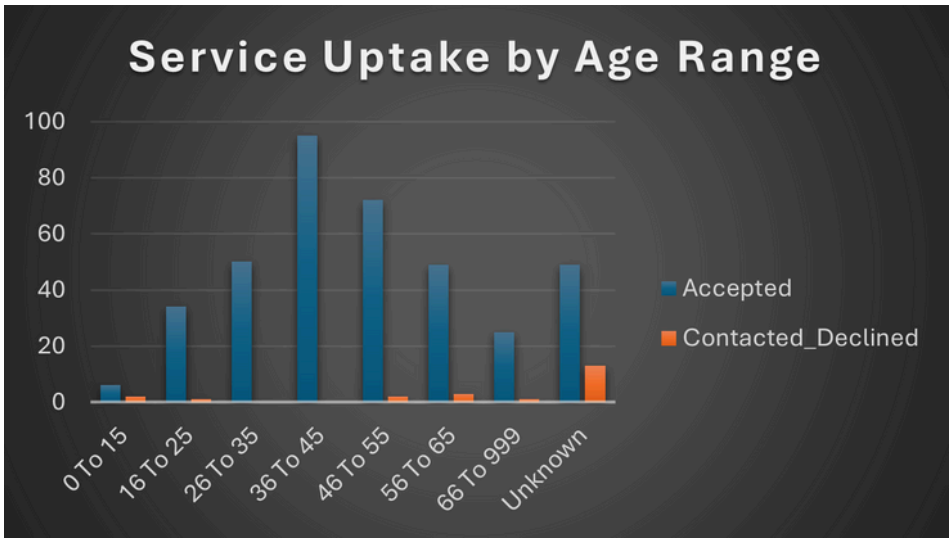
Service Provision

The chart below shows the service delivery type accepted by county.



The demographics of the clients taking the service this year is shown below.





Accept/Decline by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Accepted	Declined
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	1	1
Asian or Asian British: Indian	3	3
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	1	1
Asian: Other	4	4
Black or Black British: African	4	4
Black or Black British: Carribean	1	1
Black: Other	2	2
Mixed: Other	7	7
Mixed: White and Black African	1	1
Mixed: White and Black Carribean	1	1
Not Stated	24	30
Other: Any Other	1	1
Other: Arab	1	1
White: British	301	316
White: Irish	1	1
White: Other	26	27

THE DIFFERENCE THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST MAKES - THEIR WORDS SAY IT ALL

"(Case Manager) was lovely and explained everything fully. She was very empathetic and really helpful. There was a wait to be connected to a counsellor but she kept in touch through that time.
I am so grateful for the help and support that I have received from RVT. (Counsellor) was amazing, she listened and really helped me work through everything that I was going through. I have experienced lots of loss and I had been carrying my grief like a heavy weight for years, I finally feel like it has been lifted from my shoulders and I feel lighter. (Counsellor) was brilliant, she really helped me to take control of my life and relationships, I now realise my own worth and that for me has been very empowering. feel like I have a strategy to cope for the future and I know what I can do if I have a relapse. Thank you so much!"
(Emma McFarlane, Suffolk)

"My counsellor was outstanding from start to finish across the 18 month period. As someone who was new to counselling she let me move through the process in my own time and was hugely supportive through all of this. I understand she is now moving on from the RVT but I would like to extend my upmost gratitude to both her and the RVT as a whole over the last 20 months."
(Harri Clarke, Cambridgeshire)

"I wasn't put in contact with RVT due to bereavement, but due to my role as an FLO. I think it's quite often forgotten how difficult this role can be at times, and as well as the trauma of attending collision scenes, there is then the trauma experienced when dealing with the families.
RVT were fantastic and (counsellor) really did help to pull me back out of a very dark hole, until finally opening up I didn't quite appreciate how affected I had become over the years of dealing with fatal collisions. I can't thank you enough."
(Jonathan Turner-Evans, Norfolk)

"The support from (counsellor) and the wider RVT organisation has been amazing. After being plunged in a completely new and traumatic experience RVT was there from day one offering compassion and support. In my view, had they not been there from the very beginning then I believe my ability to cope with the situation would have been greatly diminished.
I cannot begin to describe what an amazing and positive change your help has made to me and my family, you were there when we needed you most and I knew I could also always call the office should I need any further help. Thank you so much for everything and I will forever be grateful."
(J C, Cambridgeshire)

"I would like to thank the service for the counselling my son received. It helped him, although he was a bit reluctant at first to talk. It is also reassuring to know that he can access the service again in the future should he need it."
(Parent of O M Cambridgeshire)

"The support I received during counselling was crucial. Without it I would not have coped. Because of this counselling I have been able to move on with my life in a stronger and more positive way. I have a greater understanding of myself and a better ability to deal with life's curve balls."
(Susan Baker, Hertfordshire)

"RVT is an exceptional service. Specific and to the point when needed."
(Anon, Other County)

"14 months of support given, helped every session. Helped to find me and my family our new normal after the tragedy. Working within the NHS gave me strategies in that situation but I do not feel I would be where I am today without my RVT counsellor."
(Anon, Bedfordshire)

"A big thank you to (counsellor) for the time and support at a time I was feeling quite alone."
(Anon, Bedfordshire)



THE WORK OF A ROAD VICTIMS TRUST COUNSELLOR - GIVING HOPE TO REBUILD LIVES

I am *Jenny Howard* and I joined RVT as a volunteer in March 2024 and as a coordinator in September 2024. I am based in Stevenage and live with my husband and two children (must not forget the cat and dog). I consider myself as kind, caring and friendly with an interesting sense of humour who wants to help others.

My background saw me qualify as a Nursery Nurse and work in a variety of roles staring with 2-year-olds up to my previous job with teenagers in secondary schools and colleges. It was my previous job working with young people with complex and vulnerable home lives attempting to navigate the education system with trauma that gave me the confidence to pursue my training into counselling.

Whilst in training and searching (as many of the volunteers do) for a second placement, I wanted to step outside of my comfort zone working with young people and gain new experiences. My tutor recommended RVT and their amazing training. Only a week went by between sending in my application to interview and the next week we started training, yes it was all very last minute on my end.

The training lived up to my expectations and I met the best group of people who I spent the training weeks getting to know.
I nearly didn't make it due to WIFI cutting out during one of the evening training sessions but a dash to my mothers-in-law across the town meant I made the 100% attendance!

My 'Mary' interview was exhilarating and terrifying at the same time and I have just had the opportunity to BE 'Mary' for the new training group. I would rave to anyone that would listen about how amazing the training was, how supportive coordinators were. YOU GET FREE SUPERVISION too.

Working in a different field certainly stretched my skills and I loved it! So much so that when the email popped into my inbox advertising for a coordinator I replied straight back and here I am now that coordinator.

Moving into a role as a member of staff initially made me anxious, would the RVT bubble burst?
I have to say I haven't been this happy in years or worked in an environment where people truly care about others and me.



As a coordinator I am lucky enough to be a cog that makes the service available to those who need us at a time they are suffering so much. I get to ring volunteers with the offer of clients which is exciting but also arrange the visits to Funeral Directors and Crematoriums to provide volunteers with experiences only RVT are providing.

I also have a placement on my day off working with neurodiversity which is a passion of mine.

The whole team at RVT have blown me away with their genuine care and support and welcomed me into the RVT family.

CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE SERVICE THAT WE PROVIDE

2025 provides an opportunity to continue to collaborate with other partners and stakeholders in the road safety world to improve the services we provide within our region; increase the volume of our voice at the national level; and to look wider afield to share and learn from best practice.

Working with road safety partnerships to achieve Vision Zero

Many road safety partnerships (collaborations between local and national highways authorities, police, and fire and rescue services) are creating new road safety strategies, adopting the Safe System and Vision Zero approach. Vision Zero is the philosophical imperative that no-one should be killed or seriously injured whilst using the roads and the Safe System is a proactive methodology used to work towards this goal. It embeds a shared responsibility that we need Safe Roads, Safe Speeds, Safe Vehicles, and Safe Road Users to have a system where collisions can't result in death or serious injury. A fifth key component of the Safe System is post-collision response – this encompasses everything from immediate emergency care; learning what went wrong to inform future preventative measures; through to providing psychological support for all involved.

We obviously have a key role to play in providing bereavement support, but we should also have a seat at the table of these local road safety partnerships to help shape preventative measures across the Safe System. Ultimately, success in eliminating road risk will mean that our services should not be required.

Having a national voice

The Road Victims Trust is not the only bereavement charity for road victims in the UK. We are collaborating more closely with other national charities to share our activities, identify collective funding opportunities, and provide a united voice when we are sharing messages and lobbying for road victims' justice.

Looking further afield

The unacceptable burden inflicted on society from road death is not limited to the UK. In fact, low and middle-income countries are facing unimaginable challenges – of the 1.35 million people killed on the world's roads each year, over 90% are from low and middle-income countries.

There are international collaborations, such as the International Road Victims' Partnership and the Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, which bring together road safety charities from across the globe to share best practice, build capacity, undertake research, and provide advocacy services. The Road Victims Trust is exploring how we can work internationally to benefit from others' experiences and share what we do.



Tanya Fosdick
Patron - The Road Victims Trust

FUNDRAISING FOR THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

This year has been a brilliant year of fundraising, there has been a special focus on commemorating 30 years of the Road Victims Trust providing our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. In order to continue these services throughout these counties we rely on the friendship and support of individuals, groups and businesses within the local communities.

In light of this milestone, many individuals have reached out to us to raise funds through JustGiving pages, marathon events and personal events and challenges. By the end of 2024, our fundraisers had raised £20,741 through individual JustGiving pages alone. In actual fact, the funds raised are much higher than this as this does not include all of the events and donations.

As always, we are extremely grateful to our wonderful friends and supporters who continue to do so many amazing things for The Road Victims Trust, helping us to raise awareness and much needed funds, some of whom are pictured below.

We truly could not do the work that we do without them!



FUNDRAISING STANDARDS

The RVT conforms to all recognised fundraising standards. We are a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising in the UK. The Road Victims Trust recognises and conforms to the 6 guiding principles expected by the Charity Commission.

- **Planning Effectively**
- **Supervision of Fundraisers**
- **Protecting Reputation, Money and Other Assets**
- **Following Fundraising Law and Regulation**
- **Follow the Recognised Standard for Fundraising**
- **Be Open and Accountable**

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Institute of Fundraising

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07591489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142336

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, a number of whom are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report, including the directors report, with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aftermath of a fatal road collision is truly devastating, with numerous lives being taken and countless more being irrevocably changed in a blink of the eye. The early intervention of the Road Victims Trust (RVT) makes a very real difference to the people who receive their support.

Our Vision:
RVT's vision is of a society where everyone has access to a holistic package of emotional, practical and, where required, legal support to enable them to meet their needs following death or life changing injury on the road.

Our Values:
We value:
- Supporting our clients throughout our interactions with them and identifying and responding to their needs.
- Meeting our obligations and delivering our promises.
- Caring for the emotional and physical wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- The commitment and contribution of our staff and volunteers.
- Equality of opportunity, diversity, honesty, fairness, openness and integrity in all that we do.
- Making the best use of our resources.

The ethos of our independent charitable trust reflects the above principles. It includes a passionate determination to improve and develop our services and to raise national awareness of the issues involved following serious road collisions.

Fundamentally, therefore, the overall guiding principles of RVT have a client focus and are needs based.

The charity, The Road Victims Trust, is established for the public benefit. The objects of the charitable company are to provide emotional and practical support to all persons affected by a road death in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Following requests from the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) of Norfolk and Suffolk, we have given support to the residents of those areas and from 1 April 2023 entered formal service agreements with those counties. The charity's objects, set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, specifically include the following:
- To relieve sickness and distress among persons within the United Kingdom who have suffered the same as a result of any serious road collision and the families of such persons who are injured;
- To advance public education and awareness by research into issues relating to the victims of road traffic collisions and their families, and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following strategies have been identified as crucial to our success in achieving our aims:

Governance Strategy:
The RVT Trustees to act as a guardian of our vision, values, aims and assets, protecting the probity of the organisation and ensuring the vitality and long-term wellbeing of RVT.

Financial Strategy:
To secure funding to underpin the long-term future of the RVT, and to make best use of our financial resources in order to develop RVT services.

Objectives and aims (Continued)
Research and Knowledge Management Strategy:
To effect change and improvements that actively support the needs of victims and families affected by serious road traffic collisions.

Business Development Strategy:
To develop the overall service provision of the RVT and increase national awareness of the need for such vital services, and to work with other agencies and organisations to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of the service provided.

Information Systems Strategy:
To ensure the appropriate level of investment is made in Information Systems (IS) to achieve both our desired strategic outcomes and operational focus.

Key Performance Indicators:
- The Trustees will approve the annual priorities for the Trust and monitor performance against them at each Trustee meeting.
- Service delivery will be monitored by the Chief Executive on a monthly basis and by the Trustees at each meeting.
- The Chief Executive and Clinical Service Lead will periodically review and evaluate the performance of the service provision.
- The reports on such performance will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Significant activities
The Road Victims Trust (RVT) provides an holistic service that attends to both practical and emotional needs of anyone affected by Fatal and Serious Injury collisions on the roads. We have a client led approach and carefully listen to the individual needs of the individual from the outset.

We offer free, weekly counselling sessions as well as practical support. Counselling sessions are for as long as is useful when there has been a fatality, due to the complex, unique feelings that are experienced following being bereaved by, or having witnessed, such a collision. We also offer practical support following assessment and signpost where appropriate. We are able to provide further practical support through the legal and administrative processes that follow in the months or years after the collision.

During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, we supported 620 individuals who have been affected by the death or serious injury of someone on the roads of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Of these, 380 have accepted a level of our service, with 204 having one or more calls from an individual case manager providing emotional and practical support, and 176 have received free,regular weekly counselling sessions. We have also continued to support 104 people who continued to receive counselling from the previous year.

The counselling is provided by either a Coordinator or Counselling Volunteer and is free to the client, and for as long as both the client and The Road Victims Trust (RVT) feel it is useful. This may range from a few weeks to a couple of years and will often remain an important part of the support through inquest or criminal court proceedings that may follow.

This year we have provided input on Family Liaison Office training across the 5 counties. We love doing this as our relationship with the Police and their trust in us is key to being able to deliver the service. We have engaged with colleges and students to talk about how they might be able to work with us, and how we might support them to achieve their counselling qualification in an organisation that recognises the need to support counsellors physical and emotional wellbeing if they are to be fully available to
work with their clients.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities (Continued)

During 2023/24, we ran two intensive (45 hours over 5 weeks) training courses for counsellors who are either senior trainees or qualified, who have the potential to become counselling volunteers with the RVT. The first was in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire and the second in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. From these courses we successfully recruited 15 new counselling volunteers who have now joined the team.

All of our counselling volunteers receive a high level of support to ensure they are offering best practice, including 1:1 fortnightly or monthly clinical supervision and continuous professional development. Our counselling volunteers do a difficult but often rewarding job and we value their commitment and expertise which is at the core of what we do.

It has been another year of development and transition as we have improved and adjusted our systems to enable new ways of providing our service. This has continued to present us with challenges, however, the dedication and adaptability of our staff and Counselling Volunteers in the service of our Clients has once more been exceptional.

The Road Victims Trust are represented at the three Strategic Road Safety Partnerships across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These partnerships all strive to reduce the amount of casualties on the roads of the three counties and we are able to bring our experience and expertise specifically to look at the post collision response.

Public benefit

The services of the charity operate for the public benefit and are available to all in the local community as stated in the objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and as described in the objectives and aims above.

The trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Volunteers

As always, we are extremely grateful to our very loyal friends and supporters who continue to fundraise for us in many wonderful ways, continuing to raise awareness and funds for the RVT.

It has been a challenging year, however, the service we provide, whilst different from pre-pandemic times, has remained of high quality and this is due to the exceptional commitment and professionalism of both the staff team and our valued Counsellors who offer their services on a voluntary basis.

Our Friends and Supporters:
It is not possible to mention every one of the hundreds of Friends and Supporters who have donated so much by way of time, energy and money. Here is a very small selection of some of the Corporates and Businesses which have provided generous support to the Road Victims Trust:

- The Bedfordshire Charitable Trust,
- The Wixamtree Trust,
- The Harpur Trust (Supporting families in Bedford Borough),
- The Highways Agency,
- The Police and Crime Commissioners of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk for providing funding towards our core service.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995, in Hertfordshire since 2010 and in Cambridgeshire since 2013, to provide the following services to all residents of these three counties affected by fatal road collisions:

- Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.
- Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.
- Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.
- Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.

In addition, we offer telephone support to enquiries from outside Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

During the year ended 31 March 2024 RVT:

- Received 225 referrals relating to fatal and life-changing collisions- 86% of which were from the Police in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.
- Provided:
- Long-term support to 280 individuals by way of a one-to-one counselling service,
- Maintained, trained and retained a cohort of 62 highly trained and qualified Counsellors.

Fundraising activities

In order to continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the RVT rely on the friendship and support of many people, groups and businesses across the communities.

"We continue to be supported by a loyal group of supporters who have taken part in many fundraising events for us. Undoubtedly the economic down-turn has meant that there has been a subsequent decrease in regular giving and planned events. Nonetheless we have continued to receive good levels of support that make a very real difference to so many."

Internal and external factors

The Road Victims Trust has historically been wholly financed by charitable donations and grant making trusts supplemented with occasional Government grants.

Since 2014 we have forged close links with the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These links have been further developed with the signing of formal Service Level and Information Sharing Agreements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity had an overall net income surplus of £17,802 (2023: Surplus £52,909).

Total income increased by £38,589, from £406,657 to £445,246. Included was income from donations and gifts, which amounted to £90,789 (2023: £117,188), a decrease of £26,399. Income from local government agencies increased to £314,600 (2023: £239,050).

Expenditure on charitable activities totalled £427,444 for the year ended 31 March 2024 compared to £353,748 for the year ended 31 March 2023. This represented an increase during the year of £73,696.

Overall, the funds of the charitable company have increased from £397,388 as at 31 March 2023 to £415,190 as at 31 March 2024, and is considered to have sufficient funds carried forward.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity during the year were provided by local government agencies, for example: The Highways Agency, Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Police, Hertfordshire Police, Norfolk Police and Suffolk Police.

The funding position of the RVT, in common with many other small charities, remains hugely challenging and far greater emphasis and focus has been placed on the delivery of a financial strategy that enables us to provide the best possible levels of victims care within the constraints of the budget.

Road Victims Trust Fundraising Standards:
The RVT conforms to all recognised fundraising standards. We are a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising in the UK. The RVT recognises and conforms to the 6 guiding principles expected by the Charity Commission:
- Planning Effectively,
- Supervision of Fundraisers,
- Protecting Reputation, Money and Other Assets,
- Following Fundraising Law and Regulation,
- Follow the Recognised Standard for Fundraising,
- Be Open and Accountable.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the company has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit. The charity has no long-term investments. The company's cash reserves are held mainly in a bank current and short-term investment bank accounts. The trustees invest some of the cash reserves in bank deposit accounts and will look to maximise investment income receivable from bank accounts, whilst balancing this with the need to keep funds readily available to meet the operating costs of the charitable company.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the company's activities in the medium term and the trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory. The policy of the trustees is to hold sufficient funds to meet the operating costs of the centre for the foreseeable future. The current level of reserves is £415,190 (2023: £397,388), and the company held £462,569 (2023: £479,043) cash at bank and in hand.

Going concern

The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and anticipate that the level of income received will increase for the year ended 31 March 2025.

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following work-streams and projects have been identified as priorities for the RVT in the year April 2024 to March 2025. Separate action plans are in development for each priority area:
- To expand the RVT model across the Eastern Region of the UK,
- To increase the RVT cohort of Counselling Volunteers,
- To roll out the findings of the Academic research commissioned in respect of outcome measurement,
- To implement a fundraising strategy that enables sustainable and diverse income streams.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Road Victims trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 April 2011 and registered as a charity on 9 June 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up with net liabilities, the members of the company are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

The trustees meet regularly to administer the company and are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees have employed a team to deliver the charity's services and manage the day-to-day operations of the charitable company.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association at the first and all subsequent annual general meetings all the directors must retire from office, but all retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and in selecting new trustees, seek to identify people who are willing to help the charity in the broader community work and enhance the skill set and structure of the management committee. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills. The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision.

Organisational structure

The RVT has a group of dedicated Trustees who work closely with the Chief Executive to set the overall mission and strategic direction of the Trust. The Trustees also monitor and evaluate our work and ensure that the requirements of the Charities Act for proper governance and accountability arrangements are in place. To meet the needs of clients of serious road traffic collisions we are structured around a small team of paid employees supported by trained Volunteers.

Our whole supportive culture has grown through collaborative partnership working. We are proud of our formal co-operative arrangements with the Collaborated Roads Policing Units across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the 3 Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the HM Coroners, the 3 Strategic Road Safety Partnerships and our informal links with the Fire and Rescue Services and General Practitioners.

Through these partnerships and the dedication of our staff and volunteers we are able to offer a holistic service, free at the point of delivery, to our clients.

Related parties

The were no material related party transactions during the year under review.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07591489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142336

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Registered office
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K Vincent
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Ms L Hesse
R Panton
P D Jones
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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR
Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Road Victims Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Road Victims Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's 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 ('the 2006 Act').

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 charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.

David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA

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31 January 2025

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	**31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £**	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		**405,387**	356,238
Other trading activities	2	**33,842**	49,180
Investment income	3	**6,017**	1,170
Other income	4	**-**	69
Total		**445,246**	406,657
EXPENDITURE ON			
Other		**427,444**	353,748
NET INCOME		**17,802**	52,909
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**397,388**	344,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**415,190**	397,388

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	**31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £**	31.3.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	**3,581**	1,761
Cash at bank and in hand		**462,569**	479,043
		466,150	480,804
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	**(50,960)**	(83,416)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**415,190**	397,388
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**415,190**	397,388
NET ASSETS		**415,190**	397,388
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		**415,190**	397,388
TOTAL FUNDS		**415,190**	397,388

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Road Victims Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity.

The nature of the charitable company's operations and principal activities can also be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future and consider the use of the going concern basis of accounting appropriate. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is able to manage its risks successfully.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of grants received under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all conditions with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank and is recognised using the effective interest method.

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance cost, finance and administration costs. Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

The charitable company is not VAT registered and therefore VAT incurred is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Operating lease expenditure
Amounts payable under operating leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Tax is payable on non-charitable expenditure which includes expenditure which is not incurred solely for charitable purposes and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as current tax payable. Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Gifts and non-exchange transactions
Acquisitions that are in substance a gift of one business to another where the substance of the transaction is gifting the control of one entity to another are accounted for as non-exchange transactions in accordance with the SORP. The fair value of the gifted recognised assets and liabilities are recognised as a gain or loss in the statement of financial activities in the year of the transaction.

Government grants
Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Government grants are accounted for using the accruals model. The difference between the fair value of the grant and the consideration is recognised as a liability and amortised over the useful economic life of the grant. The amortisation is recognised within income.

Government grants received as a contribution to revenue expenditure are recognised in the statement of financial activities on a systematic basis over the period in which the related costs are recognised in respect of which the grant is intended to compensate. The related expenditure is included under operating costs. Grants are recognised in the same period as the related expenditure provided the conditions for receipt have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or equity. An equity instrument is any contract which evidences residual interest in the assets of the company after deduction of any liabilities.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Transaction price should also include transaction costs: transaction costs are those costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the debt instrument.

If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. The present value of a financial asset or financial liability that is repayable on demand is equal to the undiscounted cash amount expected to be paid or received.

On subsequent measurement basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid or received for basic financial instruments payable or receivable within one year.

Impairment
Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Debtors, creditors and provisions
Debtors and creditors are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or financial liabilities.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and bank current and demand deposit accounts. Short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account is included in cash at bank and in hand when applicable.

Estimation uncertainty
The management board is of the opinion that there are no areas of material estimation uncertainty in preparing the accounts which would be likely to give rise to a material adjustment to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Judgements
No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	**33,842**	49,180

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	**6,017**	1,170

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Sundry income	**-**	69

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	**416,036**	**11,408**	**427,444**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	31.3.24 Other resources expended	31.3.23 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	**294,481**	**240,638**
Social security	**21,822**	**17,287**
Pensions	**8,207**	**7,032**
Rates and water	**2,127**	**3,115**
Insurance	**2,458**	**2,196**
Light and heat	**1,884**	**2,423**
Telephone	**6,293**	**6,614**
Postage	**1,381**	**1,067**
Sundries	**68**	**123**
Printing and stationery	**663**	**358**
Support and supervision	**14,060**	**15,678**
Travel	**10,587**	**7,408**
Advertising and publicity	**2,503**	**5,421**
Refreshments	**182**	**1,157**
Room hire	**2,963**	**850**
Course and conference fees	**11,183**	**2,324**
Cleaning and household	**1,010**	**1,003**
Repairs and maintenance	**1,268**	**1,355**
Fundraising costs	**7,687**	**3,403**
IT maintenance and services	**25,208**	**22,830**
Carried forward	**416,035**	**342,282**

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Other - continued

	31.3.24 Other resources expended	31.3.23 Total activities
	£	£
Brought forward	**416,035**	**342,282**
Bank charges	**1**	**-**
	416,036	**342,282**

Governance costs

	31.3.24 Other resources expended	31.3.23 Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	**1,535**
Subscriptions	**4,514**	**2,204**
Professional fees	**4,886**	**7,713**
Statutory filing fees	**28**	**14**
	11,408	**11,466**

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	1,535

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024, nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**294,481**	240,638
Social security costs	**21,822**	17,287
Other pension costs	**8,207**	7,032
	324,510	264,957

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management (Chief Executive Officer)	**1**	1
Co-ordinators	**7**	6
Administration	**2**	2
Fundraising and Business development	**1**	1
	11	10

Included in staff costs, above, were employee benefits received by key management personnel for their services to the charity:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**52,854**	37,250
Social security costs	**5,829**	4,093
Other pension costs	**1,395**	1,118
	60,078	42,461

There were no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	356,238
Other trading activities	49,180
Investment income	1,170
Other income	69
Total	406,657
EXPENDITURE ON	
Other	353,748
NET INCOME	52,909

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	344,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	397,388

10. TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Schedule 6, paragraph 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.
There was no corporation tax payable for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	**3,581**	1,761

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	**1**	-
Social security and other taxes	**7,124**	5,664
Pensions liability	**1,384**	1,358
Accruals and deferred income	**42,451**	76,394
	50,960	83,416

Deferred income
Deferred income comprises advance income received in relation to the charitable activities of the company.

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	**72,000**	68,698
Amount released to income from previous year	**(72,000)**	(68,698)
Amount deferred to next year	**35,000**	72,000
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**35,000**	72,000

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**397,388**	**17,802**	**415,190**
TOTAL FUNDS	**397,388**	**17,802**	**415,190**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**445,246**	**(427,444)**	**17,802**
TOTAL FUNDS	**445,246**	**(427,444)**	**17,802**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	344,479	52,909	397,388
TOTAL FUNDS	344,479	52,909	397,388

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	406,657	(353,748)	52,909
TOTAL FUNDS	406,657	(353,748)	52,909

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The Road Victims Trust withdrew its service from Norfolk and Suffolk regions on 2 December 2024. It is expected that this will result in a reduction in funding of £120,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioners of these areas for the April 2024 to March 2025 financial year. However, 31 clients are still being supported by the charitable company in those regions.

16. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	**1,194**	1,507
Donations	**88,449**	112,411
Gift aid	**1,144**	3,270
Grants	**314,600**	239,050
	405,387	356,238
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	**33,842**	49,180
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**6,017**	1,170
Other income		
Sundry income	**-**	69
Total incoming resources	**445,246**	406,657
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	**294,481**	240,638
Social security	**21,822**	17,287
Pensions	**8,207**	7,032
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THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	1,535
Subscriptions	**4,514**	2,204
Professional fees	**4,886**	7,713
Statutory filing fees	**28**	14
	11,408	11,466
Total resources expended	**427,444**	353,748
Net income	**17,802**	52,909

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07591489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142336

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

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THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, a number of whom are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report, including the directors report, with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aftermath of a fatal road collision is truly devastating, with numerous lives being taken and countless more being irrevocably changed in a blink of the eye. The early intervention of the Road Victims Trust (RVT) makes a very real difference to the people who receive their support.

Our Vision:
RVT's vision is of a society where everyone has access to a holistic package of emotional, practical and, where required, legal support to enable them to meet their needs following death or life changing injury on the road.

Our Values:
We value:
- Supporting our clients throughout our interactions with them and identifying and responding to their needs.
- Meeting our obligations and delivering our promises.
- Caring for the emotional and physical wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- The commitment and contribution of our staff and volunteers.
- Equality of opportunity, diversity, honesty, fairness, openness and integrity in all that we do.
- Making the best use of our resources.

The ethos of our independent charitable trust reflects the above principles. It includes a passionate determination to improve and develop our services and to raise national awareness of the issues involved following serious road collisions.

Fundamentally, therefore, the overall guiding principles of RVT have a client focus and are needs based.

The charity, The Road Victims Trust, is established for the public benefit. The objects of the charitable company are to provide emotional and practical support to all persons affected by a road death in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Following requests from the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) of Norfolk and Suffolk, we have given support to the residents of those areas and from 1 April 2023 entered formal service agreements with those counties. The charity's objects, set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, specifically include the following:
- To relieve sickness and distress among persons within the United Kingdom who have suffered the same as a result of any serious road collision and the families of such persons who are injured;
- To advance public education and awareness by research into issues relating to the victims of road traffic collisions and their families, and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following strategies have been identified as crucial to our success in achieving our aims:

Governance Strategy:
The RVT Trustees to act as a guardian of our vision, values, aims and assets, protecting the probity of the organisation and ensuring the vitality and long-term wellbeing of RVT.

Financial Strategy:
To secure funding to underpin the long-term future of the RVT, and to make best use of our financial resources in order to develop RVT services.

Objectives and aims (Continued)
Research and Knowledge Management Strategy:
To effect change and improvements that actively support the needs of victims and families affected by serious road traffic collisions.

Business Development Strategy:
To develop the overall service provision of the RVT and increase national awareness of the need for such vital services, and to work with other agencies and organisations to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of the service provided.

Information Systems Strategy:
To ensure the appropriate level of investment is made in Information Systems (IS) to achieve both our desired strategic outcomes and operational focus.

Key Performance Indicators:
- The Trustees will approve the annual priorities for the Trust and monitor performance against them at each Trustee meeting.
- Service delivery will be monitored by the Chief Executive on a monthly basis and by the Trustees at each meeting.
- The Chief Executive and Clinical Service Lead will periodically review and evaluate the performance of the service provision.
- The reports on such performance will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Significant activities
The Road Victims Trust (RVT) provides an holistic service that attends to both practical and emotional needs of anyone affected by Fatal and Serious Injury collisions on the roads. We have a client led approach and carefully listen to the individual needs of the individual from the outset.

We offer free, weekly counselling sessions as well as practical support. Counselling sessions are for as long as is useful when there has been a fatality, due to the complex, unique feelings that are experienced following being bereaved by, or having witnessed, such a collision. We also offer practical support following assessment and signpost where appropriate. We are able to provide further practical support through the legal and administrative processes that follow in the months or years after the collision.

During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, we supported 620 individuals who have been affected by the death or serious injury of someone on the roads of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Of these, 380 have accepted a level of our service, with 204 having one or more calls from an individual case manager providing emotional and practical support, and 176 have received free,regular weekly counselling sessions. We have also continued to support 104 people who continued to receive counselling from the previous year.

The counselling is provided by either a Coordinator or Counselling Volunteer and is free to the client, and for as long as both the client and The Road Victims Trust (RVT) feel it is useful. This may range from a few weeks to a couple of years and will often remain an important part of the support through inquest or criminal court proceedings that may follow.

This year we have provided input on Family Liaison Office training across the 5 counties. We love doing this as our relationship with the Police and their trust in us is key to being able to deliver the service. We have engaged with colleges and students to talk about how they might be able to work with us, and how we might support them to achieve their counselling qualification in an organisation that recognises the need to support counsellors physical and emotional wellbeing if they are to be fully available to
work with their clients.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities (Continued)

During 2023/24, we ran two intensive (45 hours over 5 weeks) training courses for counsellors who are either senior trainees or qualified, who have the potential to become counselling volunteers with the RVT. The first was in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire and the second in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. From these courses we successfully recruited 15 new counselling volunteers who have now joined the team.

All of our counselling volunteers receive a high level of support to ensure they are offering best practice, including 1:1 fortnightly or monthly clinical supervision and continuous professional development. Our counselling volunteers do a difficult but often rewarding job and we value their commitment and expertise which is at the core of what we do.

It has been another year of development and transition as we have improved and adjusted our systems to enable new ways of providing our service. This has continued to present us with challenges, however, the dedication and adaptability of our staff and Counselling Volunteers in the service of our Clients has once more been exceptional.

The Road Victims Trust are represented at the three Strategic Road Safety Partnerships across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These partnerships all strive to reduce the amount of casualties on the roads of the three counties and we are able to bring our experience and expertise specifically to look at the post collision response.

Public benefit

The services of the charity operate for the public benefit and are available to all in the local community as stated in the objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and as described in the objectives and aims above.

The trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Volunteers

As always, we are extremely grateful to our very loyal friends and supporters who continue to fundraise for us in many wonderful ways, continuing to raise awareness and funds for the RVT.

It has been a challenging year, however, the service we provide, whilst different from pre-pandemic times, has remained of high quality and this is due to the exceptional commitment and professionalism of both the staff team and our valued Counsellors who offer their services on a voluntary basis.

Our Friends and Supporters:
It is not possible to mention every one of the hundreds of Friends and Supporters who have donated so much by way of time, energy and money. Here is a very small selection of some of the Corporates and Businesses which have provided generous support to the Road Victims Trust:

- The Bedfordshire Charitable Trust,
- The Wixamtree Trust,
- The Harpur Trust (Supporting families in Bedford Borough),
- The Highways Agency,
- The Police and Crime Commissioners of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk for providing funding towards our core service.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995, in Hertfordshire since 2010 and in Cambridgeshire since 2013, to provide the following services to all residents of these three counties affected by fatal road collisions:

- Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.
- Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.
- Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.
- Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.

In addition, we offer telephone support to enquiries from outside Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

During the year ended 31 March 2024 RVT:

- Received 225 referrals relating to fatal and life-changing collisions- 86% of which were from the Police in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.
- Provided:
- Long-term support to 280 individuals by way of a one-to-one counselling service,
- Maintained, trained and retained a cohort of 62 highly trained and qualified Counsellors.

Fundraising activities

In order to continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the RVT rely on the friendship and support of many people, groups and businesses across the communities.

"We continue to be supported by a loyal group of supporters who have taken part in many fundraising events for us. Undoubtedly the economic down-turn has meant that there has been a subsequent decrease in regular giving and planned events. Nonetheless we have continued to receive good levels of support that make a very real difference to so many."

Internal and external factors

The Road Victims Trust has historically been wholly financed by charitable donations and grant making trusts supplemented with occasional Government grants.

Since 2014 we have forged close links with the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These links have been further developed with the signing of formal Service Level and Information Sharing Agreements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity had an overall net income surplus of £17,802 (2023: Surplus £52,909).

Total income increased by £38,589, from £406,657 to £445,246. Included was income from donations and gifts, which amounted to £90,789 (2023: £117,188), a decrease of £26,399. Income from local government agencies increased to £314,600 (2023: £239,050).

Expenditure on charitable activities totalled £427,444 for the year ended 31 March 2024 compared to £353,748 for the year ended 31 March 2023. This represented an increase during the year of £73,696.

Overall, the funds of the charitable company have increased from £397,388 as at 31 March 2023 to £415,190 as at 31 March 2024, and is considered to have sufficient funds carried forward.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity during the year were provided by local government agencies, for example: The Highways Agency, Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Police, Hertfordshire Police, Norfolk Police and Suffolk Police.

The funding position of the RVT, in common with many other small charities, remains hugely challenging and far greater emphasis and focus has been placed on the delivery of a financial strategy that enables us to provide the best possible levels of victims care within the constraints of the budget.

Road Victims Trust Fundraising Standards:
The RVT conforms to all recognised fundraising standards. We are a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising in the UK. The RVT recognises and conforms to the 6 guiding principles expected by the Charity Commission:
- Planning Effectively,
- Supervision of Fundraisers,
- Protecting Reputation, Money and Other Assets,
- Following Fundraising Law and Regulation,
- Follow the Recognised Standard for Fundraising,
- Be Open and Accountable.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the company has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit. The charity has no long-term investments. The company's cash reserves are held mainly in a bank current and short-term investment bank accounts. The trustees invest some of the cash reserves in bank deposit accounts and will look to maximise investment income receivable from bank accounts, whilst balancing this with the need to keep funds readily available to meet the operating costs of the charitable company.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the company's activities in the medium term and the trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory. The policy of the trustees is to hold sufficient funds to meet the operating costs of the centre for the foreseeable future. The current level of reserves is £415,190 (2023: £397,388), and the company held £462,569 (2023: £479,043) cash at bank and in hand.

Going concern

The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and anticipate that the level of income received will increase for the year ended 31 March 2025.

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following work-streams and projects have been identified as priorities for the RVT in the year April 2024 to March 2025. Separate action plans are in development for each priority area:
- To expand the RVT model across the Eastern Region of the UK,
- To increase the RVT cohort of Counselling Volunteers,
- To roll out the findings of the Academic research commissioned in respect of outcome measurement,
- To implement a fundraising strategy that enables sustainable and diverse income streams.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Road Victims trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 April 2011 and registered as a charity on 9 June 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up with net liabilities, the members of the company are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

The trustees meet regularly to administer the company and are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees have employed a team to deliver the charity's services and manage the day-to-day operations of the charitable company.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association at the first and all subsequent annual general meetings all the directors must retire from office, but all retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and in selecting new trustees, seek to identify people who are willing to help the charity in the broader community work and enhance the skill set and structure of the management committee. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills. The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision.

Organisational structure

The RVT has a group of dedicated Trustees who work closely with the Chief Executive to set the overall mission and strategic direction of the Trust. The Trustees also monitor and evaluate our work and ensure that the requirements of the Charities Act for proper governance and accountability arrangements are in place. To meet the needs of clients of serious road traffic collisions we are structured around a small team of paid employees supported by trained Volunteers.

Our whole supportive culture has grown through collaborative partnership working. We are proud of our formal co-operative arrangements with the Collaborated Roads Policing Units across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the 3 Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the HM Coroners, the 3 Strategic Road Safety Partnerships and our informal links with the Fire and Rescue Services and General Practitioners.

Through these partnerships and the dedication of our staff and volunteers we are able to offer a holistic service, free at the point of delivery, to our clients.

Related parties

The were no material related party transactions during the year under review.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07591489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142336

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Registered office
146 Bedford Road
Kempston
Bedfordshire
MK42 8BH

Trustees
R Panton
I G Pears
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones
T Sharpe
Ms R Wong
Ms D P Stevens
K Vincent
M J Staton (appointed 16.1.25)

Directors
M R Turner (Chief Executive Officer, resigned 31.1.24)
Ms L Hesse
R Panton
P D Jones
P A Cook (Chief Executive Officer, appointed 31.1.24)

Independent Examiner
David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA
Rawlinson Pryde & Partners
Chartered Certified Accountants
Argent House
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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR
Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Road Victims Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Road Victims Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's 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 ('the 2006 Act').

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 charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.

David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA

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31 January 2025

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	**31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £**	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		**405,387**	356,238
Other trading activities	2	**33,842**	49,180
Investment income	3	**6,017**	1,170
Other income	4	**-**	69
Total		**445,246**	406,657
EXPENDITURE ON			
Other		**427,444**	353,748
NET INCOME		**17,802**	52,909
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**397,388**	344,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**415,190**	397,388

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	**31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £**	31.3.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	**3,581**	1,761
Cash at bank and in hand		**462,569**	479,043
		466,150	480,804
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	**(50,960)**	(83,416)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**415,190**	397,388
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**415,190**	397,388
NET ASSETS		**415,190**	397,388
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		**415,190**	397,388
TOTAL FUNDS		**415,190**	397,388

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Road Victims Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity.

The nature of the charitable company's operations and principal activities can also be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future and consider the use of the going concern basis of accounting appropriate. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is able to manage its risks successfully.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of grants received under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all conditions with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank and is recognised using the effective interest method.

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance cost, finance and administration costs. Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

The charitable company is not VAT registered and therefore VAT incurred is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Operating lease expenditure
Amounts payable under operating leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Tax is payable on non-charitable expenditure which includes expenditure which is not incurred solely for charitable purposes and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as current tax payable. Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Gifts and non-exchange transactions
Acquisitions that are in substance a gift of one business to another where the substance of the transaction is gifting the control of one entity to another are accounted for as non-exchange transactions in accordance with the SORP. The fair value of the gifted recognised assets and liabilities are recognised as a gain or loss in the statement of financial activities in the year of the transaction.

Government grants
Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Government grants are accounted for using the accruals model. The difference between the fair value of the grant and the consideration is recognised as a liability and amortised over the useful economic life of the grant. The amortisation is recognised within income.

Government grants received as a contribution to revenue expenditure are recognised in the statement of financial activities on a systematic basis over the period in which the related costs are recognised in respect of which the grant is intended to compensate. The related expenditure is included under operating costs. Grants are recognised in the same period as the related expenditure provided the conditions for receipt have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or equity. An equity instrument is any contract which evidences residual interest in the assets of the company after deduction of any liabilities.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Transaction price should also include transaction costs: transaction costs are those costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the debt instrument.

If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. The present value of a financial asset or financial liability that is repayable on demand is equal to the undiscounted cash amount expected to be paid or received.

On subsequent measurement basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid or received for basic financial instruments payable or receivable within one year.

Impairment
Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Debtors, creditors and provisions
Debtors and creditors are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or financial liabilities.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and bank current and demand deposit accounts. Short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account is included in cash at bank and in hand when applicable.

Estimation uncertainty
The management board is of the opinion that there are no areas of material estimation uncertainty in preparing the accounts which would be likely to give rise to a material adjustment to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Judgements
No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	**33,842**	49,180

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	**6,017**	1,170

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Sundry income	**-**	69

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	**416,036**	**11,408**	**427,444**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	31.3.24 Other resources expended	31.3.23 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	**294,481**	**240,638**
Social security	**21,822**	**17,287**
Pensions	**8,207**	**7,032**
Rates and water	**2,127**	**3,115**
Insurance	**2,458**	**2,196**
Light and heat	**1,884**	**2,423**
Telephone	**6,293**	**6,614**
Postage	**1,381**	**1,067**
Sundries	**68**	**123**
Printing and stationery	**663**	**358**
Support and supervision	**14,060**	**15,678**
Travel	**10,587**	**7,408**
Advertising and publicity	**2,503**	**5,421**
Refreshments	**182**	**1,157**
Room hire	**2,963**	**850**
Course and conference fees	**11,183**	**2,324**
Cleaning and household	**1,010**	**1,003**
Repairs and maintenance	**1,268**	**1,355**
Fundraising costs	**7,687**	**3,403**
IT maintenance and services	**25,208**	**22,830**
Carried forward	**416,035**	**342,282**

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Other - continued

	31.3.24 Other resources expended	31.3.23 Total activities
	£	£
Brought forward	**416,035**	**342,282**
Bank charges	**1**	**-**
	416,036	**342,282**

Governance costs

	31.3.24 Other resources expended	31.3.23 Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	**1,535**
Subscriptions	**4,514**	**2,204**
Professional fees	**4,886**	**7,713**
Statutory filing fees	**28**	**14**
	11,408	**11,466**

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	1,535

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024, nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**294,481**	240,638
Social security costs	**21,822**	17,287
Other pension costs	**8,207**	7,032
	324,510	264,957

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Management (Chief Executive Officer)	**1**	1
Co-ordinators	**7**	6
Administration	**2**	2
Fundraising and Business development	**1**	1
	11	10

Included in staff costs, above, were employee benefits received by key management personnel for their services to the charity:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**52,854**	37,250
Social security costs	**5,829**	4,093
Other pension costs	**1,395**	1,118
	60,078	42,461

There were no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	356,238
Other trading activities	49,180
Investment income	1,170
Other income	69
Total	406,657
EXPENDITURE ON	
Other	353,748
NET INCOME	52,909

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	344,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	397,388

10. TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Schedule 6, paragraph 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.
There was no corporation tax payable for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	**3,581**	1,761

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	**1**	-
Social security and other taxes	**7,124**	5,664
Pensions liability	**1,384**	1,358
Accruals and deferred income	**42,451**	76,394
	50,960	83,416

Deferred income
Deferred income comprises advance income received in relation to the charitable activities of the company.

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	**72,000**	68,698
Amount released to income from previous year	**(72,000)**	(68,698)
Amount deferred to next year	**35,000**	72,000
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**35,000**	72,000

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**397,388**	**17,802**	**415,190**
TOTAL FUNDS	**397,388**	**17,802**	**415,190**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**445,246**	**(427,444)**	**17,802**
TOTAL FUNDS	**445,246**	**(427,444)**	**17,802**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	344,479	52,909	397,388
TOTAL FUNDS	344,479	52,909	397,388

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	406,657	(353,748)	52,909
TOTAL FUNDS	406,657	(353,748)	52,909

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The Road Victims Trust withdrew its service from Norfolk and Suffolk regions on 2 December 2024. It is expected that this will result in a reduction in funding of £120,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioners of these areas for the April 2024 to March 2025 financial year. However, 31 clients are still being supported by the charitable company in those regions.

16. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	**1,194**	1,507
Donations	**88,449**	112,411
Gift aid	**1,144**	3,270
Grants	**314,600**	239,050
	405,387	356,238
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	**33,842**	49,180
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**6,017**	1,170
Other income		
Sundry income	**-**	69
Total incoming resources	**445,246**	406,657
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	**294,481**	240,638
Social security	**21,822**	17,287
Pensions	**8,207**	7,032
Rates and water	**2,127**	3,115
Insurance	**2,458**	2,196
Light and heat	**1,884**	2,423
Telephone	**6,293**	6,614
Postage	**1,381**	1,067
Sundries	**68**	123
Printing and stationery	**663**	358
Support and supervision	**14,060**	15,678
Travel	**10,587**	7,408
Advertising and publicity	**2,503**	5,421
Refreshments	**182**	1,157
Room hire	**2,963**	850
Course and conference fees	**11,183**	2,324
Cleaning and household	**1,010**	1,003
Repairs and maintenance	**1,268**	1,355
Fundraising costs	**7,687**	3,403
IT maintenance and services	**25,208**	22,830
Bank charges	**1**	-
	416,036	342,282

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Other		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,980**	1,535
Subscriptions	**4,514**	2,204
Professional fees	**4,886**	7,713
Statutory filing fees	**28**	14
	11,408	11,466
Total resources expended	**427,444**	353,748
Net income	**17,802**	52,909

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

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FRONT COVER:

The Road Victims Trust partners with The Bedfordshire Road Safety Partnership (BRSP) for a flag lowering ceremony to mark the World Day of Remembrance for all those who have lost their lives on the road globally.

Pictured: PC Sam Sparkes laying a rose in remembrance at Kempston Police HQ”

Road Victims Trust

Giving hope to rebuild lives

We are pleased to introduce this year's Annual Report of the Road Victims Trust (RVT). The past 18 months have seen the RVT receive an increasing number of referrals across Norfolk and Suffolk and we are delighted to see their work extended into these areas.

We know that the aftermath of fatal and life-changing collisions is truly devastating to so many people across the United Kingdom, and we are both honoured to offer our Patronage to the RVT as it seeks to reach out and help even more people in their time of need.

Please take time to read the report and learn more about their work.



Lady Philippa Dannatt MBE
HM Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk



Lady Clare, Countess of Euston
HM Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk

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The Trust is able to call upon the services of a number of distinguished individuals for specialist advice and support.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Lyn Hesse



Mark Turner

In 2022 a total of 1,766 people were killed on the roads of the Unted Kingdom, with nearly 29,000 people left with serious and life-changing injuries. Road deaths have increased by 10% on the previous year and this figure moves close to pre-pandemic levels.

The devastation and carnage caused by these collisions is immeasurable and happening daily. Lives are lost in an instant and numerous more lives are changed forever.

The Road Victims Trust (RVT) have 30 years' experience of offering a professional, timely and unconditional package of post-collision support to those affected by fatal and life-changing collisions. Our close working relationships with front-line Roads Policing and Family Liaison Officers means that we can receive referrals within 24 to 48 hours of the collision occurring. This enables the early intervention and offer of support to people who are lost in the fog of trauma and despair. Each year we support in excess of 500 people across the counties in which we operate.

The RVT firmly believe that the local commissioning of services, delivered by local people to local people, allows for the very best possible levels of post-collision support. Our experiences show that this Case-managed approach, backed up by a growing cohort of professional Counsellors, who volunteer their skills and expertise free, makes a very real difference to those at their lowest possible ebb. We know that we can move people to a position of being able to start to cope with the trauma that they face.

This support is only made possible by the understanding and support of so many people within the communities. Our relationships with Police Forces and Police and Crime Commissioners across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk who fund part of our service, the collegiate working relationships with Road Safety Partnerships and their members as well as numerous other groups and associations who recognise the need for the vital work that we carry out.

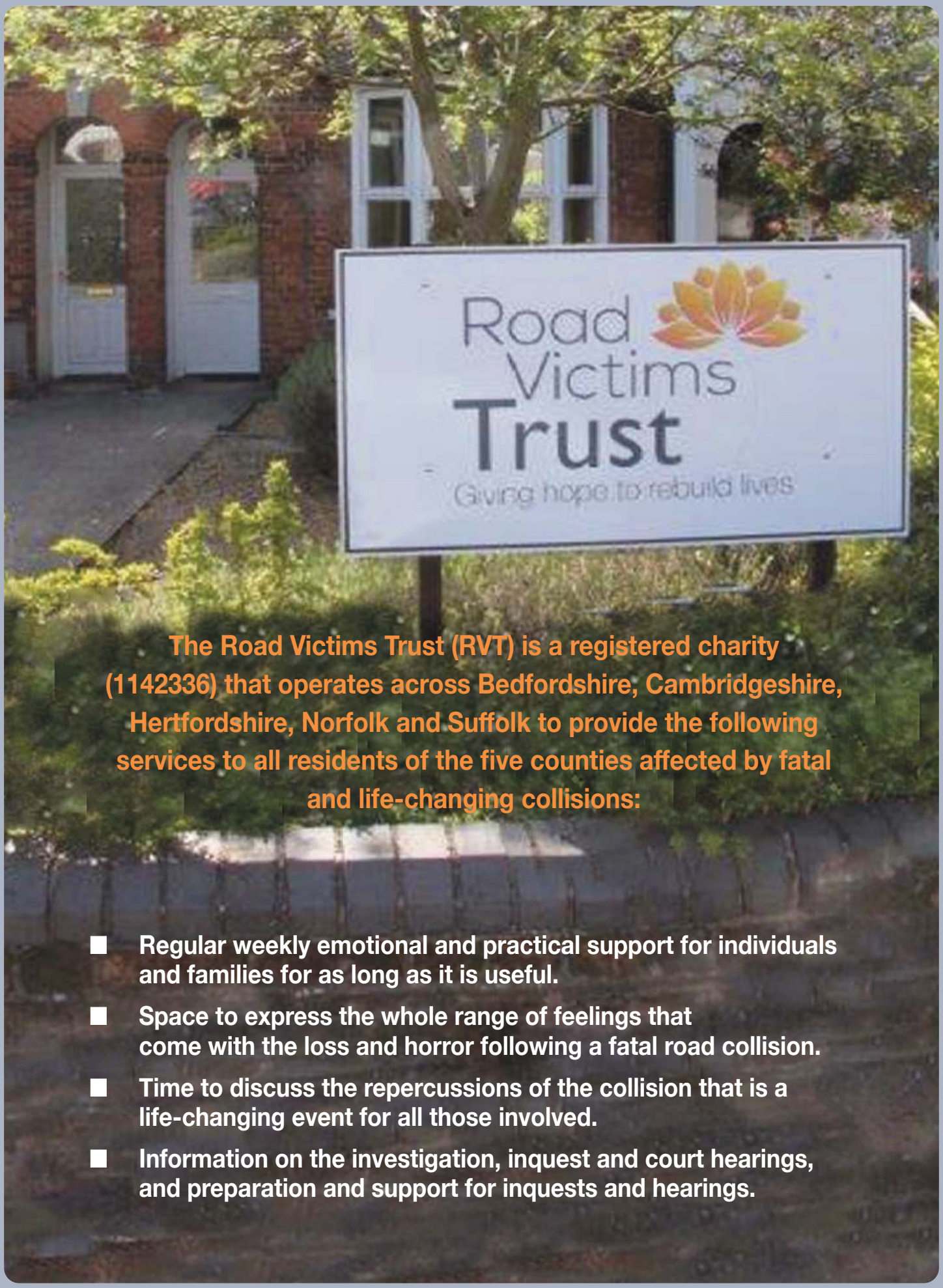
Nationally, we are proud to work alongside the Department for Transport and other leading charities to ensure that the victim's voice is loud and to inform the debate to ensure that a quality package of support is available to everyone across the UK.

Undoubtedly there remains much work to be done, but we are proud of our small team of staff, and our cohort of over 60 Counsellors who strive to give hope to hundreds of people each year.

Our sincere thanks to all that have helped the RVT over so many years.

Lyn Hesse (Chair) and Mark Turner (Chief Executive)

ROAD VICTIMS TRUST VALUES



The Road Victims Trust (RVT) is a registered charity (1142336) that operates across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk to provide the following services to all residents of the five counties affected by fatal and life-changing collisions:

- **Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.**
- **Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.**
- **Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.**
- **Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.**

SERVICE TEAM REPORT

01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023



During 2022/23 the Coordinator Team and over sixty Counselling Volunteers supported 248 people across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire affected by the sudden and devastating impact of fatal and serious, life changing injury road collisions. We have continued to support 80 people who we began working with in the previous year bringing the total to 328 individuals.

The Road Victims Trust (RVT) provides free counselling sessions for as long as this is useful. We also offer practical support through the legal and administrative processes following serious road collisions.

During this period, we have run two intensive 50 hour training courses for Counsellors who are either senior trainees or qualified who have the potential to become counselling volunteers for RVT. As a result of these courses, 21 completed it successfully and have now joined the team.

We now have a team of fifty-nine specialist trained Counselling Volunteers throughout the five counties in which we're now providing our service. They do an incredible job offering their time and expertise and are at the core of what we do.

Extending our service into Norfolk and Suffolk

This period has seen the beginning of our expansion into Norfolk and Suffolk, meaning that plans began for running a Suffolk based training course during the latter part of 2023 and this has now been successfully completed. We have increased the size of our service staff team as well to ensure that we can continue to provide the level of service that has long been experienced in the three counties and seamlessly extend the same across Norfolk and Suffolk.

Several information sessions have been provided for Norfolk and Suffolk roads policing officers, informing them of our work, and building good working relationships.

We have also engaged with other agencies, Colleges, and Universities in the two counties as well as professional counselling groups as we continue to work hard to raise awareness of our service and develop partnerships in these counties.

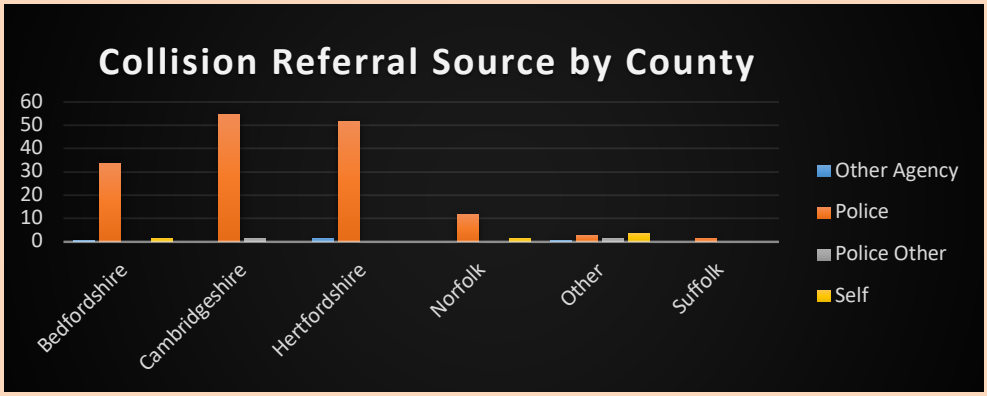
The number of referrals has continued to steadily increase in Norfolk and Suffolk throughout 2023.

Sarah Jones - Clinical Service Lead

Collision Referrals

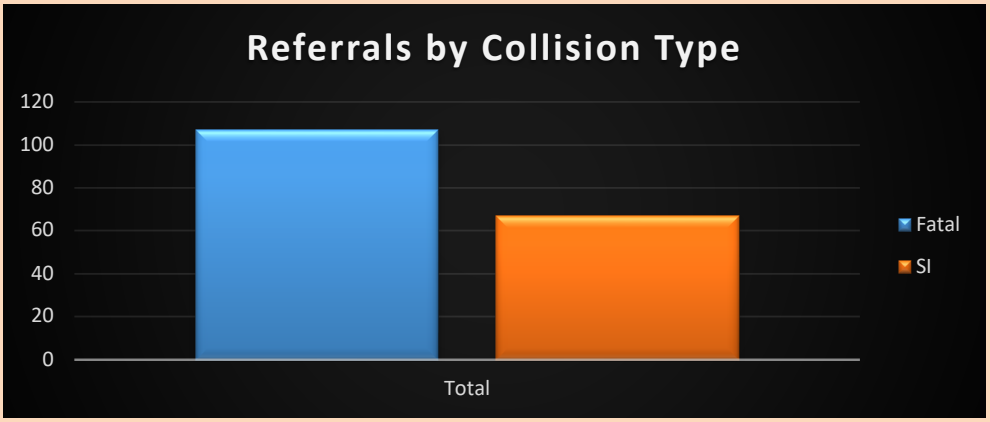
During the period 2022/23, 174 Fatal or Serious Injury (SI) collisions were referred to The Road Victims Trust (RVT).

Each referral represents a collision that may have one or many people affected by the devastating impact of a fatal collision, or a collision that resulted in one or more individuals receiving life-changing injuries. The referral may therefore contain just one or several people keen to take the service offered by the RVT which becomes apparent as we make contact with all those referred.



It is worth noting that during the latter part of this period we began to accept referrals from Norfolk and Suffolk and these referrals have grown in number significantly since the end of this reporting period.

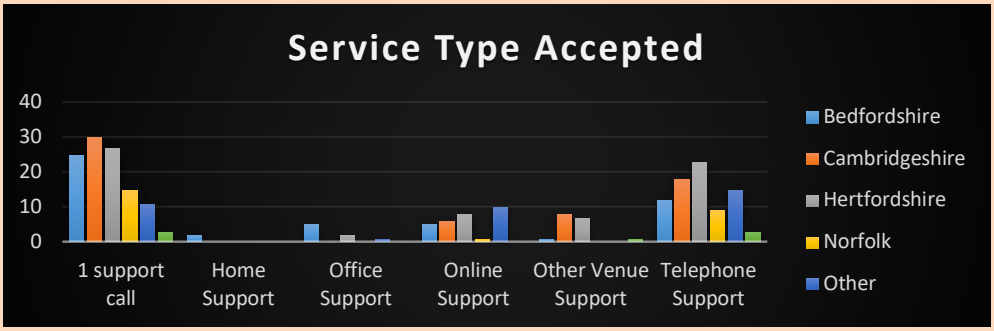
The chart below shows the split between Fatal and Serious Injury collisions referred to us during this period.



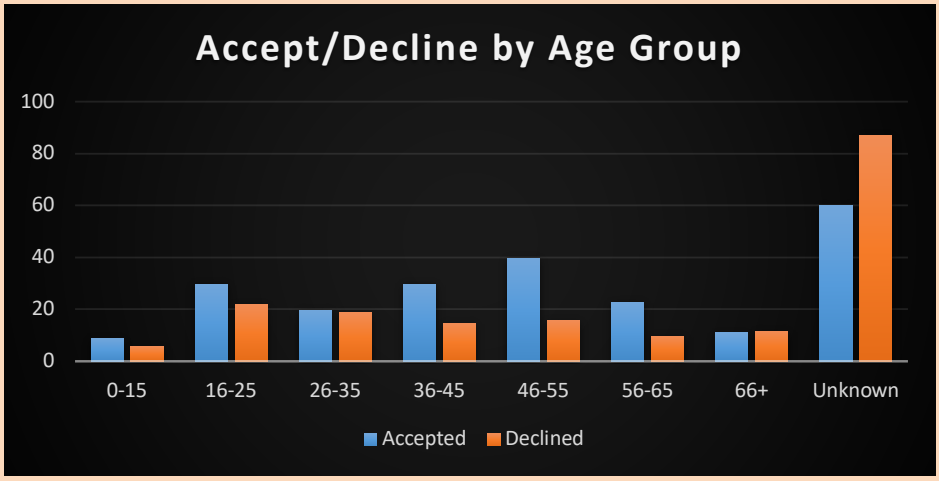
Service Provision

From the 476 individuals that we contacted in this period, 248 accepted some level of our service. The chart below shows the service delivery type accepted by county.

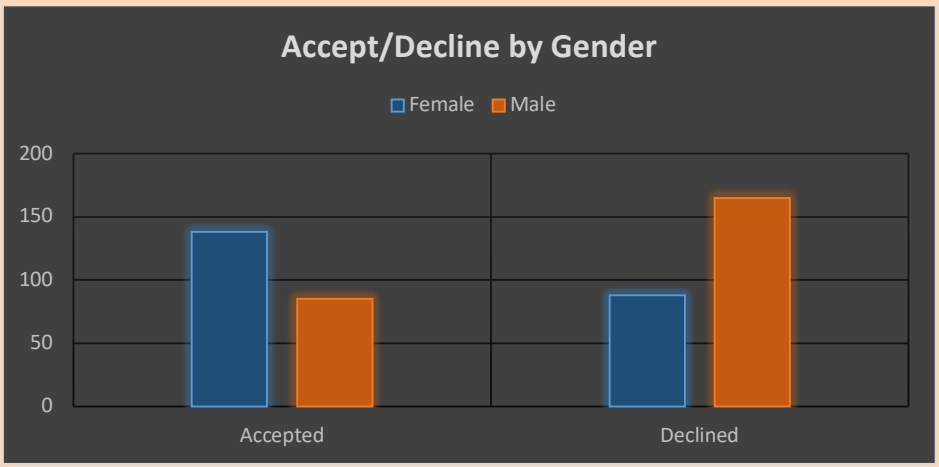
'1 support call' refers to one or more calls with a Case Manager, sometimes over a period of several weeks, providing practical and emotional support rather than more structured counselling.



The demographics of the clients taking the service this year is shown below.



Accept/Decline by Gender



Acept/Decline by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Accepted	Declined
Asian Or Asian British - Bangladeshi	1	2
Asian Or Asian British - Indian	3	7
Asian Or Asian British - Pakistani	3	4
Asian or Asian British: Other	2	2
Black Or Black British - Caribbean	2	0
Black or Black British: Other	1	0
Did Not Wish To Disclose Ethnic Group	1	0
Mixed - Other Mixed Background	2	0
Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	1	0
Not Stated	67	129
White - British	131	90
White - Other White Background	9	15

THE DIFFERENCE THE RVT CAN MAKE - THEIR WORDS SAY IT ALL

The RVT continually monitor the quality of the service we provide to ensure it meets the needs of those that we support. Below are just a few of the testimonials that we receive.

14 months of support given,
helped every session. Helped to find me
and my family our new normal. after the tragedy.
Working within the NHS gave me strategies
in that situation.
I do not feel I would be where I am today without
my RVT counsellor.
(E.D., Bedfordshire)

C (counsellor) has been amazing
and an integral part of my grieving process.
I truly am grateful for her time and to Road victims trust
for putting me first and helping me to manage
and cope with everything.
Truly my world has been shaken and C helped me to see the positive
things in life and helped me to get back to myself.
Things will never be the same but I have learned to continue.
My brother will always be a big part of my heart and soul
but C helped me to be the best version of me
for my children's sake and family and reminded
me that I also needed to take care of myself!
(R.N., Other)

The support I received
during Counselling was crucial.
Without it I would not have coped.
Because of this Counselling I have been able to
move on with my life in a stronger and more positive way.
I have a greater understanding of myself and a
better ability to deal with life's curve balls .
(S.B., Hertfordshire)

Thank you for helping
me through a difficult time
(H.C., Norfolk)

My counsellor, N, was outstanding
from start to finish across the 18 month period.
As someone who was new to counselling she let me move
through the process in my own time and was hugely supportive
through all of this. I understand she is now moving on from the
RVT but I would like to extend my upmost gratitude to both her
and the RVT as a whole over the last 20 months
(H.C., Cambridgeshire)

I was very sceptical towards
counselling, never believed it could be of use
to me as a person who doesn't talk about
anything and would just carry on.
(G.O., Hertfordshire)

I would like to thank the
service for the counselling my son received. It helped him,
although he was a bit reluctant at first to talk. It is also
reassuring to know that he can access the service
again in the future should he need it.
(O.M., Cambridgeshire)

I am retried so it was
reassurance and emotional support, mainly.
My whole conversation enabled me to look forward.
There are still moments to reflect on the whys and wherefores.
Since our counselling stopped we have lost C, a big part of my/our
lives, but with our experiences we are talking things
over as a family.
Thank you for being there to talk and listen.
(A.D., Bedfordshire)

J (case manager) was lovely
and explained everything fully.
She was very empathetic and really helpful.
There was a wait to be connected to a
counsellor but she kept in touch through that time.
I am so grateful for the help and support that I have received from
RVT. C (counsellor) was amazing, she listened and really helped me
work through everything that I was going through. I have experienced
lots of loss and I had been carrying my grief like a heavy weight for
years, I finally feel like it has been lifted from my shoulders and I feel
lighter. C was brilliant, she really helped me to take control of my life
and relationships, I now realise my own worth and that
for me has been very empowering. feel like I have a
strategy to cope for the future and I know what
I can do if I have a relapse.
Thank you so much C!
(E.M., Suffolk)

J (counsellor) was absolutely
so supportive right from our very first meeting.
I only needed emotional support which I most definitely
received from J.
I don't think I would be where I am today if it hadn't of been with
emotional help and support from J. At first I couldn't see how this
would help me. I had lost a beautiful 15 year old Granddaughter.
Not only was I grieving for her but I felt I had lost my daughter as well.
J helped me so much through this. Never thought I'd get there but
I have. Cannot thank that wonderful lady enough. Also I know I can
return to her at any time.
This is such a comfort to me. You are an amazing team.
THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.
(K.S., Other)

Working together with Police and Crime Commissioners

The Road Victims Trust (RVT) work in close partnership with the 5 Police Forces across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. The relationship enables a timely and effective referral mechanism, allowing the RVT to be proactive in its offers of support and guidance.
The five Police and Crime Commissioners across these areas have all set policing plans that put the victim at the heart of all they do, and are committed to reducing casualties on the counties roads.
The past 18 months have seen the RVT start to develop a system of post-collision support across Norfolk and Suffolk with the support of their respective PCC's, Giles Orpen-Smellie and Tim Passmore.

This is what they have to say about the working relationships that are starting to build.



Giles Orpen-Smellie

"I am delighted that the Road Victims Trust has been commissioned to provide its services to Norfolk and also by the way this has been welcomed by Norfolk Constabulary.
Every unexpected death is a tragedy. The work the Road Victims Trust does to support those who have been affected by the trauma of death or serious injury on our roads is hugely important and they do it brilliantly. Their work is particularly important in a society that seems to tolerate the casualty toll on our roads so casually.
The Road Victims Trust has my full support and I would like to thank their staff and volunteers for the superb work that they do."



Tim Passmore

"Every death on our county's roads is devastating for the family and friends of the victim. It is so important that those impacted are given emotional and practical support at their time of need and I thank the Road Victims Trust for providing this vital service.
"I was delighted to meet several of the volunteers recently at one of their training sessions and witnessed the compassion, sympathy and understanding they have to help support victims in such tragic circumstances, it really is second to none. I am incredibly grateful for all that they do – it makes such a difference.
"The work of the Road Victims Trust is absolutely essential, and I am pleased to be able to support this valuable work and look forward to building this important relationship with the Trust in years to come.
"Our shared ambition to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads remains paramount and I will continue to deliver investment in roads policing across the county."

THE WORK OF AN RVT COUNSELLOR -
GIVING HOPE TO RE-BUILD LIVES

The RVT have a highly trained and professional cohort of Counsellors who volunteer their skills and expertise free of charge. We know from evaluation and testimonials received that they make an incredible and lasting difference to those that receive their services.

Jan Maze shares her experiences of her work over the years at RVT.



I'm a Volunteer Counsellor with RVT and it's been 7.5 years since I went through the rigorous training programme that all RVT counsellors go through. Over the seven years I have learned much and progressed effectively as a counsellor with RVT, but especially, one of the main skills I have honed is to listen. Truly listen.

I listen to my clients as their pain spills over; their rage, their sense of injustice at what has happened, their anger, their despondency, their despair and together we weather the storm of grief. I believe it is a true collaboration between us. So that whatever they are feeling, they are not feeling it alone. Step by step, week by week, month by month they wade through their grief. They learn to mourn. Gradually they learn to make sense of their confusion, they search to find an understanding of what has happened, and what is happening. And with time to find new meaning in their changed world.

Sometimes in our sessions we laugh, and laugh loudly, as they share a funny story about the person they have loved and lost. I get to know their loved one through their memories and I gain a deeper understanding of the depth of their loss. As counsellors we bear witness to our client's experience in its entirety.

And at times it is very hard to listen to a heart that's breaking……

On learning that I'm a counsellor, I'm often asked 'how do you do your job?'. Well, like all people involved in the care of others, finding a variety of ways to care for oneself is vital. My client's well-being in our sessions depends on my well-being.

However, I know that I couldn't do what I do for my clients without the outstanding support I receive from RVT. Specifically, the clinical supervision, that all RVT counsellors receive once a month, and is part of ethical and good practice required by our professional bodies. My RVT clinical supervisor has given her impactful professional care, guidance and encouragement with generosity, wisdom, and humour. She has been integral in my positive development from a trainee counsellor through to becoming an accredited counsellor.

In addition, further RVT professional support comes in the form of the excellent CPD training days provide 2-3 times a year. We are invited to attend to develop our skills with the variety of professional trainers and speakers well respected for their work. These training days are also an opportunity to collaborate with our peers which helps offset the isolated nature of our work, and we get to give to each other and give back by supporting trainees and new counsellors to RVT.

The support from RVT as a whole, which in my experience as a volunteer counsellor, underpins the goodwill I feel and the ongoing professional relationship that I have, comes via their effective communication that we are a team and that I'm a valued part of it. All of which makes being a part of RVT enjoyable and fulfilling.

The counselling RVT provides is transformative, our clients often tell us. I know this to be true because I see it happening over the weeks, months and years, as my client changes, and finds strength they didn't know they were capable of. I am inspired by the courage that my clients have found to go on with their lives. It moves me profoundly to see the person I have come to know, gradually find hope again. And to know that I have been a part of that makes my role richly rewarding.

Road Victims Trust -

Continually Improving the Services that we provide



Joy Atkin has been a Casualty Reduction & Road Safety Analyst with Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire, and Hertfordshire Constabularies Tri-Force since June 2019. Joy, a member of the Eastern Region Analysts Network Group and corporate member of Road Safety GB, collaborates with partners on strategic and tactical Road Safety Partnership teams providing statistical data on existing and emerging themes. Joy also creates monthly 'Killed and Serious Injury' (KSI) route reports, used by partners and for evidence-led roads and local police patrols plus oversees the tri-force contribution to the National Police Chiefs Council Tier 1 road safety campaigns from beginning to end. Her latest project looks at links between criminality and road deaths, providing evidence to effect change in road safety.



Tomás Walsh, MSc, BSc. is a psychologist who has worked in health and medical services.
Working for Macmillan he offers assessment and evidence-based intervention for those with psychological difficulties directly related to cancer, death and dying.
Throughout his study of psychology Tomás has had a special interest in road safety and driver behaviour, completing his undergraduate degree with a research project on the behaviour of Dublin Fire Brigade drivers.
Tomás has recently completed a doctorate in clinical psychology, and as part of his studies conducted a research project with the Road Victims Trust (RVT). In this research Tomás sought to understand the aspects of RVT's work that service users believe helps them to regain hope. This research found that people bereaved by road traffic collisions felt supported by their counsellor who journeyed with them, they found their counsellors knowledge of police investigations and the legal system supportive when they were frustrated by slow progress. And finally, the consistency of care, knowing RVT are there at the other end of a phone call if needed.

Fundraising for the RVT



We continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and now Norfolk and Suffolk.

In order to continue these services throughout the five counties we rely on the friendship and support of individuals, groups and businesses within the local communities.

As always, we are extremely grateful to our brilliant friends and supporters who continue to do so many amazing things for RVT, helping us to raise awareness and much needed funds, some of whom are pictured below.

We simply couldn't do what we do without them!

Clair Bradley



RVT Fundraising Standards

The RVT conforms to all recognised fundraising standards. We are a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising in the UK. The RVT recognises and conforms to the 6 guiding principles expected by the Charity Commission.

- **Planning Effectively**
- **Supervision of Fundraisers**
- **Protecting Reputation, Money and Other Assets**
- **Following Fundraising Law and Regulation**
- **Follow the Recognised Standard for Fundraising**
- **Be Open and Accountable**

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Institute of Fundraising

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07591489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142336

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FOR

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, a number of whom are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aftermath of a fatal road collision is truly devastating, with numerous lives being taken and countless more being irrevocably changed in a blink of the eye. The early intervention of the Road Victims Trust (RVT) makes a very real difference to the people who receive their support.

Our Vision:
RVT's vision is of a society where everyone has access to a holistic package of emotional, practical and, where required, legal support to enable them to meet their needs following death or life changing injury on the road.

Our Values:
We value:
- Supporting our clients throughout our interactions with them and identifying and responding to their needs.
- Meeting our obligations and delivering our promises.
- Caring for the emotional and physical wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- The commitment and contribution of our staff and volunteers.
- Equality of opportunity, diversity, honesty, fairness, openness and integrity in all that we do.
- Making the best use of our resources.

The ethos of our independent charitable trust reflects the above principles. It includes a passionate determination to improve and develop our services and to raise national awareness of the issues involved following serious road collisions.

Fundamentally, therefore, the overall guiding principles of RVT have a client focus and are needs based.

The charity, The Road Victims Trust, is established for the public benefit. The objects of the charitable company are to provide emotional and practical support to all persons affected by a road death in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Following requests from the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) of Norfolk and Suffolk, we have given support to the residents of those areas and have from 1 April 2023 entered formal service agreements with those counties. The charity's objects, set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, specifically include the following:
- To relieve sickness and distress among persons within the United Kingdom who have suffered the same as a result of any serious road collision and the families of such persons who are injured;
- To advance public education and awareness by research into issues relating to the victims of road traffic collisions and their families, and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following strategies have been identified as crucial to our success in achieving our aims:

Governance Strategy:
The RVT Trustees to act as a guardian of our vision, values, aims and assets, protecting the probity of the organisation and ensuring the vitality and long-term wellbeing of RVT.

Financial Strategy:
To secure funding to underpin the long-term future of the RVT, and to make best use of our financial resources in order to develop RVT services.

Research and Knowledge Management Strategy:
To effect change and improvements that actively support the needs of victims and families affected by serious road traffic collisions.

Business Development Strategy:
To develop the overall service provision of the RVT and increase national awareness of the need for such vital services, and to work with other agencies and organisations to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of the service provided.

Information Systems Strategy:
To ensure the appropriate level of investment is made in Information Systems (IS) to achieve both our desired strategic outcomes and operational focus.

Key Performance Indicators:
- The Trustees will approve the annual priorities for the Trust and monitor performance against them at each Trustee meeting.
- Service delivery will be monitored by the Chief Executive on a monthly basis and by the Trustees at each meeting.
- The Chief Executive and Clinical Service Lead will periodically review and evaluate the performance of the service provision.
- The reports on such performance will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Road Victims Trust (RVT) provides an holistic service that attends to both practical and emotional needs of anyone affected by Fatal and Serious Injury collisions on the roads. We have a client led approach and carefully listen to the individual needs of the individual from the outset.

We offer free, weekly counselling sessions as well as practical support. Counselling sessions are for as long as is useful when there has been a fatality, due to the complex, unique feelings that are experienced following being bereaved by, or having witnessed, such a collision. We also offer practical support following assessment and signpost where appropriate. We are able to provide further practical support through the legal and administrative processes that follow in the months or years after the collision.

During the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, we supported 476 individuals, 282 of whom went on to receive long-term support. Some of this may have been short-term work, and others long-term weekly counselling sessions. Over 1,781 hours of counselling have been provided. Counselling is provided by a professional team of senior trainee or qualified Counselling Volunteers who have, in addition to their formal therapeutic training, completed our rigorous 50-hour training course in the specialist work of post collision counselling.

It has been a year of development and transition as we have improved and adjusted our systems to enable new ways of providing our service. This has presented us with challenges, however, the dedication and adaptability of our staff and Counselling Volunteers in the service of our Clients has been exceptional.

The Road Victims Trust are represented at the three Strategic Road Safety Partnerships across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These partnerships all strive to reduce the amount of casualties on the roads of the three counties and we are able to bring our experience and expertise specifically to look at the post collision response.

Public benefit

The services of the charity operate for the public benefit and are available to all in the local community as stated in the objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and as described in the objectives and aims above.

The trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

As always, we are extremely grateful to our very loyal friends and supporters who continue to fundraise for us in many wonderful ways, continuing to raise awareness and funds for the RVT.

It has been a challenging year, however, the service we provide, whilst different from pre-pandemic times, has remained of high quality and this is due to the exceptional commitment and professionalism of both the staff team and our valued Counsellors who offer their services on a voluntary basis.

Our Friends and Supporters:
It is not possible to mention every one of the hundreds of Friends and Supporters who have donated so much by way of time, energy and money. Here is a very small selection of some of the Corporates and Businesses which have provided generous support to the Road Victims Trust:
- BBC Children in Need,
- The Wixamtree Trust,
- The National Lottery Community Fund (Supporting grieving families through Covid-19),
- The Harpur Trust (Supporting families in Bedford Borough),
- The Highways Agency,
- The Police and Crime Commissioners of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire for providing funding towards our core service.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995, in Hertfordshire since 2010 and in Cambridgeshire since 2013, to provide the following services to all residents of these three counties affected by fatal road collisions:
- Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.
- Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.
- Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.
- Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.

In addition, we offer telephone support to enquiries from outside Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

During the year ended 31 March 2023 RVT:
- Received 174 referrals relating to fatal and life-changing collisions- 93% of which were from the Police in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.
- Provided:
* long-term support to 282 individuals by way of a one-to-one counselling service,
* 1.781 hours of specialist counselling sessions,
* 9,000 hours of dedicated staff time ensuring the needs of clients are met.
- Maintained, trained and retained a cohort of 60 highly trained and qualified Counsellors.

Fundraising activities

In order to continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the RVT rely on the friendship and support of many people, groups and businesses across the communities.
"We continue to be supported by a loyal group of supporters who have taken part in many fundraising events for us. Undoubtedly the economic down-turn has meant that there has been a subsequent decrease in regular giving and planned events. Nonetheless we have continued to receive good levels of support that make a very real difference to so many."

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

The Road Victims Trust has historically been wholly financed by charitable donations and grant making trusts supplemented with occasional Government grants.

Since 2014 we have forged close links with the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These links have been further developed with the signing of formal Service Level and Information Sharing Agreements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the year ended 31 March 2023, the charity had an overall net income surplus of £52,909 (2022: Surplus £12,000).

Total income increased by £90,073, from £316,584 to £406,657. Included was income from donations and gifts, which amounted to £117,188 (2022: £59,517), an increase of £57,671. Income from local government agencies increased to £239,050 (2022: £181,800).

Expenditure on charitable activities totalled £353,748 for the year ended 31 March 2023 compared to £304,584 for the year ended 31 March 2022. This represented an increase during the year of £49,164.

Overall, the funds of the charitable company have increased from £344,479 as at 31 March 2022 to £397,388 as at 31 March 2023, and has sufficient funds carried forward.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source for the charity is provided by local government agencies, for example: The Highways Agency, Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Police and Hertfordshire Police.

The funding position of the RVT, in common with many other small charities, remains hugely challenging and far greater emphasis and focus has been placed on the delivery of a financial strategy that enables us to provide the best possible levels of victims care within the constraints of the budget.

Road Victims Trust Fundraising Standards:
The RVT conforms to all recognised fundraising standards. We are a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising in the UK. The RVT recognises and conforms to the 6 guiding principles expected by the Charity Commission:
- Planning Effectively,
- Supervision of Fundraisers,
- Protecting Reputation, Money and Other Assets,
- Following Fundraising Law and Regulation,
- Follow the Recognised Standard for Fundraising,
- Be Open and Accountable.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the company has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit. The charity has no long-term investments. The company's cash reserves are held mainly in a bank current and short-term investment bank accounts. The trustees invest some of the cash reserves in bank deposit accounts and will look to maximise investment income receivable from bank accounts, whilst balancing this with the need to keep funds readily available to meet the operating costs of the charitable company.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the company's activities in the medium term and the trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory. The policy of the trustees is to hold sufficient funds to meet the operating costs of the centre for the foreseeable future. The current level of reserves is £397,387 (2022: £344,479), and the company holds £479,043 (2022: £396,867) cash at bank and in hand.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Going concern

The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and anticipate that the level of income received will increase for the year ended 31 March 2024.

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following work-streams and projects have been identified as priorities for the RVT in the year April 2023 to March 2024. Separate action plans are in development for each priority area:

- To expand the RVT model across the Eastern Region of the UK,
- To increase the RVT cohort of Counselling Volunteers,
- To roll out the findings of the Academic research commissioned in respect of outcome measurement,
- To implement a fundraising strategy that enables sustainable and diverse income streams.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Road Victims trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 April 2011 and registered as a charity on 9 June 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up with net liabilities, the members of the company are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

The trustees meet regularly to administer the company and are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees have employed a team to deliver the charity's services and manage the day-to-day operations of the charitable company.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association at the first and all subsequent annual general meetings all the directors must retire from office, but all retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and in selecting new trustees, seek to identify people who are willing to help the charity in the broader community work and enhance the skill set and structure of the management committee. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills. The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The RVT has a group of dedicated Trustees who work closely with the Chief Executive to set the overall mission and strategic direction of the Trust. The Trustees also monitor and evaluate our work and ensure that the requirements of the Charities Act for proper governance and accountability arrangements are in place. To meet the needs of clients of serious road traffic collisions we are structured around a small team of paid employees supported by trained Volunteers.

Our whole supportive culture has grown through collaborative partnership working. We are proud of our formal co-operative arrangements with the Collaborated Roads Policing Units across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the 3 Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the HM Coroners, the 3 Strategic Road Safety Partnerships and our informal links with the Fire and Rescue Services and General Practitioners.

Through these partnerships and the dedication of our staff and volunteers we are able to offer a holistic service, free at the point of delivery, to our clients.

Related parties

The were no material related party transactions during the year under review.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07591489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142336

Registered office

146 Bedford Road
Kempston
Bedfordshire
MK42 8BH

Trustees

R Panton
I G Pears
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones
T Sharpe
Ms R Wong
Ms D P Stevens
K Vincent (appointed 14.12.22)

Directors

M R Turner (Chief Executive Officer)
R Panton
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA
Rawlinson Pryde & Partners
Chartered Certified Accountants
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Road Victims Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's 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 ('the 2006 Act').

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 charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.

David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA

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18 December 2023

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	**31.3.23 Unrestricted funds £**	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		**356,238**	241,317
Other trading activities	2	**49,180**	66,498
Investment income	3	**1,170**	1,744
Other income	4	**69**	7,025
Total		**406,657**	316,584
EXPENDITURE ON			
Other		**353,748**	304,584
NET INCOME		**52,909**	12,000
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**344,479**	332,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**397,388**	344,479

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	**1,761**	26,204
Cash at bank and in hand		**479,043**	396,867
		480,804	423,071
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	**(83,416)**	(78,592)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**397,388**	344,479
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**397,388**	344,479
NET ASSETS		**397,388**	344,479
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		**397,388**	344,479
TOTAL FUNDS		**397,388**	344,479

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Road Victims Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity.

The nature of the charitable company's operations and principal activities can also be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future and consider the use of the going concern basis of accounting appropriate. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is able to manage its risks successfully.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of grants received under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all conditions with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank and is recognised using the effective interest method.

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance cost, finance and administration costs. Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

The charitable company is not VAT registered and therefore VAT incurred is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Operating lease expenditure
Amounts payable under operating leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Tax is payable on non-charitable expenditure which includes expenditure which is not incurred solely for charitable purposes and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as current tax payable. Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Gifts and non-exchange transactions
Acquisitions that are in substance a gift of one business to another where the substance of the transaction is gifting the control of one entity to another are accounted for as non-exchange transactions in accordance with the SORP. The fair value of the gifted recognised assets and liabilities are recognised as a gain or loss in the statement of financial activities in the year of the transaction.

Government grants
Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Government grants are accounted for using the accruals model. The difference between the fair value of the grant and the consideration is recognised as a liability and amortised over the useful economic life of the grant. The amortisation is recognised within income.

Government grants received as a contribution to revenue expenditure are recognised in the statement of financial activities on a systematic basis over the period in which the related costs are recognised in respect of which the grant is intended to compensate. The related expenditure is included under operating costs. Grants are recognised in the same period as the related expenditure provided the conditions for receipt have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or equity. An equity instrument is any contract which evidences residual interest in the assets of the company after deduction of any liabilities.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Transaction price should also include transaction costs: transaction costs are those costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the debt instrument.

If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. The present value of a financial asset or financial liability that is repayable on demand is equal to the undiscounted cash amount expected to be paid or received.

On subsequent measurement basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid or received for basic financial instruments payable or receivable within one year.

Impairment
Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Debtors, creditors and provisions
Debtors and creditors are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or financial liabilities.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and bank current and demand deposit accounts. Short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account is included in cash at bank and in hand when applicable.

Estimation uncertainty
The management board is of the opinion that there are no areas of material estimation uncertainty in preparing the accounts which would be likely to give rise to a material adjustment to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Judgements
No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	49,180	66,498

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,170	1,744

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Sundry income	69	34
Furlough receipts	-	6,991
	69	7,025

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	342,282	11,466	353,748

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	31.3.23 Other resources expended	31.3.22 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	240,638	219,925
Social security	17,287	14,241
Pensions	7,032	6,193
Rates and water	3,115	3,590
Insurance	2,196	2,185
Light and heat	2,423	2,221
Telephone	6,614	5,420
Postage	1,067	980
Sundries	123	190
Printing and stationery	358	1,004
Support and supervision	15,678	12,242
Travel	7,408	3,068
Advertising and publicity	5,421	2,820
Refreshments	1,157	56
Room hire	850	18
Course and conference fees	2,324	3,856
Cleaning and household	1,003	1,233
Carried forward	314,694	279,242

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Other - continued

	31.3.23 Other resources expended	31.3.22 Total activities
	£	£
Brought forward	**314,694**	**279,242**
Repairs and maintenance	**1,355**	**2,371**
Fundraising costs	**3,403**	**2,680**
IT maintenance and services	**22,830**	**14,446**
	342,282	**298,739**

Governance costs

	31.3.23 Other resources expended	31.3.22 Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,535**	**1,629**
Subscriptions	**2,204**	**1,111**
Professional fees	**7,713**	**3,091**
Statutory filing fees	**14**	**14**
	11,466	**5,845**

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,535**	1,629

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023, nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	240,638	219,925
Social security costs	17,287	14,241
Other pension costs	7,032	6,193
	264,957	240,359

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Management (Chief Executive Officer)	1	1
Co-ordinators	6	6
Administration	2	2
Fundraising and Business development	1	1
	10	10

Included in staff costs, above, were employee benefits received by key management personnel for their services to the charity:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	37,250	17,109
Social security costs	4,093	1,459
Other pension costs	1,118	494
	42,461	19,062

There were no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	241,317
Other trading activities	66,498
Investment income	1,744
Other income	7,025
Total	316,584
EXPENDITURE ON	
Other	304,584
NET INCOME	12,000

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	332,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	344,479

10. TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Schedule 6, paragraph 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.
There was no corporation tax payable for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Recoverable Gift Aid	**-**	1,379
Prepayments and accrued income	**1,761**	24,825
	1,761	26,204

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	**5,664**	5,068
Pensions liability	**1,358**	1,287
Accruals and deferred income	**76,394**	72,237
	83,416	78,592

Deferred income
Deferred income comprises advance income received in relation to the charitable activities of the company.

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	**68,698**	44,639
Amount released to income from previous year	**(68,698)**	(44,639)
Amount deferred to next year	**72,000**	68,698
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**72,000**	68,698

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**344,479**	**52,909**	**397,388**
TOTAL FUNDS	**344,479**	**52,909**	**397,388**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**406,657**	**(353,748)**	**52,909**
TOTAL FUNDS	**406,657**	**(353,748)**	**52,909**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	332,479	12,000	344,479
TOTAL FUNDS	332,479	12,000	344,479

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	316,584	(304,584)	12,000
TOTAL FUNDS	316,584	(304,584)	12,000

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

15. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07591489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142336

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FOR

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, a number of whom are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aftermath of a fatal road collision is truly devastating, with numerous lives being taken and countless more being irrevocably changed in a blink of the eye. The early intervention of the Road Victims Trust (RVT) makes a very real difference to the people who receive their support.

Our Vision:
RVT's vision is of a society where everyone has access to a holistic package of emotional, practical and, where required, legal support to enable them to meet their needs following death or life changing injury on the road.

Our Values:
We value:
- Supporting our clients throughout our interactions with them and identifying and responding to their needs.
- Meeting our obligations and delivering our promises.
- Caring for the emotional and physical wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- The commitment and contribution of our staff and volunteers.
- Equality of opportunity, diversity, honesty, fairness, openness and integrity in all that we do.
- Making the best use of our resources.

The ethos of our independent charitable trust reflects the above principles. It includes a passionate determination to improve and develop our services and to raise national awareness of the issues involved following serious road collisions.

Fundamentally, therefore, the overall guiding principles of RVT have a client focus and are needs based.

The charity, The Road Victims Trust, is established for the public benefit. The objects of the charitable company are to provide emotional and practical support to all persons affected by a road death in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Following requests from the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) of Norfolk and Suffolk, we have given support to the residents of those areas and have from 1 April 2023 entered formal service agreements with those counties. The charity's objects, set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, specifically include the following:
- To relieve sickness and distress among persons within the United Kingdom who have suffered the same as a result of any serious road collision and the families of such persons who are injured;
- To advance public education and awareness by research into issues relating to the victims of road traffic collisions and their families, and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following strategies have been identified as crucial to our success in achieving our aims:

Governance Strategy:
The RVT Trustees to act as a guardian of our vision, values, aims and assets, protecting the probity of the organisation and ensuring the vitality and long-term wellbeing of RVT.

Financial Strategy:
To secure funding to underpin the long-term future of the RVT, and to make best use of our financial resources in order to develop RVT services.

Research and Knowledge Management Strategy:
To effect change and improvements that actively support the needs of victims and families affected by serious road traffic collisions.

Business Development Strategy:
To develop the overall service provision of the RVT and increase national awareness of the need for such vital services, and to work with other agencies and organisations to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of the service provided.

Information Systems Strategy:
To ensure the appropriate level of investment is made in Information Systems (IS) to achieve both our desired strategic outcomes and operational focus.

Key Performance Indicators:
- The Trustees will approve the annual priorities for the Trust and monitor performance against them at each Trustee meeting.
- Service delivery will be monitored by the Chief Executive on a monthly basis and by the Trustees at each meeting.
- The Chief Executive and Clinical Service Lead will periodically review and evaluate the performance of the service provision.
- The reports on such performance will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Road Victims Trust (RVT) provides an holistic service that attends to both practical and emotional needs of anyone affected by Fatal and Serious Injury collisions on the roads. We have a client led approach and carefully listen to the individual needs of the individual from the outset.

We offer free, weekly counselling sessions as well as practical support. Counselling sessions are for as long as is useful when there has been a fatality, due to the complex, unique feelings that are experienced following being bereaved by, or having witnessed, such a collision. We also offer practical support following assessment and signpost where appropriate. We are able to provide further practical support through the legal and administrative processes that follow in the months or years after the collision.

During the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, we supported 476 individuals, 282 of whom went on to receive long-term support. Some of this may have been short-term work, and others long-term weekly counselling sessions. Over 1,781 hours of counselling have been provided. Counselling is provided by a professional team of senior trainee or qualified Counselling Volunteers who have, in addition to their formal therapeutic training, completed our rigorous 50-hour training course in the specialist work of post collision counselling.

It has been a year of development and transition as we have improved and adjusted our systems to enable new ways of providing our service. This has presented us with challenges, however, the dedication and adaptability of our staff and Counselling Volunteers in the service of our Clients has been exceptional.

The Road Victims Trust are represented at the three Strategic Road Safety Partnerships across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These partnerships all strive to reduce the amount of casualties on the roads of the three counties and we are able to bring our experience and expertise specifically to look at the post collision response.

Public benefit

The services of the charity operate for the public benefit and are available to all in the local community as stated in the objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and as described in the objectives and aims above.

The trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

As always, we are extremely grateful to our very loyal friends and supporters who continue to fundraise for us in many wonderful ways, continuing to raise awareness and funds for the RVT.

It has been a challenging year, however, the service we provide, whilst different from pre-pandemic times, has remained of high quality and this is due to the exceptional commitment and professionalism of both the staff team and our valued Counsellors who offer their services on a voluntary basis.

Our Friends and Supporters:
It is not possible to mention every one of the hundreds of Friends and Supporters who have donated so much by way of time, energy and money. Here is a very small selection of some of the Corporates and Businesses which have provided generous support to the Road Victims Trust:
- BBC Children in Need,
- The Wixamtree Trust,
- The National Lottery Community Fund (Supporting grieving families through Covid-19),
- The Harpur Trust (Supporting families in Bedford Borough),
- The Highways Agency,
- The Police and Crime Commissioners of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire for providing funding towards our core service.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995, in Hertfordshire since 2010 and in Cambridgeshire since 2013, to provide the following services to all residents of these three counties affected by fatal road collisions:
- Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.
- Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.
- Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.
- Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.

In addition, we offer telephone support to enquiries from outside Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

During the year ended 31 March 2023 RVT:
- Received 174 referrals relating to fatal and life-changing collisions- 93% of which were from the Police in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.
- Provided:
* long-term support to 282 individuals by way of a one-to-one counselling service,
* 1.781 hours of specialist counselling sessions,
* 9,000 hours of dedicated staff time ensuring the needs of clients are met.
- Maintained, trained and retained a cohort of 60 highly trained and qualified Counsellors.

Fundraising activities

In order to continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the RVT rely on the friendship and support of many people, groups and businesses across the communities.
"We continue to be supported by a loyal group of supporters who have taken part in many fundraising events for us. Undoubtedly the economic down-turn has meant that there has been a subsequent decrease in regular giving and planned events. Nonetheless we have continued to receive good levels of support that make a very real difference to so many."

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

The Road Victims Trust has historically been wholly financed by charitable donations and grant making trusts supplemented with occasional Government grants.

Since 2014 we have forged close links with the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These links have been further developed with the signing of formal Service Level and Information Sharing Agreements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the year ended 31 March 2023, the charity had an overall net income surplus of £52,909 (2022: Surplus £12,000).

Total income increased by £90,073, from £316,584 to £406,657. Included was income from donations and gifts, which amounted to £117,188 (2022: £59,517), an increase of £57,671. Income from local government agencies increased to £239,050 (2022: £181,800).

Expenditure on charitable activities totalled £353,748 for the year ended 31 March 2023 compared to £304,584 for the year ended 31 March 2022. This represented an increase during the year of £49,164.

Overall, the funds of the charitable company have increased from £344,479 as at 31 March 2022 to £397,388 as at 31 March 2023, and has sufficient funds carried forward.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source for the charity is provided by local government agencies, for example: The Highways Agency, Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Police and Hertfordshire Police.

The funding position of the RVT, in common with many other small charities, remains hugely challenging and far greater emphasis and focus has been placed on the delivery of a financial strategy that enables us to provide the best possible levels of victims care within the constraints of the budget.

Road Victims Trust Fundraising Standards:
The RVT conforms to all recognised fundraising standards. We are a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising in the UK. The RVT recognises and conforms to the 6 guiding principles expected by the Charity Commission:
- Planning Effectively,
- Supervision of Fundraisers,
- Protecting Reputation, Money and Other Assets,
- Following Fundraising Law and Regulation,
- Follow the Recognised Standard for Fundraising,
- Be Open and Accountable.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the company has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit. The charity has no long-term investments. The company's cash reserves are held mainly in a bank current and short-term investment bank accounts. The trustees invest some of the cash reserves in bank deposit accounts and will look to maximise investment income receivable from bank accounts, whilst balancing this with the need to keep funds readily available to meet the operating costs of the charitable company.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the company's activities in the medium term and the trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory. The policy of the trustees is to hold sufficient funds to meet the operating costs of the centre for the foreseeable future. The current level of reserves is £397,387 (2022: £344,479), and the company holds £479,043 (2022: £396,867) cash at bank and in hand.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Going concern

The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and anticipate that the level of income received will increase for the year ended 31 March 2024.

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following work-streams and projects have been identified as priorities for the RVT in the year April 2023 to March 2024. Separate action plans are in development for each priority area:

- To expand the RVT model across the Eastern Region of the UK,
- To increase the RVT cohort of Counselling Volunteers,
- To roll out the findings of the Academic research commissioned in respect of outcome measurement,
- To implement a fundraising strategy that enables sustainable and diverse income streams.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Road Victims trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 April 2011 and registered as a charity on 9 June 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up with net liabilities, the members of the company are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

The trustees meet regularly to administer the company and are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees have employed a team to deliver the charity's services and manage the day-to-day operations of the charitable company.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association at the first and all subsequent annual general meetings all the directors must retire from office, but all retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and in selecting new trustees, seek to identify people who are willing to help the charity in the broader community work and enhance the skill set and structure of the management committee. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills. The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The RVT has a group of dedicated Trustees who work closely with the Chief Executive to set the overall mission and strategic direction of the Trust. The Trustees also monitor and evaluate our work and ensure that the requirements of the Charities Act for proper governance and accountability arrangements are in place. To meet the needs of clients of serious road traffic collisions we are structured around a small team of paid employees supported by trained Volunteers.

Our whole supportive culture has grown through collaborative partnership working. We are proud of our formal co-operative arrangements with the Collaborated Roads Policing Units across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the 3 Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the HM Coroners, the 3 Strategic Road Safety Partnerships and our informal links with the Fire and Rescue Services and General Practitioners.

Through these partnerships and the dedication of our staff and volunteers we are able to offer a holistic service, free at the point of delivery, to our clients.

Related parties

The were no material related party transactions during the year under review.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07591489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142336

Registered office

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MK42 8BH

Trustees

R Panton
I G Pears
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones
T Sharpe
Ms R Wong
Ms D P Stevens
K Vincent (appointed 14.12.22)

Directors

M R Turner (Chief Executive Officer)
R Panton
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA
Rawlinson Pryde & Partners
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Road Victims Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's 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 ('the 2006 Act').

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 charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.

David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA

Rawlinson Pryde & Partners
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18 December 2023

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	**31.3.23 Unrestricted funds £**	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		**356,238**	241,317
Other trading activities	2	**49,180**	66,498
Investment income	3	**1,170**	1,744
Other income	4	**69**	7,025
Total		**406,657**	316,584
EXPENDITURE ON			
Other		**353,748**	304,584
NET INCOME		**52,909**	12,000
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**344,479**	332,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**397,388**	344,479

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	**1,761**	26,204
Cash at bank and in hand		**479,043**	396,867
		480,804	423,071
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	**(83,416)**	(78,592)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**397,388**	344,479
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**397,388**	344,479
NET ASSETS		**397,388**	344,479
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		**397,388**	344,479
TOTAL FUNDS		**397,388**	344,479

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Road Victims Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity.

The nature of the charitable company's operations and principal activities can also be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future and consider the use of the going concern basis of accounting appropriate. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is able to manage its risks successfully.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of grants received under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all conditions with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank and is recognised using the effective interest method.

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance cost, finance and administration costs. Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

The charitable company is not VAT registered and therefore VAT incurred is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Operating lease expenditure
Amounts payable under operating leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Tax is payable on non-charitable expenditure which includes expenditure which is not incurred solely for charitable purposes and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as current tax payable. Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Gifts and non-exchange transactions
Acquisitions that are in substance a gift of one business to another where the substance of the transaction is gifting the control of one entity to another are accounted for as non-exchange transactions in accordance with the SORP. The fair value of the gifted recognised assets and liabilities are recognised as a gain or loss in the statement of financial activities in the year of the transaction.

Government grants
Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Government grants are accounted for using the accruals model. The difference between the fair value of the grant and the consideration is recognised as a liability and amortised over the useful economic life of the grant. The amortisation is recognised within income.

Government grants received as a contribution to revenue expenditure are recognised in the statement of financial activities on a systematic basis over the period in which the related costs are recognised in respect of which the grant is intended to compensate. The related expenditure is included under operating costs. Grants are recognised in the same period as the related expenditure provided the conditions for receipt have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or equity. An equity instrument is any contract which evidences residual interest in the assets of the company after deduction of any liabilities.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Transaction price should also include transaction costs: transaction costs are those costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the debt instrument.

If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. The present value of a financial asset or financial liability that is repayable on demand is equal to the undiscounted cash amount expected to be paid or received.

On subsequent measurement basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid or received for basic financial instruments payable or receivable within one year.

Impairment
Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Debtors, creditors and provisions
Debtors and creditors are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or financial liabilities.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and bank current and demand deposit accounts. Short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account is included in cash at bank and in hand when applicable.

Estimation uncertainty
The management board is of the opinion that there are no areas of material estimation uncertainty in preparing the accounts which would be likely to give rise to a material adjustment to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Judgements
No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	49,180	66,498

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,170	1,744

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Sundry income	69	34
Furlough receipts	-	6,991
	69	7,025

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	342,282	11,466	353,748

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	31.3.23 Other resources expended	31.3.22 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	240,638	219,925
Social security	17,287	14,241
Pensions	7,032	6,193
Rates and water	3,115	3,590
Insurance	2,196	2,185
Light and heat	2,423	2,221
Telephone	6,614	5,420
Postage	1,067	980
Sundries	123	190
Printing and stationery	358	1,004
Support and supervision	15,678	12,242
Travel	7,408	3,068
Advertising and publicity	5,421	2,820
Refreshments	1,157	56
Room hire	850	18
Course and conference fees	2,324	3,856
Cleaning and household	1,003	1,233
Carried forward	314,694	279,242

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Other - continued

	31.3.23 Other resources expended	31.3.22 Total activities
	£	£
Brought forward	**314,694**	**279,242**
Repairs and maintenance	**1,355**	**2,371**
Fundraising costs	**3,403**	**2,680**
IT maintenance and services	**22,830**	**14,446**
	342,282	**298,739**

Governance costs

	31.3.23 Other resources expended	31.3.22 Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,535**	**1,629**
Subscriptions	**2,204**	**1,111**
Professional fees	**7,713**	**3,091**
Statutory filing fees	**14**	**14**
	11,466	**5,845**

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,535**	1,629

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023, nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	240,638	219,925
Social security costs	17,287	14,241
Other pension costs	7,032	6,193
	264,957	240,359

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Management (Chief Executive Officer)	1	1
Co-ordinators	6	6
Administration	2	2
Fundraising and Business development	1	1
	10	10

Included in staff costs, above, were employee benefits received by key management personnel for their services to the charity:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	37,250	17,109
Social security costs	4,093	1,459
Other pension costs	1,118	494
	42,461	19,062

There were no employees who received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	241,317
Other trading activities	66,498
Investment income	1,744
Other income	7,025
Total	316,584
EXPENDITURE ON	
Other	304,584
NET INCOME	12,000

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	332,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	344,479

10. TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Schedule 6, paragraph 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.
There was no corporation tax payable for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Recoverable Gift Aid	**-**	1,379
Prepayments and accrued income	**1,761**	24,825
	1,761	26,204

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	**5,664**	5,068
Pensions liability	**1,358**	1,287
Accruals and deferred income	**76,394**	72,237
	83,416	78,592

Deferred income
Deferred income comprises advance income received in relation to the charitable activities of the company.

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	**68,698**	44,639
Amount released to income from previous year	**(68,698)**	(44,639)
Amount deferred to next year	**72,000**	68,698
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**72,000**	68,698

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**344,479**	**52,909**	**397,388**
TOTAL FUNDS	**344,479**	**52,909**	**397,388**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**406,657**	**(353,748)**	**52,909**
TOTAL FUNDS	**406,657**	**(353,748)**	**52,909**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	332,479	12,000	344,479
TOTAL FUNDS	332,479	12,000	344,479

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	316,584	(304,584)	12,000
TOTAL FUNDS	316,584	(304,584)	12,000

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

15. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

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THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1142336

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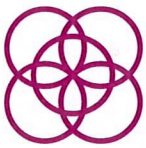
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FOR

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)



RAWLINSON PRYDE
& PARTNERS

Chartered Certified Accountants



THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

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THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees, a number of whom are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aftermath of a fatal road collision is truly devastating, with numerous lives being taken and countless more being irrevocably changed in a blink of the eye. The early intervention of the Road Victims Trust (RVT) makes a very real difference to the people who receive their support.

Our Vision:
RVT's vision is of a society where everyone has access to a holistic package of emotional, practical and, where required, legal support to enable them to meet their needs following death or life changing injury on the road.

Our Values:
We value:
- Supporting our clients throughout our interactions with them and identifying and responding to their needs.
- Meeting our obligations and delivering our promises.
- Caring for the emotional and physical wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- The commitment and contribution of our staff and volunteers.
- Equality of opportunity, diversity, honesty, fairness, openness and integrity in all that we do.
- Making the best use of our resources.

The ethos of our independent charitable trust reflects the above principles. It includes a passionate determination to improve and develop our services and to raise national awareness of the issues involved following serious road collisions.

Fundamentally, therefore, the overall guiding principles of RVT have a client focus and are needs based.

The charity, The Road Victims Trust, is established for the public benefit. The objects of the charitable company are to provide emotional and practical support to all persons affected by a road death in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. The charity's objects, set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, specifically include the following:
- To relieve sickness and distress among persons within the United Kingdom who have suffered the same as a result of any serious road collision and the families of such persons who are injured;
- To advance public education and awareness by research into issues relating to the victims of road traffic collisions and their families, and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following strategies have been identified as crucial to our success in achieving our aims:

Governance Strategy:
The RVT Trustees to act as a guardian of our vision, values, aims and assets, protecting the probity of the organisation and ensuring the vitality and long-term wellbeing of RVT.

Financial Strategy:
To secure funding to underpin the long-term future of the RVT, and to make best use of our financial resources in order to develop RVT services.

Research and Knowledge Management Strategy:

To effect change and improvements that actively support the needs of victims and families affected by serious road traffic collisions.

Business Development Strategy:
To develop the overall service provision of the RVT and increase national awareness of the need for such vital services, and to work with other agencies and organisations to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of the service provided.

Information Systems Strategy:
To ensure the appropriate level of investment is made in Information Systems (IS) to achieve both our desired strategic outcomes and operational focus.

Key Performance Indicators:
- The Trustees will approve the annual priorities for the Trust and monitor performance against them at each Trustee meeting.
- Service delivery will be monitored by the Chief Executive on a monthly basis and by the Trustees at each meeting.
- The Chief Executive and Clinical Service Lead will periodically review and evaluate the performance of the service provision.
- The reports on such performance will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Road Victims Trust (RVT) provides an holistic service that attends to both practical and emotional needs of anyone affected by Fatal and Serious Injury collisions on the roads. We have a client led approach and carefully listen to the individual needs of the individual from the outset.

We offer free, weekly counselling sessions as well as practical support. Counselling sessions are for as long as is useful when there has been a fatality, due to the complex, unique feelings that are experienced following being bereaved by, or having witnessed, such a collision. We also offer practical support following assessment and signpost where appropriate. We are able to provide further practical support through the legal and administrative processes that follow in the months or years after the collision.

During the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, we supported 479 individuals, 228 of whom went on to receive long-term support. Some of this may have been short-term work, and others long-term weekly counselling sessions. Over 1,176 hours of counselling have been provided. Counselling is provided by a professional team of senior trainee or qualified Counselling Volunteers who have, in addition to their formal therapeutic training, completed our rigorous 50-hour training course in the specialist work of post collision counselling.

This year, following completion of our live, hybrid training course, we are happy to be able to welcome a further 10 Counselling Volunteers to join the RVT team. As we emerged from Covid-19, we returned to some face-to-face counselling. Having discovered that remote working can enable more people to access our service in a way that works for them, we have decided to permanently move to a hybrid system where a choice of face-to-face, telephone, or online counselling is offered.

It has been a year of development and transition as we have improved and adjusted our systems to enable new ways of providing our service. This has presented us with challenges, however, the dedication and adaptability of our staff and Counselling Volunteers in the service of our Clients has been exceptional.

The Road Victims Trust are represented at the three Strategic Road Safety Partnerships across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These partnerships all strive to reduce the amount of casualties on the roads of the three counties and we are able to bring our experience and expertise specifically to look at the post collision response.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The services of the charity operate for the public benefit and are available to all in the local community as stated in the objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and as described in the objectives and aims above.

The trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Volunteers

As always, we are extremely grateful to our very loyal friends and supporters who continue to fundraise for us in many wonderful ways, continuing to raise awareness and funds for the RVT.

It has been a challenging year, however, the service we provide, whilst different from pre-pandemic times, has remained of high quality and this is due to the exceptional commitment and professionalism of both the staff team and our valued Counsellors who offer their services on a voluntary basis.

Our Friends and Supporters:
It is not possible to mention every one of the hundreds of Friends and Supporters who have donated so much by way of time, energy and money. Here is a very small selection of some of the Corporates and Businesses which have provided generous support to the Road Victims Trust:
- BBC Children in Need,
- The Wixamtree Trust,
- The National Lottery Community Fund (Supporting grieving families through Covid-19),
- The Harpur Trust (Supporting families in Bedford Borough),
- The Police and Crime Commissioners of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire for providing funding towards our core service.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995, in Hertfordshire since 2010 and in Cambridgeshire since 2013, to provide the following services to all residents of these three counties affected by fatal road collisions:
- Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.
- Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.
- Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.
- Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.

In addition, we offer telephone support to enquiries from outside Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

During the year ended 31 March 2022 RVT:
- Received 171 referrals relating to fatal and life-changing collisions- 87% of which were from the Police in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.
- Provided:
  * long-term support to 226 individuals by way of a one-to-one counselling service,
  * 1.176 hours of specialist counselling sessions,
  * 9,000 hours of dedicated staff time ensuring the needs of clients are met.
- Maintained, trained and retained a cohort of 55 highly trained and qualified Counsellors.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

In order to continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the RVT rely on the friendship and support of many people, groups and businesses across the communities.
The RVT Fundraising manager, Clair Bradley says:
"We continue to be supported by a loyal group of supporters who have taken part in many fundraising events for us. Undoubtedly the economic down-turn has meant that there has been a subsequent decrease in regular giving and planned events. Nonetheless we have continued to receive good levels of support that make a very real difference to so many."

Internal and external factors

The Road Victims Trust has historically been wholly financed by charitable donations and grant making trusts supplemented with occasional Government grants.

Since 2014 we have forged close links with the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These links have been further developed with the signing of formal Service Level and Information Sharing Agreements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the year ended 31 March 2022, the charity had an overall net income surplus of £12,000 (2021: Surplus £40,426).

Income from donations and gifts increased and amounted to £59,517 (2021: £52,666). Income from local government agencies decreased to £181,800 (2021: £204,950). The company received assistance under the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). Employees were furloughed as a result of being unable to perform their usual work for the charity and CJRS government grants amounting to £6,991 (2021: £28,382) were claimed during the period in respect of furloughed employees.

Expenditure on charitable activities increased during the year by £8,955. Expenditure on charitable activities totalled £304,584 for the year ended 31 March 2022 compared to £295,629 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Overall, the funds of the charitable company have increased from £332,479 at 31 March 2021 to £344,479 at 31 March 2022 and has sufficient funds carried forward.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source for the charity is provided by local government agencies, for example: The Highways Agency, Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Police and Hertfordshire Police.

The funding position of the RVT, in common with many other small charities, remains hugely challenging and far greater emphasis and focus has been placed on the delivery of a financial strategy that enables us to provide the best possible levels of victims care within the constraints of the budget.

Road Victims Trust Fundraising Standards:
The RVT conforms to all recognised fundraising standards. We are a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising in the UK. The RVT recognises and conforms to the 6 guiding principles expected by the Charity Commission:
- Planning Effectively,
- Supervision of Fundraisers,
- Protecting Reputation, Money and Other Assets,
- Following Fundraising Law and Regulation,
- Follow the Recognised Standard for Fundraising,
- Be Open and Accountable.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the company has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit. The charity has no long-term investments. The company's cash reserves are held mainly in a bank current and short-term investment bank accounts. The trustees invest some of the cash reserves in bank deposit accounts and will look to maximise investment income receivable from bank accounts, whilst balancing this with the need to keep funds readily available to meet the operating costs of the charitable company.

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the company's activities in the medium term and the trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory. The policy of the trustees is to hold sufficient funds to meet the operating costs of the centre for the foreseeable future. The current level of reserves is £344,479 (2021: £332,479), and the company holds £396,867 (2021: £384,466) cash at bank and in hand.

Going concern

The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and anticipate that the level of income received will increase for the year ended 31 March 2023.

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following work-streams and projects have been identified as priorities for the RVT in the year April 2022 to March 2023. Separate action plans are in development for each priority area:

- To expand the RVT model across the Eastern Region of the UK,
- To increase the RVT cohort of Counselling Volunteers,
- To roll out the findings of the Academic research commissioned in respect of outcome measurement,
- To implement a fundraising strategy that enables sustainable and diverse income streams.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Road Victims trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 April 2011 and registered as a charity on 9 June 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up with net liabilities, the members of the company are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

The trustees meet regularly to administer the company and are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees have employed a team to deliver the charity's services and manage the day-to-day operations of the charitable company.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association at the first and all subsequent annual general meetings all the directors must retire from office, but all retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and in selecting new trustees, seek to identify people who are willing to help the charity in the broader community work and enhance the skill set and structure of the management committee. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills. The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision.

Organisational structure

The RVT has a group of dedicated Trustees who work closely with the Chief Executive to set the overall mission and strategic direction of the Trust. The Trustees also monitor and evaluate our work and ensure that the requirements of the Charities Act for proper governance and accountability arrangements are in place. To meet the needs of clients of serious road traffic collisions we are structured around a small team of paid employees supported by trained Volunteers.

Our whole supportive culture has grown through collaborative partnership working. We are proud of our formal co-operative arrangements with the Collaborated Roads Policing Units across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the 3 Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the HM Coroners, the 3 Strategic Road Safety Partnerships and our informal links with the Fire and Rescue Services and General Practitioners.

Through these partnerships and the dedication of our staff and volunteers we are able to offer a holistic service, free at the point of delivery, to our clients.

Related parties

The were no material related party transactions during the year under review.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07591489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142336

Registered office

146 Bedford Road
Kempston
Bedfordshire
MK42 8BH

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

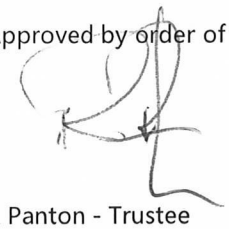
Trustees
R Panton
Mrs P Whittome (resigned 21.10.21)
I G Pears
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones
Sir L C Ebdon (resigned 12.8.21)
T Sharpe
Ms R Wong
Ms D P Stevens

Directors
M R Turner (Chief Executive Officer)
R Panton
C J C Ibbett (deceased 6.5.21)
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones

Independent Examiner
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



R Panton - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Road Victims Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's 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 ('the 2006 Act').

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 charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.

Rawlinson Pryde Ltd

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14 December 2022

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		**241,317**	257,616
Other trading activities	2	**66,498**	48,575
Investment income	3	**1,744**	1,232
Other income	4	**7,025**	28,632
Total		**316,584**	336,055
EXPENDITURE ON			
Other		**304,584**	295,629
NET INCOME		**12,000**	40,426
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**332,479**	292,053
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**344,479**	332,479

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	**26,204**	1,478
Cash at bank and in hand		**396,867**	384,466
		423,071	385,944
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	**(78,592)**	(53,465)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**344,479**	332,479
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**344,479**	332,479
NET ASSETS		**344,479**	332,479
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		**344,479**	332,479
TOTAL FUNDS		**344,479**	332,479

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

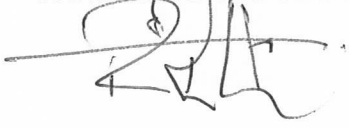
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



R Panton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Road Victims Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity.

The nature of the charitable company's operations and principal activities can also be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future and consider the use of the going concern basis of accounting appropriate. The trustees believe that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is able to manage its risks successfully.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of grants received under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all conditions with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank and is recognised using the effective interest method.

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance cost, finance and administration costs. Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

The charitable company is not VAT registered and therefore VAT incurred is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Operating lease expenditure
Amounts payable under operating leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Tax is payable on non-charitable expenditure which includes expenditure which is not incurred solely for charitable purposes and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as current tax payable. Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Gifts and non-exchange transactions
Acquisitions that are in substance a gift of one business to another where the substance of the transaction is gifting the control of one entity to another are accounted for as non-exchange transactions in accordance with the SORP. The fair value of the gifted recognised assets and liabilities are recognised as a gain or loss in the statement of financial activities in the year of the transaction.

Government grants
Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Government grants are accounted for using the accruals model. The difference between the fair value of the grant and the consideration is recognised as a liability and amortised over the useful economic life of the grant. The amortisation is recognised within income.

Government grants received as a contribution to revenue expenditure are recognised in the statement of financial activities on a systematic basis over the period in which the related costs are recognised in respect of which the grant is intended to compensate. The related expenditure is included under operating costs. Grants are recognised in the same period as the related expenditure provided the conditions for receipt have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or equity. An equity instrument is any contract which evidences residual interest in the assets of the company after deduction of any liabilities.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Transaction price should also include transaction costs: transaction costs are those costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the debt instrument.

If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. The present value of a financial asset or financial liability that is repayable on demand is equal to the undiscounted cash amount expected to be paid or received.

On subsequent measurement basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid or received for basic financial instruments payable or receivable within one year.

Impairment
Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Debtors, creditors and provisions
Debtors and creditors are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or financial liabilities.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and bank current and demand deposit accounts. Short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account is included in cash at bank and in hand when applicable.

Estimation uncertainty
The management board is of the opinion that there are no areas of material estimation uncertainty in preparing the accounts which would be likely to give rise to a material adjustment to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Judgements
No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fundraising events	66,498	48,575

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,744	1,232

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Sundry income	34	250
Furlough receipts	6,991	28,382
	7,025	28,632

Other income totalling £7,025 (2021: £28,632) included the following government grants:
- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme government grants receivable:
The grant was in respect of furloughed employees. Employees were furloughed as a result of being unable to perform their usual work for the charity due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the government's responses to it.

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	298,739	5,845	304,584

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	31.3.22 Other resources expended	31.3.21 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	219,925	224,886
Social security	14,241	15,659
Pensions	6,193	5,824
Rates and water	3,590	5,471
Insurance	2,185	2,064
Light and heat	2,221	1,180
Telephone	5,420	5,382
Postage	980	1,377
Sundries	190	152
Printing and stationery	1,004	504
Support and supervision	12,242	7,364
Carried forward	268,191	269,863

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Other - continued

	31.3.22 Other resources expended	31.3.21 Total activities
	£	£
Brought forward	268,191	269,863
Travel	3,068	2,305
Advertising and publicity	2,820	7,000
Refreshments	56	424
Room hire	18	-
Course and conference fees	3,856	1,724
Cleaning and household	1,233	914
Repairs and maintenance	2,371	1,237
Fundraising costs	2,680	660
IT maintenance and services	14,446	5,824
	298,739	289,951

Governance costs

	31.3.22 Other resources expended	31.3.21 Total activities
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	1,629	1,200
Subscriptions	1,111	378
Professional fees	3,091	4,086
Statutory filing fees	14	14
	5,845	5,678

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	1,629	1,200

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	219,925	224,886
Social security costs	14,241	15,659
Other pension costs	6,193	5,824
	240,359	246,369

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Management (Chief Executive Officer)	1	1
Co-ordinators	6	5
Administration	2	2
Fundraising and Business development	1	1
	10	9

Included in staff costs, above, were employee benefits received by key management personnel for their services to the charity:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	17,109	36,000
Social security costs	1,459	3,756
Other pension costs	494	1,080
	19,062	40,836

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	257,616
Other trading activities	48,575
Investment income	1,232
Other income	28,632
Total	336,055
EXPENDITURE ON	
Other	295,629

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
NET INCOME	40,426
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	292,053
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	332,479

10. TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Schedule 6, paragraph 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.
There was no corporation tax payable for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Recoverable Gift Aid	**1,379**	-
Prepayments and accrued income	**24,825**	1,478
	26,204	1,478

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	**5,068**	5,003
Pensions liability	**1,287**	1,189
Accruals and deferred income	**72,237**	47,273
	78,592	53,465

Deferred income
Deferred income comprises advance income received in relation to the charitable activities of the company.

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	**44,639**	30,744
Amount released to income from previous year	**(44,639)**	(30,744)
Amount deferred to next year	**68,698**	44,639
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**68,698**	44,639

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**332,479**	**12,000**	**344,479**
TOTAL FUNDS	**332,479**	**12,000**	**344,479**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**316,584**	**(304,584)**	**12,000**
TOTAL FUNDS	**316,584**	**(304,584)**	**12,000**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	292,053	40,426	332,479
TOTAL FUNDS	292,053	40,426	332,479

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	336,055	(295,629)	40,426
TOTAL FUNDS	336,055	(295,629)	40,426

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

15. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	**1,360**	1,463
Donations	**56,111**	48,456
Gift aid	**2,046**	2,747
Grants	**181,800**	204,950
	241,317	257,616
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	**66,498**	48,575
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**1,744**	1,232
Other income		
Sundry income	**34**	250
Furlough receipts	**6,991**	28,382
	7,025	28,632
Total incoming resources	**316,584**	336,055
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	**219,925**	224,886
Social security	**14,241**	15,659
Pensions	**6,193**	5,824
Rates and water	**3,590**	5,471
Insurance	**2,185**	2,064
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THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

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	298,739	289,951
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's remuneration	**1,629**	1,200
Subscriptions	**1,111**	378
Professional fees	**3,091**	4,086
Statutory filing fees	**14**	14
	5,845	5,678
Total resources expended	**304,584**	295,629
Net income	**12,000**	40,426

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1142336

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07591489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142336

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

FOR

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, a number of whom are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aftermath of a fatal road collision is truly devastating, with numerous lives being taken and countless more being irrevocably changed in a blink of the eye. The early intervention of the Road Victims Trust (RVT) makes a very real difference to the people who receive their support.

Our Vision:
RVT's vision is of a society where everyone has access to a holistic package of emotional, practical and, where required, legal support to enable them to meet their needs following death or life changing injury on the road.

Our Values:
We value:
- Supporting our clients throughout our interactions with them and identifying and responding to their needs.
- Meeting our obligations and delivering our promises.
- Caring for the emotional and physical wellbeing of staff and volunteers.
- The commitment and contribution of our staff and volunteers.
- Equality of opportunity, diversity, honesty, fairness, openness and integrity in all that we do.
- Making the best use of our resources.

The ethos of our independent charitable trust reflects the above principles. It includes a passionate determination to improve and develop our services and to raise national awareness of the issues involved following serious road collisions.

Fundamentally, therefore, the overall guiding principles of RVT have a client focus and are needs based.

The charity, The Road Victims Trust, is established for the public benefit. The objects of the charitable company are to provide emotional and practical support to all persons affected by a road death in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire. The charity's objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, specifically including the following:
- To relieve sickness and distress among persons within the United Kingdom who have suffered the same as a result of any serious road collision and the families of such persons who are injured;
- To advance public education and awareness by research into issues relating to the victims of road traffic collisions and their families, and to disseminate the useful results of such research.

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following strategies have been identified as crucial to our success in achieving our aims:

Governance Strategy:
The RVT Trustees to act as a guardian of our vision, values, aims and assets, protecting the probity of the organisation and ensuring the vitality and long-term wellbeing of RVT.

Financial Strategy:
To secure funding to underpin the long-term future of the RVT, and to make best use of our financial resources in order to develop RVT services.

Research and Knowledge Management Strategy:
To effect change and improvements that actively support the needs of victims and families affected by serious road traffic collisions.

Business Development Strategy:
To develop the overall service provision of the RVT and increase national awareness of the need for such vital services, and to work with other agencies and organisations to enhance the quality and cost-effectiveness of the service provided.

Information Systems Strategy:
To ensure the appropriate level of investment is made in Information Systems (IS) to achieve both our desired strategic outcomes and operational focus.

Key Performance Indicators:
- The Trustees will approve the annual priorities for the Trust and monitor performance against them at each Trustee meeting.
- Service delivery will be monitored by the Chief Executive on a monthly basis and by the Trustees at each meeting.
- The Chief Executive and Clinical Service Lead will periodically review and evaluate the performance of the service provision.
- The reports on such performance will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Significant activities
The Road Victims Trust (RVT) provides free counselling sessions for as long as this is useful. We also offer practical support through the legal and administrative processes following serious road collisions.

Since mid-March 2020, when restrictions on meeting in person came in due to Covid-19, RVT changed the way in which we support our clients, moving immediately to telephone sessions and later, following further training, to offering the option of online counselling support sessions and we will continue to work in this way until we can safely return to in-person working.

Whilst restrictions from March meant that there was far less traffic on the roads for a period, it is of note that the number of fatal and serious injury collisions referred remained close to the levels that we regrettably see each year.

In February 2021, ten new Counselling Volunteers began our 50-hour specialist training course which was delivered live on zoom and as a result eight further Counsellors have joined our team. We also developed our capacity to work with Children and Young People (CYP) by providing a number of our Counsellors with high quality CYP training.

In addition to our core service, during 2020, we also supported the development of the online Learn2Live Programme alongside the Herts Road Safety Partnership by being part of their video presentation; we also provided bereavement and trauma training for a counselling training centre in Hertfordshire.

The Road Victims Trust are represented at the three Strategic Road Safety Partnerships across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These partnerships all strive to reduce the amount of casualties on the roads of the three counties and we are able to bring our experience and expertise specifically to look at the Post Collision response.

Public benefit
The services of the charity operate for the public benefit and are available to all in the local community as stated in the objects set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and as described in the objectives and aims above.

The trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

As always, we are extremely grateful to our very loyal friends and supporters who continue to fundraise for us in many wonderful ways, continuing to raise awareness and funds for the RVT.

It has been a challenging year, however, the service we provide, whilst different from pre-pandemic times, has remained of high quality and this is due to the exceptional commitment and professionalism of both the staff team and our valued Counsellors who offer their services on a voluntary basis.

Our Friends and Supporters:

It is not possible to mention every one of the hundreds of Friends and Supporters who have donated so much by way of time, energy and money. Here is a very small selection of some of the Corporates and Businesses which have provided generous support to the Road Victims Trust:

- BBC Children in Need,
- The Wixamtree Trust,
- Horwich Cohen Coghlan Solicitors,
- The National Lottery Community Fund (Supporting grieving families through Covid-19),
- The Harpur Trust (Supporting families in Bedford Borough),
- Hertfordshire Community Foundation (Covid-19 emergency fund),
- Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation (Covid-19 emergency fund),
- The Police and Crime Commissioners of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire for providing funding towards our core service.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Road Victims Trust is a registered charity that has operated in Bedfordshire since 1995, in Hertfordshire since 2010 and in Cambridgeshire since 2013, to provide the following services to all residents of these three counties affected by fatal road collisions:

- Regular weekly emotional and practical support for individuals and families for as long as it is useful.
- Space to express the whole range of feelings that come with the loss and horror following a fatal road collision.
- Time to discuss the repercussions of the collision that is a life-changing event for all those involved.
- Information on the investigation, inquest and court hearings, and preparation and support for inquests and hearings.

In addition, we offer telephone support to enquiries from outside Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

During the year ended 31 March 2021 RVT:

- Received 137 referrals relating to fatal and life-changing collisions- 80% of which were from the Police in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.
- Provided:
  * long-term support to 249 individuals by way of a one-to-one counselling service,
  * 1408 hours of specialist counselling sessions,
  * 3,200 of dedicated staff time ensuring the needs of clients are met.
- Maintained, trained and retained a cohort of 55 highly trained and qualified Counsellors.

Fundraising activities

In order to continue to provide our services across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the RVT rely on the friendship and support of many people, groups and businesses across the communities.

The RVT Fundraising manager, Clair Bradley says:

"After experiencing a huge reduction in fundraising activity throughout the year of 2020, we are grateful that 2021/22 looks more encouraging. Slowly but surely our fundraising activity is increasing and we remain optimistic that the levels of engagement will continue to increase."

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

The Road Victims Trust has historically been wholly financed by charitable donations and grant making trusts supplemented with occasional Government grants.

Since 2014 we have forged close links with the Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. These links have been further developed with the signing of formal Service Level and Information Sharing Agreements.

The funding position of the RVT, in common with many other small charities, remains hugely challenging and far greater emphasis and focus has been placed on the delivery of a financial strategy that enables us to provide the best possible levels of victims care within the constraints of the budget.

The Coronavirus pandemic and the COVID-19 control measures have had a significant impact on the work of the charity, in particular the lockdowns. Towards the end of the year ended 31 March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic started to have an impact on the charity, which has had to adjust how it delivered and managed its services due to measures taken by the UK government.

The closures therefore had a large impact on the level of income received by the charity. During the year the charity received reduced income from donations and gifts totalling £52,666 (2020: £108,807).

In pursuing our objectives, we have been able to deliver public benefit by providing services for the local communities to meet our various aims, where possible under the government's COVID-19 control measures.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the year ended 31 March 2021, the charity had an overall net income surplus of £40,426 (2020: Deficit £664).

Income from local government agencies increased to £204,950 (2020: £185,000). However, income from donations and gifts fell to £52,666 (2020: £108,807). The company received assistance under the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. Employees were furloughed as a result of being unable to perform their usual work for the charity and Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme government grants amounting to £28, 382 were claimed from 1 May 2020 to 31 March 2021 in respect of furloughed employees.

Expenditure on charitable activities decreased during the year by £55,310. Expenditure on charitable activities totalled £295,629 for the year ended 31 March 2021 compared to £350,939 for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Overall, the funds of the charitable company have increased from £292,053 at 31 March 2020 to £332,479 at 31 March 2021 and has sufficient funds carried forward.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source for the charity is provided by local government agencies, for example: The Highways Agency, Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Police and Hertfordshire Police.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the company has the power to make any investments which the trustees see fit. The charity has no long-term investments. The company's cash reserves are held mainly in a bank current and short-term investment bank accounts. The trustees invest some of the cash reserves in bank deposit accounts and will look to maximise investment income receivable from bank accounts, whilst balancing this with the need to keep funds readily available to meet the operating costs of the charitable company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the company's activities in the medium term and the trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory. The policy of the trustees is to hold sufficient funds to meet the operating costs of the centre for the foreseeable future. The current level of reserves is £332,479 (2020: £292,053), and the company holds £384,466 (2020: £326,889) cash at bank and in hand.

Going concern

The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are aware that the charity will continue to face difficulty due to the measures taken by the UK government to contain the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which have affected economic activity and the charity in various ways. The trustees believe, however, that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and anticipate that the level of income received will increase for the year ended 31 March 2022.

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan contains our longer-term vision and the strategies required to achieve it. The plan sets out the RVT's three-year view and the framework of which will guide all those involved in delivering our services. It will guide us in the production of a list of annual priorities for development of the Trust which, alongside our actual service delivery, will form the basis for measuring our success each year.

The following work-streams and projects have been identified as priorities for the RVT in the year April 2021 to March 2022. Separate action plans are in development for each priority area:

- To research and develop RVT capabilities and procedures to enhance our service to Children and Young Persons.
- To research, develop and implement a measurement and assessment tool that best meets RVT need.
- To commission some academic research into the RVT service.
- To redefine the Police and Crime Commissioner outcomes reporting in line with Ministry of Justice requirement
- To increase the RVT cohort of Counsellors.
- To increase the RVT staffing model to pre-Covid levels.
- To develop a Fundraising strategy that addresses the post-Covid landscape.
- To research, develop and implement a Client Record Management (CRM) database.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Road Victims trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 April 2011 and registered as a charity on 9 June 2011. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up with net liabilities, the members of the company are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

The trustees meet regularly to administer the company and are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees have employed a team to deliver the charity's services and manage the day-to-day operations of the charitable company.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles of Association are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association at the first and all subsequent annual general meetings all the directors must retire from office, but all retiring directors are eligible for re-election.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and in selecting new trustees, seek to identify people who are willing to help the charity in the broader community work and enhance the skill set and structure of the management committee. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills. The trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application. The trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision.

Organisational structure

The RVT has a group of dedicated Trustees who work closely with the Chief Executive to set the overall mission and strategic direction of the Trust. The Trustees also monitor and evaluate our work and ensure that the requirements of the Charities Act for proper governance and accountability arrangements are in place. To meet the needs of clients of serious road traffic collisions we are structured around a small team of paid employees supported by trained Volunteers.

Our whole supportive culture has grown through collaborative partnership working. We are proud of our formal co-operative arrangements with the Collaborated Roads Policing Units across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the 3 Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the HM Coroners, the 3 Strategic Road Safety Partnerships and our informal links with the Fire and Rescue Services and General Practitioners.

Through these partnerships and the dedication of our staff and volunteers we are able to offer a holistic service, free at the point of delivery, to our clients.

Related parties

The were no material related party transactions during the year under review.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07591489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1142336

Registered office
146 Bedford Road
Kempston
Bedfordshire
MK42 8BH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees
R Panton
Mrs P Whittome (resigned 21.10.21)
I G Pears
Ms L Hesse
P D Jones
Sir L C Ebdon (resigned 12.8.21)
T Sharpe
Ms R Wong
Ms D P Stevens (appointed 19.2.21)

Directors
M R Turner (Chief Executive Officer)
R Panton
C J C Ibbett (deceased 6.5.21)
Ms L Hesse (appointed 9.10.20)
P D Jones (appointed 9.10.20)

Independent Examiner
David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA
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Rawlinson Pryde & Partners
Chartered Certified Accountants
Argent House
5 Goldington Road
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Road Victims Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's 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 ('the 2006 Act').

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 charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.

David John Rawlinson FCA FCCA
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30 December 2021

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	31.3.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		257,616	293,807
Other trading activities	2	48,575	54,026
Investment income	3	1,232	2,392
Other income	4	28,632	50
Total		336,055	350,275
EXPENDITURE ON			
Other		295,629	350,939
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		40,426	(664)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		292,053	292,717
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		332,479	292,053

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	31.3.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	1,478	6,651
Cash at bank and in hand		384,466	326,889
		385,944	333,540
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(53,465)	(41,487)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		332,479	292,053
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		332,479	292,053
NET ASSETS		332,479	292,053
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		332,479	292,053
TOTAL FUNDS		332,479	292,053

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Panton - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Road Victims Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales, and a registered charity.

The nature of the charitable company's operations and principal activities can also be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue for the foreseeable future and consider the use of the going concern basis of accounting appropriate.

The trustees are aware that the charity will face difficulties due to the measures taken by the UK government to contain the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which have affected economic activity and the charity in various ways. The trustees believe, however, that the charity has sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is able to manage its risks successfully.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of grants received under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all conditions with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity which is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank and is recognised using the effective interest method.

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure and irrecoverable value added tax
Support costs comprise those costs which are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include governance cost, finance and administration costs. Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

The charitable company is not VAT registered and therefore VAT incurred is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Operating lease expenditure
Amounts payable under operating leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Tax is payable on non-charitable expenditure which includes expenditure which is not incurred solely for charitable purposes and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as current tax payable. Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Gifts and non-exchange transactions
Acquisitions that are in substance a gift of one business to another where the substance of the transaction is gifting the control of one entity to another are accounted for as non-exchange transactions in accordance with the SORP. The fair value of the gifted recognised assets and liabilities are recognised as a gain or loss in the statement of financial activities in the year of the transaction.

Government grants
Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Government grants are accounted for using the accruals model. The difference between the fair value of the grant and the consideration is recognised as a liability and amortised over the useful economic life of the grant. The amortisation is recognised within income.

Government grants received as a contribution to revenue expenditure are recognised in the statement of financial activities on a systematic basis over the period in which the related costs are recognised in respect of which the grant is intended to compensate. The related expenditure is included under operating costs. Grants are recognised in the same period as the related expenditure provided the conditions for receipt have been satisfied and there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments
Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or equity. An equity instrument is any contract which evidences residual interest in the assets of the company after deduction of any liabilities.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. Transaction price should also include transaction costs: transaction costs are those costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the debt instrument.

If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction it is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. The present value of a financial asset or financial liability that is repayable on demand is equal to the undiscounted cash amount expected to be paid or received.

On subsequent measurement basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid or received for basic financial instruments payable or receivable within one year.

Impairment
Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Debtors, creditors and provisions
Debtors and creditors are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets or financial liabilities.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charity has a legal or constructive obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charity will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and bank current and demand deposit accounts. Short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account is included in cash at bank and in hand when applicable.

Estimation uncertainty
The management board is of the opinion that there are no areas of material estimation uncertainty in preparing the accounts which would be likely to give rise to a material adjustment to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Judgements
No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	48,575	54,026

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,232	2,392

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Sundry income	250	50
Furlough receipts	28,382	-
	28,632	50

Other income totalling £28,632 (2020: £50) included the following government grants:
- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme government grants receivable:
The grant was in respect of furloughed employees. Employees were furloughed as a result of being unable to perform their usual work for the charity due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the government's responses to it.

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	289,951	5,678	295,629

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Other

	31.3.21 Other resources expended	31.3.20 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	224,886	229,462
Social security	15,659	17,218
Pensions	5,824	5,558
Rates and water	5,471	7,158
Insurance	2,064	1,784
Light and heat	1,180	2,357
Telephone	5,382	8,314
Postage	1,377	1,408
Sundries	152	-
Printing and stationery	504	2,424
Support and supervision	7,364	4,173
Carried forward	269,863	279,856

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Other - continued

	31.3.21 Other resources expended £	31.3.20 Total activities £
Brought forward	269,863	279,856
Travel	2,305	32,539
Staff advertising	-	790
Advertising and publicity	7,000	1,335
Refreshments	424	1,320
Room hire	-	1,126
Course and conference fees	1,724	8,293
Cleaning and household	914	917
Repairs and maintenance	1,237	2,651
Fundraising costs	660	4,648
Ball expenses and fundraising costs	-	500
IT maintenance and services	5,824	12,723
	289,951	346,698

Governance costs

	31.3.21 Other resources expended £	31.3.20 Total activities £
Independent examiner's remuneration	1,200	700
Subscriptions	378	687
Professional fees	4,086	2,840
Statutory filing fees	14	14
	5,678	4,241

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Independent examiner's remuneration	1,200	700

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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	224,886	229,462
Social security costs	15,659	17,218
Other pension costs	5,824	5,558
	246,369	252,238

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Management (Chief Executive Officer)	1	1
Co-ordinators	5	4
Administration	2	1
Fundraising and Business development	1	1
	9	7

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	293,807
Other trading activities	54,026
Investment income	2,392
Other income	50
Total	350,275
EXPENDITURE ON	
Other	350,939
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(664)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	292,717

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	292,053

10. TAXATION

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Schedule 6, paragraph 1 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

There was no corporation tax payable for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Recoverable Gift Aid	-	4,080
Prepayments and accrued income	1,478	2,571
	1,478	6,651

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Social security and other taxes	5,003	5,884
Pensions liability	1,189	1,101
Accruals and deferred income	47,273	34,502
	53,465	41,487

Deferred income
Deferred income comprises advance income received in relation to the charitable activities of the company.

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	30,744	52,876
Amount released to income from previous year	(30,744)	(52,876)
Amount deferred to next year	44,639	30,744
Balance at the end of the reporting period	44,639	30,744

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	292,053	40,426	332,479
TOTAL FUNDS	292,053	40,426	332,479

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	336,055	(295,629)	40,426
TOTAL FUNDS	336,055	(295,629)	40,426

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	292,717	(664)	292,053
TOTAL FUNDS	292,717	(664)	292,053

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	350,275	(350,939)	(664)
TOTAL FUNDS	350,275	(350,939)	(664)

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	292,717	39,762	332,479
TOTAL FUNDS	292,717	39,762	332,479

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	686,330	(646,568)	39,762
TOTAL FUNDS	686,330	(646,568)	39,762

14. FUNDS

The total funds at the balance sheet date are allocated as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
General fund					
Unrestricted funds	151,353	336,055	(295,629)	8,501	200,280
Designated funds	103,500	-	-	1,500	105.000
Restricted funds	37.200	-	-	(10,001)	27,199
TOTAL FUNDS	292,053	336,055	(295,629)	-	332,479

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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16. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1, during the period of their membership and for a period of 12 months thereafter.

THE ROAD VICTIMS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	1,463	1,914
Donations	48,456	99,357
Gift aid	2,747	7,536
Grants	204,950	185,000
	257,616	293,807
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	48,575	54,026
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,232	2,392
Other income		
Sundry income	250	50
Furlough receipts	28,382	-
	28,632	50
Total incoming resources	336,055	350,275
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Other		
Wages	224,886	229,462
Social security	15,659	17,218
Pensions	5,824	5,558
Rates and water	5,471	7,158
Insurance	2,064	1,784
Light and heat	1,180	2,357
Telephone	5,382	8,314
Postage	1,377	1,408
Sundries	152	-
Printing and stationery	504	2,424
Support and supervision	7,364	4,173
Travel	2,305	32,539
Staff advertising	-	790
Advertising and publicity	7,000	1,335
Refreshments	424	1,320
Room hire	-	1,126
Course and conference fees	1,724	8,293
Cleaning and household	914	917
Carried forward	282,230	326,176

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other		
Brought forward	282,230	326,176
Repairs and maintenance	1,237	2,651
Fundraising costs	660	4,648
Ball expenses and fundraising costs	-	500
IT maintenance and services	5,824	12,723
	289,951	346,698
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's remuneration	1,200	700
Subscriptions	378	687
Professional fees	4,086	2,840
Statutory filing fees	14	14
	5,678	4,241
Total resources expended	295,629	350,939
Net income/(expenditure)	40,426	(664)