

**CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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

To promote for the public benefit, in partnership with the police, law enforcement agencies and other relevant bodies and organisations, the protection of people and property from criminal acts. In particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of a national communication vehicle between the public and the private sectors providing information on all relevant security matters.

The charity maintains a regular flow of national communications between the public and the private sectors in order to ensure maximum awareness of ongoing situation, or to maximise preparedness in advance of an incident taking place.

All activities of the charity have been for the sole purpose of the 'public benefit', through the provision of information to help improve the safety of the public, and property, on a regular basis.

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

The sole purpose of the charity is to reach as many people as possible, sharing useful advice on security and safety matters.

The demands upon Cross-sector Safety and Security Communication "CSSC" have grown since its founding, and in the recent period of increased malignant activity the calls upon the Charities services have seemed almost exponential and incidents triggered major growth in demand to receive messaging.

The CSSC charity sent out 326 CSSC London, regional and national safety and security messages during the year ending 31 March 2024. A total of 2057 messages have been sent since November 2014. (averaging 27 per month in the last year).

Industry Sector Leaders (ISLs) from 4211 organisations and companies have registered via the CSSC website, which enables members to view and receive all Police alerts and security messages. A total of 390 organisations registering in the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, an increase of 34% of new ISLs joining compared to during the previous year of 291.

All the CSSC regional hub teams are well established, ensuring the charity is able to send messages throughout the United Kingdom.

143 Trade Bodies, Organisations or Associations are registered on the CSSC cascade.

The authorities that CSSC works most closely with are the Metropolitan Police Service, British Transport Police, City of London Police, National Counter Terrorism Police Head Quarters, the National Police Chiefs Council and the National Fraud Investigation

All the achievements of the charity over the past year are with limited financial and staff resources and the charity continues to rely on donations from its partners.

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Financial review

Principal funding sources

The charity is funded primarily through donations from companies benefitting from, and/or supportive of, the CSSC objectives. Following on from previous years, this has been in the form of a voluntary member donation of £500 per entity.

In order to achieve the structure required to achieve the charity's goals, a number of businesses and public sector bodies have provided voluntary support to help drive the operational aspects of the charity.

Our thanks go to all of the external bodies that have supported the CSSC during the course of the year, either through donations or time.

The charity had an exceptional annual fundraising dinner during the year, raising £26,000. The CSSC retained 38% of the fundraising to support the running of the charity. The remaining 62% was donated to the City of London Police Cadets (£1,000) and the City of London Police Charity for Children (£15,000).

Expenditure remained consistent on part-time admin support engaged to deliver the charity objectives. Otherwise the charity has incurred minimal expenses.

Reserves policy

Majority of donations received during the year have been unrestricted. The minimum sum of £5000 as unrestricted cash reserves will continue to be maintained.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Sir D Wootton

D Randall

R C Wilson

R Barnes

D Ward

Ms S Terpilowski

I Dyson

M Duffy

P Collins

P Crowther

K Blythe

Ms E Walker

P Lavery

R Woolford

Ms J Williams

Assistant Chief Constable G Ritchie

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Organisational structure

All trustees are experienced professionals in their own right adding extensive value to the objectives of the charity.

The charity is made up of a core Executive Committee that focusses on the strategic direction of the charity. The national communication strategy has been developed by having a structure of Industry Sector Leads (ISLs), each responsible for the dissemination of information to their industry groups.

The network of ISLs form the membership of charity.

The Trustees are in place to manage the communication surrounding major risks and are therefore prepared to respond to major issues accordingly. The trustees are involved in setting the parameters within which communications may be sent advising public of a situation, and how they may best prepare themselves to maximise life safety and security.

Funds held as custodian trustee

The charity has agreed to administer the funds of the CSSC dinner, as its agent. It received proceeds of £26,025 during the year ending 31st March 2024 (2023: £5,435), (2022: £17,685). £16,000 amount was allocated to two agreed charities, and £10,025 was retained by the charity, as proposed by CSSC dinner committee. The £16,000 donations were awarded within the financial year.

Future plans

Since its inception CSSC has demonstrated its ability to communicate rapidly and responsibly to an ever growing population of subscribing members and is now in a position to send messages, through the cascade principle and the Industry Sector Leads to over 10 million people within 20 minutes. The reputation of CSSC continues to grow and the support it receives from the security services, in all their guises, together with the Home Office is unmatched.

Our Plans for the Future are effectively within three categories;

- * The establishment of truly national coverage throughout the United Kingdom
- * The development of our messaging/alerting service, currently based on confirmed sources and services to also message/alert upon open source material, information.
- * Securing a firm financial base to ensure that CSSC can continue to grow and develop its services. Authoritative mass communication has proved itself to be an essential part of the national reaction to a catastrophic, major event. People and industry need to know what is happening and how to react to an event. CSSC is an essential part of the response armoury.

However, it needs to be funded. Donations are its life blood, and the charities future plans are dependant on continued donations from individuals and organisations who benefit from the information distributed by the charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

D Randall

Trustee

Dated: 10 January 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CROSS SECTOR SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Cross Sector Safety and Security Communications (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Dated: 11 January 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
	Notes		
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	49,459	41,043
Other trading activities	4	50,797	-
Total income		100,256	41,043
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	5	25,331	216
Charitable activities	6	29,716	4,368
Other	10	35,000	35,000
Total expenditure		90,047	39,584
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		10,209	1,459
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		66,521	65,062
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		76,730	66,521

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	998		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		75,732		73,338	
		<u>76,730</u>		<u>73,338</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	-		(6,817)	
Net current assets			76,730		66,521
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			76,730		66,521
			<u>76,730</u>		<u>66,521</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 January 2025

D Randall
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements of the charity, 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 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.

1.3 Expenditure

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.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment	33% on cost
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1.5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.6 Fund accounting

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

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.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	49,459	41,043

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	50,797	-

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Staging fundraising events	25,115	-
Support costs	216	216
Fundraising and publicity	25,331	216
	25,331	216

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6 Charitable activities

	Security Communication 2024 £	Security Communication 2023 £
Insurance	471	-
Website hosting fees	999	999
Telephone and internet costs	280	267
Sundry expenditure	11,516	3,102
	<u>13,266</u>	<u>4,368</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	16,000	-
Share of governance costs (see note)	450	-
	<u>29,716</u>	<u>4,368</u>

7 Grants payable

	Security Communication 2024 £	2023 £
Grants to institutions:		
City of London Police Children's Charity (City Kids)	15,000	-
City of London Cadets	1,000	-
	<u>16,000</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Sub contractor staff	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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10 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
Staff costs	35,000	35,000
	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	998	-
	<u>998</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	-	6,817
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,817</u>

14 Retirement benefit schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

15 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Donation received 2024 £	2023 £
Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the company	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>