

SOCIETY OF EVIDENCE BASED POLICING
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity Registration Number : 1163505

SOCIETY OF EVIDENCE BASED POLICING

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

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Charity Registered Number

1163505

Registered Office

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Objectives and activities

The aims of the Society of Evidence Based Policing are to use, produce and communicate the best available research evidence to improve the service offered to communities.

The Society achieves these aims in several ways.

1. We communicate with our members through conferences, with those conferences acting as great opportunities for dissemination of practical, applied knowledge through presentations, seminars, and panel discussions. The conferences also provide rich opportunities for networking with like-minded police practitioners and “pracademics” to understand what is working in other police forces to promote evidence-based policing. These conferences take place regionally, nationally and internationally.
2. We encourage and persuade police practitioners and professional researchers 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.
3. We communicate using newsletters, social media and the website. We also present to forces on how to be evidence based.
4. We collaborate with other institutions like the College of Policing (which hosts the ‘crime reduction toolkit’), the Youth Endowment Fund and universities who are committed to evidence based practice.
5. Individual members of SEBP communicate the principles of evidence based practice within forces, the foremost being the ‘Universities at the Met’ lecture series.

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.

Policing has the opportunity to transform the lives of individuals and communities by pursuing justice, preventing crime and promoting safety. The best way to achieve this, we argue, is to be evidence based – where we understand the impact policing is making.

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.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance

In the year ending 31 March 2023, the Society grew by 287 to 5078 members.

1. We held an international conference hosted over two continents, live broadcast and also with physical attendance. International police leaders (the Metropolitan Commissioner and the Commissioner of New Zealand Police) presented alongside leading police researchers. The conference reached thousands of people online and in person and has been subject to an evaluation. 2500 registered for the conference with clips used on 'Policing TV'. A survey of attendees was completed with positive and constructive feedback. The impact of focussed deterrence initiatives on violence featured heavily as did how procedural justice impacts on crime and legitimacy. This was our largest and most impactful conference to date.
2. We also formed a partnership with the Police Foundation to raise the profile of evidence based practice. The Police Foundation publish an SEBP newsletter on a monthly basis for our members. Analytics show high levels of engagement in the newsletter.
3. Regional conferences were held including the SEBP team in the Southwest of the England.
4. SEBP also sponsored Cambridge Universities International Conference on evidence based policing.
5. 'Universities at the Met' lectures continued.
6. Engagement took place with Denmark and the Netherlands Police forces. The latter formed a society of evidence based policing which ran its first conference.

Financial review

The year ended 31 March 23 was the first year to return to an in-person conference since COVID. The Global conference held in October 2022 was in partnership with the Australia and New Zealand Societies and raised income from tickets sales totalling £51,194 and an additional £38,719 from sponsorship by partner organisations. The total cost of provision of the conference was £93,532, giving a small loss, which was funded from reserves. The Society derived all its income from the provision of its annual conference.

The Society does not currently employ any staff; its executive committee consists of unpaid volunteers.

Our expenditure for the year primarily consists of the provision of its conference and a small amount support costs in relation to provision of the mailing list and the website.

During the year the Society also allocated £20,000, working with The Police Foundation, to deliver a series of monthly newsletters and webinars communicating the latest in policing research to its members and the wider community.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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 2023, the level of unrestricted reserves are £24,086, 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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TRUSTEE'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

Jan 29, 2024
Dated:



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Report to the trustees/
members of

Society of Evidence Based Policing

On accounts for the
year ended

31st March 2023

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 2023.

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: 26th January 2024

Name: Adam Walters BFP ACA

Company: Charlton Baker (Bath) Limited

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations		5	-	5	10
Conferences		89,914	-	89,914	-
Sponsorship		-	-	-	52,751
Merchandise		-	-	-	-
Total income		89,919	-	89,919	57,761
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	2	(136,171)	-	(136,171)	(3,128)
Operating surplus/(deficit)		(46,252)	-	(46,252)	49,633
Interest received		-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing) /incoming resources		(46,252)	-	(46,252)	49,633
Fund balance at 1 April 2022		70,338	5,000	75,388	25,705
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		24,086	5,000	29,086	75,338

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed Assets				-	-
Current Assets					
Trade debtors			-		-
Accrued Income			-		-
Cash at bank and in hand			34,564		76,724
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			34,564		76,724
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4		(5,478)		(1,386)
				29,086	75,338
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Net assets			29,086		75,338
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Income funds					
Restricted funds			5,000		5,000
Unrestricted funds			24,086		70,338
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			29,086		75,338
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on Jan 29, 2024

Simon Ruda
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S Ruda
Trustee

SOCIETY OF EVIDENCE BASED POLICING

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Conferences	Comms	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
Staff costs		-	-	-	-
Charitable expenditure		93,532	40,925	134,457	824
		<u>93,532</u>	<u>40,925</u>	<u>134,457</u>	<u>824</u>
Support costs	3	862	377	1,239	1,908
Governance costs	3	330	145	475	396
		<u>94,724</u>	<u>41,447</u>	<u>136,171</u>	<u>3,128</u>
Analysis by funds					
Unrestricted funds		94,724	41,447	136,171	
Restricted funds		-	-	-	
		<u>94,724</u>	<u>41,447</u>	<u>136,171</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2022					
Unrestricted funds		759	2,369		3,128
Restricted funds		-	-		-
		<u>759</u>	<u>2,369</u>		<u>3,128</u>

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3 Support Costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Advertising & promotion	720	-	720	-
Audit & accountancy fees	140	475	615	491
Bank charges	35	-	35	-
Compliance fees	70	-	70	70
Exchange losses	-	-	-	1,631
IT/website costs	112	-	112	112
Travelling & subsistence	162	-	162	-
	<u>1,239</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>1,714</u>	<u>2,304</u>

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
Accruals	4,488	396
Other creditors	990	990
	<u>5,478</u>	<u>1,386</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Expended Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
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	60,338	89,919	(136,171)	-	14,086
Total unrestricted funds	70,338	89,919	(136,171)	-	24,086
Total funds	75,338	89,919	(136,171)	-	29,086

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.

5 Related party transactions

The trustees did not receive any remuneration for their services in the year.
No trustees were reimbursed for any expenses. (2022: No trustees were reimbursed for any expenses.)