

SOCIETY OF EVIDENCE BASED POLICING
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Charity Registration Number : 1163505

SOCIETY OF EVIDENCE BASED POLICING

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity Registered Number

1163505

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Objectives and activities

The aims of the Society of Evidence Based Policing are to use, produce and communicate the best available research evidence to solve policing problems.

The Society achieves these aims in several ways. Firstly, we encourage and persuade police practitioners and academics to collaborate through our network of regional representatives. These passionate ambassadors of evidence-based policing use their force networks to support the use of best available evidence, and mentor and advice in how to evaluate policing operations.

Secondly, we communicate with our members through conferences, with those conferences acting as great opportunities for dissemination of knowledge through presentations, seminars, and panel discussions. The conferences also provide rich opportunities for networking with like-minded academics, police practitioners and “pracademics” to understand what is working in other police forces to promote evidence-based policing.

The Society maintains a large list of members including police staff, academics, researchers from both the UK and internationally. The Society keeps in regular contact with its members via emails about local events through its regional representatives.

Public Benefit

Our Trustees are aware of the Charities Commission's guidance on public benefit. As the work of the charity and the funds it raises are entirely dedicated to the advancement of evidence-based policing, the Trustees are of the view the charity meets the public benefit test criteria.

Achievements and performance

In the year ending 31 March 2022, the Society grew by 1249 members, to 4791 members.

The Society held another online conference, “10 Challenges to Policing”; hosting speakers from a wide range of organisations including The University of Cambridge, The Metropolitan Police Service, The University of Huddersfield, London School of Economics, Bedfordshire Police and University College London. The presentations were published on The Society's website and promoted via regional representatives, our regional reps and mailing list, and have since had more than three thousand views.

Financial review

The year ended 31 March 22 continued to be impacted by the global coronavirus pandemic resulting in no in person conference taking place. In spite of this, a successful virtual conference was held in March 2022. As no tickets could be sold no income is recognised in the accounts this year. Further as a result no direct sponsorship opportunities relating to the conference were possible.

Separately, The Society signed a \$70k sponsorship agreement with SAS, a leading global software and analytics company to support The Society to fulfil its aims. These funds will be used to support its 2023 conference and to engage resources to assist The Society with its communications activities, primarily producing a regular newsletter.

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Our expenditure for the year primarily consists of support costs in relation to provision of the mailing list and the website.

Reserves Policy

The trustees believe that The Society should hold financial reserves as it does not receive any statutory funding and therefore is completely dependent on donations and the success of its annual conference to continue in operation.

As at 31 March 2022, the level of unrestricted reserves are £70,734, which the trustees believe is sufficient for the charity to continue in operation at its current level of activity for at least the next 12 months.

Fundraising Costs Policy

The Society currently does not spend any funds on fundraising.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Documents

The Society of Evidence Based Policing is a charity constituted under a Memorandum of Association, and is a registered charity numbered 1163505. The management of the charity is the responsibility of its trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Appointment of Trustees

New trustees are nominated and appointed by the board of trustees and a minimum of three trustees are maintained at any one time.

Management and Organisation

The Society is managed by its executive committee which consists of the trustees, various regional representatives from across the UK, a secretary, treasurer and communications officer.

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Reference and administrative details

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

N Kerr
B Linton
L Linton
A Murray
S Ruda

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Simon Ruda
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S Ruda
Chair

Dated: 29/07/2023
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**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Society of Evidence Based Policing

**On accounts for the
year ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity
no.**

1163505

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("Society of Evidence Based Policing) for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: *A. Walters*

Date: 27th July 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations		10	-	10	5,000
Conference tickets		-	-	-	-
Sponsorship		52,751	-	52,751	-
Merchandise		-	-	-	-
Total income		52,761	-	52,761	5,000
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	2	(3,128)	-	(3,128)	(1,367)
Operating surplus/(deficit)		49,633	-	49,633	(1,367)
Interest received		-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing) /incoming resources		49,633	-	49,633	3,633
Fund balance at 1 April 2021		20,705	5,000	25,705	22,072
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		70,338	5,000	75,338	25,705

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets				-	-
Current Assets					
Trade debtors			-	-	-
Accrued Income			-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand			76,724	26,695	
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			76,724	26,695	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4		(1,386)	(990)	
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			75,338	25,705	
Net assets			<hr/>	<hr/>	
			75,338	25,705	
Income funds					
Restricted funds			5,000	5,000	
Unrestricted funds			70,338	20,705	
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			75,338	25,705	
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 29/07/2023

Simon Ruda

S Ruda
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Society of Evidence Based Policing is a charity registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 49 Richmond Road, Solihull, B92 7RR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

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2 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Conferences	Comms	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
Staff costs		-	-	-	-
Charitable expenditure		200	624	824	600
		<u>200</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>600</u>
Support costs	3	463	1,445	1,908	767
Governance costs	3	96	300	396	-
		<u>759</u>	<u>2,369</u>	<u>3,128</u>	<u>1,367</u>
Analysis by funds					
Unrestricted funds		759	2,369	3,128	
Restricted funds		-	-	-	
		<u>759</u>	<u>2,369</u>	<u>3,128</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2021					
Unrestricted funds		1,367	-		1,367
Restricted funds		-	-		-
		<u>1,367</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>1,367</u>

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3 Support Costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Advertising & promotion	-	-	-	-
Audit & accountancy fees	95	396	491	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Compliance fees	70	-	70	75
Exchange losses	1,631	-	1,631	-
IT/website costs	112	-	112	692
Travelling & subsistence	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,908</u>	<u>396</u>	<u>2,304</u>	<u>767</u>

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
Accruals	396	-
Other creditors	990	990
	<u>1,386</u>	<u>990</u>

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5 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Expended Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Restricted funds:					
Development Project	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Total restricted funds	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Designated funds:					
Development Project	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Unrestricted funds	10,705	52,761	(3,128)	-	60,338
Total unrestricted funds	20,705	52,761	(3,128)	-	70,338
Total funds	25,705	52,761	(3,128)	-	75,338

Development Project

Funds have been received to support the Society in developing itself and the range of services offered in order to support its charitable aims. The trustees have designated additional funds to support this project.

6 Related party transactions

The trustees did not receive any remuneration for their services in the year.
No trustees were reimbursed for any expenses. (2021: No trustees were reimbursed for any expenses.)