



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	April	2023	To	31	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Our Blue Light
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1178735
Charity's principal address	Northmoor Cottage South
	Northmoor, Wykeham,
	Scarborough
Postcode	YO13 9QH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Wright			
2	Kathryn Moncad			
3	Helen Wright			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Corporate Body
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Recommendation by Trustees Voted Elected

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;• relationship with any related parties;• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	N/A
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To raise awareness of mental health and well-being to all staff across the Emergency and Essential services by providing peer support networks with links across the UK. To also raise mental health awareness and support the families of Emergency and Essential services staff and to signpost and support colleagues where required.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Trustees continued with holding several Weekends for Emergency Service families which were well attended. These weekends give families a chance to reconnect in a safe space.

The Charity also continued with Therapy sessions with Pete Lewins Emotional Support Dogs and these sessions could not occur without the kind support from the North Yorkshire Water Park.

Several Trustees have also attended the Emergency Services Show in Birmingham, and also were invited to attend the Mental Health Symposium in Manchester.

Several OBL volunteers also attended the "Light the Lakes" event to support other Police charities.

The Charity has continued to provide help and advice through its Social Media pages.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity was able to continue to support members of Emergency Services but has found that there have been reduced income from donations and time given by volunteers.

The Social Media posts and advice have continued to be popular and the Charity continues to have a large group of followers online.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No Reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fundraising has continued to be tight post pandemic. Going forward, the Trustees have discussed the using of a Grant finder service.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Mark Wright	
Full name(s)	Mark Wright	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	31/01/2025	