

ESCAPELINE

England & Wales · Charity number 1184475

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2019-07-18

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN SOMERSET, DORSET, WILTSHIRE, DEVON AND CORNWALL, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE POLICE, THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTY FROM, AND THE PREVENTION OF, CRIMINAL ACTS. 2. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED BY CRIMINAL GANGS IN SOMERSET AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES, IN PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING, EDUCATION AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

Activities: Escapeline provides education programmes to children & young people, aged 10-18 years, raising awareness of child exploitation and grooming, teaching them what to look out for & protective strategies. We provide training to professionals in education, health, social care & police on child exploitation. We also offer parents awareness workshops, 1-1 parent support services and 2-1 youth work.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset
- Gloucestershire
- North Somerset
- Somerset
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£517,882	£260,154	£423,234	13
2024-07-31	£209,253	£193,905	-	-
2023-07-31	£174,594	£123,969	-	-
2022-07-31	£108,899	£82,548	-	-
2021-07-31	£107,443	£81,783	-	-
2020-07-31	£50,388	£30,711	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Glenn Beavis	Chair	2024-01-11
Karen Talbot		2025-01-27
Lisa Morris		2019-07-18
Louise Richardson		2025-10-21

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Accounts

Escapeline
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

Charity Registered in England and Wales Number: 1184475



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Reference and Administrative Details
For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

Charity Name	Escapeline
Company Secretary & CEO	Lisa Hooper
Trustees	G Beavis (Chair) L Richardson (Treasurer) K Talbot (Safeguarding Lead) L Morris
Charity Number	1184475
Principal Address and Registered Office	PO Box 150 Langport Somerset TA10 1BE
Independent Examiner	Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA Albert Goodman LLP Goodwood House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX

The Trustees' present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements, comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirement of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP FRS 102) (implemented 1 January 2019).

Trustees

The Trustees serving during the period and since the period end are as follows:

- G Beavis Chair
- L Morris
- K Talbot (Appointed 27 January 2025)
- L Richardson (Appointed 21 October 2025)
- K Nelson (Resigned 4 September 2025)
- C Stone (Resigned 31 May 2025)
- C Khalil (Appointed 4 September 2025, resigned 20 October 2025)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Our vision is to eradicate child exploitation by criminal gangs in our region, with a long term ambition to expand our work nationally so that children and families across the UK are protected from harm.

Our Growth and Future Direction

To achieve this, we plan to extend our services to additional schools and regions across the Southwest. At the same time, we are strengthening and expanding our provision to ensure that families and professionals have the knowledge, tools, and confidence needed to safeguard young people effectively.

Our professional training has now expanded nationally, enabling us to equip organisations, schools, and frontline practitioners across the UK with the skills and awareness required to identify and respond to child exploitation and county lines activity. In response to increasing demand, our parent support offer has developed into a dedicated helpline for parents and carers, providing accessible advice, guidance, and reassurance when it is needed most.

Our Journey

Escapeline was established in 2019 in response to a growing number of teenagers exhibiting challenging behaviours, including truancy, drug misuse, and—particularly among girls—sexual exploitation. In its early stages, the charity focused on delivering educational sessions aimed at raising awareness among young people, professionals, and parents.

Since then, our work has continued to grow significantly. We now provide education sessions in primary and secondary schools, deliver professional training nationwide, operate a parent and carer helpline, and offer seven-week targeted intervention programmes. Our support includes small group work, one-to-one sessions for young people, dedicated one-to-one parent support, counselling services, and wider community awareness initiatives.

Our one-to-one provision has expanded into two distinct programmes. One focuses on prevention, intervening early to reduce vulnerability and stop exploitation before it takes hold. The second supports children who are already trapped in county lines activity and unable to exit safely without specialist intervention, providing tailored support to help them move towards safety and recovery.

Our Team

The Escapeline team comprises individuals from the local community who are deeply committed to addressing the county lines issue through a comprehensive, long-term approach. What truly sets Escapeline apart is our staff's genuine willingness to share their personal experiences with county line gangs. We believe that this openness is at the heart of our success.

By offering these authentic, locally-rooted experiences, we have achieved remarkable success in engaging vulnerable young individuals, where other organisations often struggle to establish connections and build relationships

How We Work

Escapeline take a holistic approach that extends beyond just working with young people (6-18 years). We also engage with their families and carers, professionals working with young people, and the wider community to enhance awareness about county lines, teach protective strategies and support early intervention.

Our training and support programmes are consistently refined and adjusted, informed by insights gleaned from the young people we assist, and intelligence shared by the local police.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Mission is to protect and prevent as many young people as possible from being exploited by criminal gangs

Our Vision is for a region free from child exploitation from criminal gangs

Our Values are empowerment, equality, respect, empathy, and non-judgement

Our Objectives

- **Raise awareness** of the prevalence of gangs and child exploitation in Southwest England.
- **Educate** young people, and those responsible for their safety, on the dangers of gangs, reducing the risk of being groomed.
- **Educate** young people on the different types of drugs on the market and the dangers of taking them, reducing the number of young people taking drugs.
- **Reduce** the impact that gangs are having on our society.
- **Prevent** young people from being exploited by gangs, reducing the risk of physical, sexual, and mental harm.

The Need

Escapeline supports children and young people aged between 6 and 18. The youngest we have supported is a child who was just 6 years old. County lines are increasing significantly year on year; it has tripled since 2020. This increase includes many county lines setting up in rural and coastal locations and children from any background.

In 2019, The National Crime Agency identified that over 2,600 county lines are operating in the UK. Figures (November 24) from the NCLCC (National County Lines Co-ordination Centre) has revealed there are now over 6,600 active county line gains in England and Wales. This increase is due to the gangs setting up locally.

The illegal drug business has been estimated to make an annual profit of more than £800,000,000 with over 70,000 young people being exploited by County Lines in England alone. But the true scale of abuse continues to be an intelligence gap.

County lines incorporate multiple forms of exploitation including coercion, trafficking, child sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation, modern day slavery, gun possession and knife crime. There is growing evidence that the rise in youth violence and anti-social behaviour in the UK is closely linked to the spread of county lines drug networks.

The Stats

- Our primary school referrals have doubled since September 2025
- £800,000,000 estimated annual profit of the illegal drug business
- 70,000 young people exploited through County Lines operations in England
- The National Crime Agency identified over 6600 county lines in the U.K.
- Average age of county lines victims, young people aged 11-13

Projects Delivered

We Educate, Empower and Prevent – by delivering:

- Awareness-raising school-based education for all **children and young people**.
- Targeted one to one education & mentoring **for victims of child exploitation**
- Professional training for **teachers, police, social workers, the military and health professionals**
- Education and one-to-one support via a helpline for **parents/carers**.

Our Services

- **Workshops and assemblies** in primary schools, secondary schools, and colleges, for all young people aged 6-18, raising awareness of child exploitation and grooming, and teaching protective strategies
- **Targeted support to vulnerable young people** identified as being exploited, or at risk of exploitation, by county line gangs, to assist them to break the cycle and move away from a path of crime and drugs. We run a 7-week education programme in schools, with either small groups, or if needed, with individuals, building up trust with the young people and encouraging them to share their experiences in a safe environment. The fear of serious physical violence as revenge for disrespecting, or 'grassing', is one of the things that prevents young people from leaving gangs or seeking help from the police and other agencies. An exploited child has no voice. We empower young people to speak out and advocate for them if necessary.
- **Awareness training to professionals** in education, health, children's social care and the police, on child exploitation by criminal gangs. We empower professionals to recognise early indicators and the need for early intervention, providing an understanding of why young people get involved in county line gangs, the grooming process, and the different stages of recruitment. This improves support, and on occasions highlights poor practice and improvements that need to be made for the sake of the children. We also offer 1-1 telephone support for professionals regarding individual cases.
- **Parent awareness workshops and 1-1 support** on county lines, exploitation and how to keep their own children safe. We believe that parents and carers are best placed to spot early signs of exploitation and are committed to providing them with the skills and knowledge to protect their children. Demand for this support is rising and we have recently introduced a face-to-face support group for parents and carers whose children are at risk of, or are being exploited, by gangs. Parents are given advice, training and encouraged to share their experiences and offer peer support to one another. We also run a Helpline which provides vital access to information and support for parents concerned about their child's safety. We also run a parent support group in Bournemouth.
- **Outreach work, targeting areas of high gang activity**, to spread awareness and disrupt gang activity. We talk directly with young people in vulnerable areas and help collect information that can be passed on to the police to help in their operations against criminal gangs.
- **Awareness in the community** on the signs of county line activity and child exploitation. We visit local shops, cafes, doctors' surgeries, hotels, and transport hubs, delivering posters and leaflets to educate staff on the signs of County Line activity and how to report suspicious behavior.

Our Activities and Outcomes

Escapeline delivers a range of targeted, trauma-informed interventions designed to prevent and disrupt the criminal exploitation of children and young people.

Our work with young people (6-18 years) and their families/carers, professionals working with them and the larger community, increases awareness of County Lines.

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Trustees' Report

For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

Feedback from the parent support group pilot illustrated:

- Increased feelings of being understood and accepted.
- Increased positive mood, decreased levels of low mood.
- Increased confidence to advocate for their child/young person, and self.
- Decreased feelings of isolation and/or loneliness.
- Decreased feelings of stigmatisation and/or negative judgement.
- Feeling more empowered.

Feedback from Schools and Professionals

- **94% of primary school children and 100% of secondary school** students feel more knowledgeable about County Lines and exploitation after the training.
- **69% of primary children and 83% of secondary school students** can spot the signs of someone trying to recruit them to County Lines
- **82% of primary school children and 88% of secondary school students** feel more confident about keeping themselves safe after the training.
- **97% of professionals** can spot the signs of someone being exploited by county lines.
- **95% of professionals** feel more able to protect young people from being recruited and feel more able to keep them safe.

In the past 12 months

75% of children and young people who have attended 10 workshops each year demonstrate a better understanding of County Lines.

80% of parents who attended 5 workshops each year feel more confident in discussing County Lines with their child(ren) and families

90% of professionals who attended 5 training sessions each year report an increased confidence in their ability to know where to access support and signpost families on the topic of County Lines

Our Impact

58,850 Children and Young People supported and educated

5,000 Parents and carers supported and educated

4,000 Professionals trained

Escapeline delivers a range of targeted, trauma-informed interventions designed to prevent and disrupt the criminal exploitation of children and young people.

These numbers represent how many direct and indirect beneficiaries have been supported by our work in the last year.

Feedback:

I've been supported by Escapeline, as society is a lot more dangerous nowadays. Me and my friends talk about how we don't reckon we will make it to the age of 18 and every time we go out, we always have to keep an eye out. I want to spread awareness on risks as no child should have to see things! 14 year old

This made me think twice about when people have spoken to me and approached me. I will be more careful now

Students have been talking non-stop about the assemblies they had, and parents were really grateful to have the opportunity to learn about what is going on with regards to county lines. Two parents were in tears, and I think were able to see signs in their own children that means they can intervene.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Awards and Achievements

In 2025, Escapeline celebrated a series of significant achievements that we are proud to highlight. Each of these milestones helped raise the charity's profile, bringing Escapeline further into the spotlight and increasing our visibility among young people and their parents.

Conference – We held our third Child Exploitation Conference in Bournemouth in November 2025 and it was our biggest and best, opened by the PCC Dorset. It was massive success with a variety of different agencies attending.

We were featured on Crimewatch Live (morning programme) on 14th March 2025, where we shared another of our project worker's stories. She grew up in the countryside and was sadly targeted by a drug gang when she was 15 years old. The segment also mentioned our plans for a helpline.

Bath University Research Project. We were shortlisted for a safeguarding award for the research project we carried out with Bath University, highlighting the importance of education and peer mentoring.

Advocating for System Change

Escapeline plays an active role in multi-agency safeguarding. We attend regular partnership meetings to share intelligence and improve responses to child criminal exploitation.

Key partners include:

- Police and Early Intervention Teams
- Primary and secondary schools
- Social services and youth workers
- Local charities
- The University of Bath
- The National Anti-Slavery Board

We have built a trusted working relationship with local police, regularly sharing disclosures from young people to support disruption activity and targeting of gang members. We are recognised as a “go-to” organisation when a child is at risk of criminal exploitation.

We are now working with the new Early Intervention Police team in Bridgwater to:

- Train frontline officers
- Deliver joint awareness sessions
- Strengthen early safeguarding responses

Our expertise has been recognised nationally, including by the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre.

In 2025 we trained senior officers leading county lines teams across the UK and have since been invited to speak at their National CPD events.

Community partnerships

We are also working with the Home Office to raise awareness with Bournemouth hotels, equipping staff to spot the signs of exploitation and respond appropriately.

Through partnership, research and national advocacy, Escapeline is not only supporting individual children — we are helping to shift the system around them.

Our aim is simple: earlier identification, better collaboration, safer outcomes for young people

Report of the Finance Director

Escapeline has had a very positive year financially in terms of generating support and grants for the charity. Total expenditure for the year was £ 260,154 (2023-2024 £191,584) of which 63.1% (2023-24 63.5%) related to staff salaries and related staff and volunteer costs. The increasing support for the charity during the year has meant that the initial budget for the year has been revised upward and project income has grown.

Total income for the year was £517,882 (2023 –24 £223,365). The increase in the year was due to a number of significant grants in the latter half of the year, together with a fundraising donation of £50,704 received in July 2025.

The net surplus for the year was £257,728 (2023-24 £31,781). This surplus has been positively impacted by £177,214 of income accrued by the charity from multi-year grants, as required by the SORP. This income will be not be received or spent until 2025-26 and 2026-27. This mis-match of income and expenditure means that it is likely that these years will show a deficit, as funds recorded in the 24-25 year are spent.

The unrestricted reserves are £345,988 (2023-24 £62,777). This increase in unrestricted reserves is excellent news and provides the organisation with stability and enables officers and trustees to focus on the sustainability of the organisation and the services provided. As noted above, these reserves will be spent down in future years.

Cash in the bank is £253,978 and net current assets are £423,234. This equates to 19.5 months of actual expenditure for 2024-25 (10.4 months actual expenditure 2023-24).

At the year end the total funds were £423,234 (2023-24 £165,506).

Reserves Policy

Reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity, and to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a temporary reduction in funding. The trustees have considered the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the risks to the organisation and has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds should equate to six months of our fixed overhead expenditure.

On this basis the reserves target as at 31 July 2025 was approximately £90,000.

The actual level of unrestricted free reserves as at 31 July 2025 was £345,988.

The Trustees aim to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses as activities allow, together with careful budgeting and promotion of fundraising activities.

Where reserves are held greater than 6 months overhead expenditure, the charity will seek to use the difference to match funds for projects with which it is involved.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees to ensure it reflects any changing requirements of the charity.

Plan for 2026

This year has been a year of significant growth and expansion for the charity and we plan to consolidate this growth in the coming year. The Trustees will be working with the CEO to improve the policies and processes of the charity to enable the continued growth.

Strategic Goals

Medium term – within 2 years

- Expand geographically, initially into Devon and Cornwall and North Somerset
- Increase service to professionals, targeting health care providers and youth workers.
- Develop our new counselling service
- Develop a National professional consultancy training programme
- Further promote the telephone helpline to support victims of child exploitation, their parents and carers.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 17 May 2026

L Richardson
Trustee

G Beavis
Trustee

Date: 17 May 2026

Date: 17 May 2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Escapeline.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Escapeline ("the charity") for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 accounts do not comply with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
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Date: 21 May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account)

For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

		2025			2024		
		Unres- tricted	Res- tricted	Total	Unres- tricted	Res- tricted	Total
	Note	£	£	£	As restated £	As restated £	As restated £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	19,816	2,880	22,696	8,518	7,000	15,518
Charitable activities	3	304,855	174,664	479,519	55,335	136,719	192,054
Other trading activities	4	14,672	-	14,672	14,500	-	14,500
Investments	5	995	-	995	1,293	-	1,293
Total income		340,338	177,544	517,882	79,646	143,719	223,365
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	(56,948)	(203,206)	(260,154)	(47,114)	(144,470)	(191,584)
Total expenditure		(56,948)	(203,206)	(260,154)	(47,114)	(144,470)	(191,584)
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		283,390	(25,662)	257,728	32,532	(751)	31,781
Transfers between funds	11	(179)	179	-	(7,707)	7,707	-
Net movement in funds		283,211	(25,483)	257,728	24,825	6,956	31,781
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward	11	62,777	102,729	165,506	37,952	95,773	133,725
Total funds carried forward		345,988	77,246	423,234	62,777	102,729	165,506

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations. There were no gains or losses arising in the period that are not shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

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 Balance Sheet
 As at 31 July 2025

		2025	2024
		£	As restated £
	Note	£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	9	178,561	31,750
Cash at bank and in hand		253,978	137,661
		<u>432,539</u>	<u>169,411</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year	10	(9,305)	(3,905)
Net current assets		<u>423,234</u>	<u>165,506</u>
Total net assets		<u>423,234</u>	<u>165,506</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds	11	345,988	62,777
Total unrestricted funds		<u>345,988</u>	<u>62,777</u>
Restricted funds	11	77,246	102,729
Total charity funds		<u>423,234</u>	<u>165,506</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 25 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board for issue on 17 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

L Richardson
Trustee

G Beavis
Trustee

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Statement of Cashflows
For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

		2025 £	2024 £
	Notes		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movements in funds for the year		257,728	31,781
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items:			
Finance income	5	(995)	(1,293)
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		256,733	30,488
Working capital adjustments:			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	9	(146,811)	(17,110)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	10	5,400	677
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash flow from operations		115,322	14,055
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		995	1,293
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash flow from investing activities		995	1,293
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		116,317	15,348
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Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		137,661	122,313
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		253,978	137,661
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Cash & Cash equivalents reconciliation:			
Cash at bank		253,978	137,661
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total cash & cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		253,978	137,661
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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are:

1.1 General information and basis of accounting

Escapeline is an unincorporated charity governed by its constitution. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the charity's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees report on pages 2-10.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income. The valuation of donated services is not quantified within the Statement of Financial Activities.

- Donation income is received by way of general grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Income from grants, relating to specifically the provision of goods or services as part of charitable activities or services to clients are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable and in the period in which they relate to. Grants are deferred when the monies have been received in advance of the period in which they relate to.
- Other trading activities income includes income relating to services provided and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

1.3 Donated services

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), any unpaid general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its clients. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and costs of an indirect nature which are necessary to support them.

1.5 Debtors

Trade debtors and accrued income are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered and any impairment necessary. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and 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.

1.7 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.8 Taxation

Escapeline is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to taxation to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value added tax is not recoverable and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Pension contributions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. Contributions are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

1.10 Fund accounting

Funds held by the charitable company are one of the following types:

- Unrestricted general funds – these funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.
- Restricted funds – these funds can only be used for the specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criterion is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs as appropriate.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund are included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.12 Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the position of the charity and considered events during the year and since the year end that may have an impact on the charity's ability to continue to operate. No such events have been identified and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. As such, the accounts have been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

1.13 Prior period adjustment

During the year the charity breached the income threshold for the preparation of accounts under the receipts and payments regime and this is therefore the first year that the accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis. The SORP requires that comparative amounts are restated as if the accruals basis of accounting had always been applied. This has resulted in the following adjustment to the comparative figures:

	2024 under receipts and payments	Adjustment	2024 restated
Grant income	175,969	14,250	190,219
Fundraising	1,853	(18)	1,835
Services	11,915	(120)	11,795
Total income	209,253	14,112	223,365
Website costs	180	(2,500)	(2,320)
Wages	116,738	(391)	116,347
Employers NI	2,597	419	3,016
Employers Pensions	2,174	151	2,325
Total expenditure	193,905	(2,321)	191,584
Surplus/(deficit)	15,348	16,433	31,781
B/fwd unrestricted reserves	44,040	(6,088)	37,952
B/fwd restricted reserves	78,273	17,500	95,773
Debtors	-	31,750	31,750
Creditors	-	3,905	3,905
Reserves	137,661	27,845	165,506

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2 Income from donations and legacies:

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	2025 Total £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	2024 Total £
Donations and legacies						
Donations	19,156	2,880	22,036	8,123	7,000	15,123
Gift Aid	660	-	660	395	-	395
Total	19,816	2,880	22,696	8,518	7,000	15,518

3 Income from charitable activities:

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	2025 Total £	Unres- tricted As restated £	Res- tricted As restated £	2024 Total As restated £
Charitable activities						
Grants	251,500	174,664	426,164	53,500	136,719	190,219
Fundraising	53,355	-	53,355	1,835	-	1,835
	304,855	174,664	479,519	55,335	136,719	192,054

4 Other trading activities:

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	2025 Total £	Unres- tricted As restated £	Res- tricted £	2024 Total As restated £
Other trading activities						
Conferences and events	-	-	-	2,705	-	2,705
Services delivered	14,672	-	14,672	11,795	-	11,795
	14,672	-	14,672	14,500	-	14,500

5 Income from investments:

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	2025 Total £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	2024 Total £
Investment income						
Bank interest	995	-	995	1,293	-	1,293
	995	-	995	1,293	-	1,293

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	2025 Total £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted As restated £	2024 Total As restated £
Direct costs							
Wages and salaries	7	4,775	159,331	164,106	11,969	109,719	121,688
Conference and events		-	-	-	1,783	115	1,898
Fundraising costs		327	-	327	339	-	339
Outreach work		-	21	21	-	-	-
Project expenditure		886	9,040	9,926	179	7,588	7,767
Volunteers expenses		429	544	973	54	9	63
Accountancy fees		4,866	144	5,010	1,245	165	1,410
Advertising		41	-	41	238	-	238
Bank charges		146	-	146	115	-	115
Cleaning		105	-	105	-	-	-
Computer and software		4,795	4,481	9,276	2,073	3,804	5,877
Funding, admin management and evaluation		23,956	2,600	26,556	21,035	1,195	22,230
Insurance		(428)	1,796	1,368	(728)	1,945	1,217
Legal fees		-	-	-	660	-	660
Mileage claims		992	19,920	20,912	2,278	15,480	17,758
Office stationery		69	89	158	154	40	194
Postage and carriage		439	-	439	463	-	463
Premises expenses		160	-	160	-	-	-
Professional fees		4,713	504	5,217	3,027	565	3,592
Recruitment expenses		1,011	-	1,011	403	441	844
Room hire & rent		5,190	220	5,410	799	1,265	2,064
Staff training		123	882	1,005	366	30	396
Subsistence		2,006	177	2,183	1,592	174	1,766
Sundry expenses		343	-	343	471	-	471
Telephone and internet		123	1,855	1,978	(109)	995	886
Travelling		1,881	1,602	3,483	1,028	940	1,968
Website costs		-	-	-	(2,320)	-	(2,320)
Total		56,948	203,206	260,154	47,114	144,470	191,584

7 Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	156,378	116,347
Employer's national insurance	5,779	3,016
Employer's pension contributions	1,949	2,325
	<u>164,106</u>	<u>121,688</u>

The average monthly head count of employees during the period was 13 staff (2024: 12 staff).

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: none).

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme. Contributions totalling £nil (2024: £490) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity are considered to be the Chief Executive Officer. The total costs to the charity of employee benefits (including employer national insurance) for the key management personnel was £49,130 (2024: £42,010).

8 Related parties

The trustees (or any persons connected with them) did not receive any remuneration during the year (2024 – none).

In 2025 one trustee (2024: one trustee) was reimbursed £5 (2024: £476) for miscellaneous expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

9 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	As restated £
Trade debtors	1,347	-
Prepayments and accrued income	177,214	31,750
	<u>178,561</u>	<u>31,750</u>

£80,000 of accrued income (2024: £5,000) is due in greater than one year.

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	As restated £
Trade and other creditors	2,429	2,525
Accruals	6,876	1,380
	<u>9,305</u>	<u>3,905</u>

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11 Summary of movement in funds

	Balance 1.8.24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.7.25 £
Restricted Funds					
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean	-	5,000	(639)	-	4,361
Asda	-	880	-	-	880
Corton Hill - Somerset	-	5,000	(5,179)	179	-
DCF (BCP schools)	-	5,000	(1,650)	-	3,350
Fairfield CT (Counselling)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Ninesquare Trust (Helpline)	-	25,000	(3,250)	-	21,750
Project Spark	-	5,000	(4,733)	-	267
SNG #iWill	-	3,750	(2,879)	-	871
Somerset Services	-	1,500	(86)	-	1,414
St James Place (Dorset 1-1)	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
The Woodland Trust - Core	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
The Four Barrows Foundation	-	1,660	-	-	1,660
Wesleyan (Wiltshire)	-	4,737	(524)	-	4,213
Wessex Water (Mendip 1-1)	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Wilts Community Foundation (Wilts services)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Wiltshire PCC (Swindon)	-	5,000	(4,943)	-	57
Hunts Food Group (via SCF)	11,148	-	(1,997)	-	9,151
Dorset Comm Neighbourhood	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Albert Hunt (Counselling)	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
Cheshire CF EMR (Chard area)	8,937	-	(8,937)	-	-
Corton Hill - Dorset (Schools)	15,000	-	(7,445)	-	7,555
Dorset - Core	2,491	10,000	(12,491)	-	-
Dorset Services (small grants)	1,880	2,000	(2,555)	-	1,325
HPC-Hinkley Point	4,938	74,017	(62,013)	-	16,942
National Lottery Awards for All	18,737	-	(18,737)	-	-
SCF Crime Prevention Fund	3,381	-	(3,381)	-	-
The Fore (Wiltshire 1-1)	414	10,000	(9,464)	-	950
The Norman Family (1-1)	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Postcode Local Trust (counselling)	11,886	-	(11,886)	-	-
DCF Neighbourhood Fund (BCP schools)	4,498	-	(4,498)	-	-
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean (Dorset services)	2,046	-	(2,046)	-	-
Allen Lane (CEO salary/overheads)	1,742	-	(1,742)	-	-
Geoff Herrington	4,302	-	(4,302)	-	-
Grocers Hall (1-1 Somerset & Dorset)	1,020	-	(1,020)	-	-
St James's Place (Dorset 1-1 & small groups)	1,069	-	(1,069)	-	-
Walter Guinness (Wiltshire CYP)	720	-	(720)	-	-
Wessex Water (DCF - BCP schools & 1-1)	2,020	-	(2,020)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	102,729	177,544	(203,206)	179	77,246
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	62,777	340,338	(56,948)	(179)	345,988
Total Unrestricted Funds	62,777	340,338	(56,948)	(179)	345,988
Total Funds	165,506	517,882	(260,154)	-	423,234

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Summary of movement in funds - prior year

	Balance 1.8.23 As restated £	Income As restated £	Expenditure As restated £	Transfers £	Balance 31.7.24 As restated £
Restricted Funds					
Hunts Food Group (via SCF)	26,250	-	(15,102)	-	11,148
Dorset Comm Neighbourhood	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Albert Hunt (Counselling)	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Cheshire CF EMR (Chard area)	-	8,937	-	-	8,937
Corton Hill - Dorset (Schools)	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
Dorset - Core	-	5,000	(2,509)	-	2,491
Dorset Services (small grants)	-	3,000	(1,120)	-	1,880
HPC-Hinkley Point	-	34,313	(29,375)	-	4,938
National Lottery Awards for All	-	19,060	(323)	-	18,737
SCF Crime Prevention Fund	-	5,000	(1,619)	-	3,381
The Fore (Wiltshire 1-1)	-	10,000	(9,586)	-	414
Postcode Local Trust (counselling)	20,000	-	(8,114)	-	11,886
DCF Neighbourhood Fund (BCP schools)	-	5,000	(502)	-	4,498
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean (Dorset services)	-	5,000	(2,954)	-	2,046
Allen Lane (CEO salary/overheads)	-	3,000	(1,258)	-	1,742
Geoff Herrington	-	8,800	(4,498)	-	4,302
Grocers Hall (1-1 Somerset & Dorset)	-	2,000	(980)	-	1,020
St James's Place (Dorset 1-1 & small groups)	-	2,484	(1,415)	-	1,069
Walter Guinness (Wiltshire CYP)	-	1,000	(280)	-	720
Wessex Water (DCF - BCP schools & 1-1)	-	4,000	(1,980)	-	2,020
Weavers (Ex Offenders salary)	3,797	-	(3,298)	(499)	-
Children In Need	8,089	-	(8,089)	-	-
Cooper Associates (Taunton education & 1-1)	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
DCF #iwill (Weymouth & Portland)	3,319	-	(3,269)	(50)	-
Dorset PCC Fix the Future	3,676	-	(2,760)	(916)	-
DCF -Corton Hill	2,760	-	(3,676)	916	-
Garfield Weston	6,000	-	(6,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	5,525	-	(5,525)	-	-
SCF Corton Hill	2,665	-	(2,665)	-	-
SCF Main Grants (Taunton area)	4,967	-	(4,967)	-	-
Tesco Blue Tokens	4,167	1,125	(5,292)	-	-
Van Neste	3,731	-	(3,731)	-	-
High Sheriff Dorset	167	-	(83)	(84)	-
Four Barrows (Wiltshire schools)	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Leonard Laity Stoate (Dorset 1-1)	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Norman Family Trust (Taunton education & 1-1)	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Wiltshire Police FD (Devizes)	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
High Sheriff Somerset	-	-	(1,500)	1,500	-
Other Restricted Funds	(6,840)	-	-	6,840	-
Total Restricted Funds	95,773	143,719	(144,470)	7,707	102,729
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	37,952	79,646	(47,114)	(7,707)	62,777
Total Unrestricted Funds	37,952	79,646	(47,114)	(7,707)	62,777
Total Funds	133,725	223,365	(191,584)	-	165,506

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Purpose of material funds:

The purpose of material funds is as follows:

- Alice Ellen Cooper Dean – all Escapeline work in Dorset including core costs
- Corton Hill – Somerset – education in Somerset (not 1 to 1)
- DCF (BCP schools) – education in the BCP area
- Fairfield CT (counselling) – counselling services
- Ninesquare Trust (Helpline) – helpline funding
- Project Spark – 1 to 1 sessions and small group work, all areas
- Wilts Community Foundation (Wilts Services) – 1 to 1 sessions and education in Wiltshire
- Wiltshire PCC (Swindon) – 1 to 1 sessions in Swindon
- Dorset – Core – work in Dorset
- HPC – Hinkley Point – all work in Bridgwater and the surrounding area
- The Fore (Wiltshire 1-1) – 1 to 1 sessions and education in Wiltshire
- Hunts Food Group – (SCF) – Education in Somerset (not 1 to 1)
- Cheshire CF EMR (Chard area) – 11+ education and 1 to 1 in Chard and a 30 miles radius including Crewkerne and Axminster
- Corton Hill – Dorset (Schools) – Education in Dorset
- National Lottery Awards for All – Somerset 1 to 1 sessions, awareness and mentoring
- SCF Crime Prevention Fund – Education and mentoring in Yeovil, Chard and Crewkerne
- Postcode Local Trust (counselling) – counselling pilot with children at risk of exploitation by County Lines gangs.
- DCF Neighbourhood Fund (BCP Schools) – Education in Schools
- Geoff Herrington – workshops, group work, parent support, 1to1 sessions in South West
- Children in Need - this project will provide a targeted support service for children and young people identified as exploited by criminal gangs. The activities will increase safety, increase empowerment and reduced substance misuse.
- Cooper Associates (Taunton education & 1-1) – Education in Somerset

Transfers may be made from unrestricted funds insofar as expenditure charged to restricted exceeds monies received, to cover any deficit that would otherwise arise. Transfers are also made, in accordance with the SORP, on purchase of assets from restricted funds that can be taken to discharge the restriction. The trustees are satisfied that sufficient resources are held to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions.

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unres- tricted	Res- tricted	2025 Total	Unres- tricted As restated	Res- tricted As restated	2024 Total As restated
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current assets	355,293	77,246	432,539	66,682	102,729	169,411
Creditors due within one year	(9,305)	-	(9,305)	(3,905)	-	(3,905)
	<u>345,988</u>	<u>77,246</u>	<u>423,234</u>	<u>62,777</u>	<u>102,729</u>	<u>165,506</u>

ESCAPELINE

England & Wales - Charity number 1184475

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 08	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 07	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Escapeline

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1184475

Charity's principal address PO Box 987

Taunton

Somerset

Postcode

TA1 9QB

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	Lisa Morris	Chair		
2	Clare Stone	Treasurer		
3	Glenn Beavis	Trustee	Appointed 11/01/2024	
4	Kirsti Nelson	Safeguarding Lead		
5	Karen Talbot	Trustee	Appointed 27/01/2025	
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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
Accountant	Albert Goodman LLP	Goodwood House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2PX
HR & Employment Law Consultant	Peninsula Business Services Ltd	The Peninsula, Victoria Place, Manchester, M4 4FB

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 <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by agreement with CEO and Board of Trustees

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. 	<p>Escapeline has the following policies in place, reviewed annually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Policy Code of Conduct Complaints Policy Confidentiality Policy Data Protection Policy GDPR Policy Lone Working Policy Safer Recruitment Policy Risk Register Social Networking Policy Whistleblowing Policy Health & Safety Policy Volunteering Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Reserves Policy Environmental Policy Allegations Policy Cancellation Policy Driving with young person Policy Equality and Diversity Policy Mobile Phone Policy
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote for the benefit of the public in Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon and Cornwall, in partnership with the police, the protection of people and property from, and the prevention of, criminal acts. 2. To relieve the needs of young people and children who have been exploited by criminal gangs in Somerset and the surrounding counties, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of counselling, education and pastoral support

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)

Escapeline takes a holistic approach working not only with young people (age 6-18 years), but also their families and carers, professionals working with young people and the larger community, to increase awareness of county lines and teach protective strategies.

We offer the following services:

Escapeline provides education and support programmes to children and young people, aged 6-18 years, raising awareness of child exploitation and grooming, teaching them what to look out for and protective strategies.

Targeted support to vulnerable young people (small group or 1 to 1) identified as being groomed, or at risk of exploitation, by county line gangs, to assist them to break the cycle and move away from a path of crime and drugs. We also offer a follow-on service, enabling young people to become peer mentors.

We provide training to professionals in education, health, social care and the police on child exploitation by county line gangs.

Escapeline offers parents awareness workshops and 1-1 support on county lines and child exploitation, and how to keep their own children safe. We also offer a counselling service for parents and carers.

We also strengthen community knowledge of, and responses to, child exploitation by running awareness-raising campaigns, working closely with services and providing online resources.

We have a 1-1 telephone advice support service and a face-to-face support group for parents of young people who find themselves at risk of exploitation. The service provides confidential, independent and non-judgmental support.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Escapeline works closely with a number of volunteers who assist with our parent support programme, overseen by our CEO.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Major achievements in our 5th year include:

- We held a successful conference in Bournemouth in March 2024, opened by the Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset
- Our CEO is a member of the Anti Slavery Board in Somerset and attends regular meetings with the police, local authority and other agencies
- Our CEO spoke at the Keeping Our Young People Safe Conference in Dorset in November 2023
- Our CEO spoke at the Westminster Insight County Lines Digital Conference 2023
- We have successfully grown our parent counselling service
- We have expanded our services in Wiltshire
- We had a team of runners take part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon in 2024, raising vital funds for our charity
- Our CEO is now a member of the BCP MET group
- We have been commissioned to training all police officers in Wiltshire
- Our Youth Mentor attended the Wiltshire knife amnesty alongside Operation Sceptre and supported the PCC Wiltshire campaign to reduce violence, appearing on the local ITV news
- Expanding our services for primary schools due to growing needs of younger children in all areas

During the period 1/8/23 – 31/7/24, Escapeline provided the following:

- 17,282 children and young people received education and support, including 1-1 support and small group work
- 202 parents/carers received support and counselling
- 855 professionals received training on county lines and child criminal and sexual exploitation

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Board has considered the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the risks to the organisation and has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should equate to six months of our fixed overhead expenditure.

On that basis, our reserves target at 31st July 2024 was £122,614.

The actual level of unrestricted reserves at 31st July 2024 stood at £53,682.

The Board aims to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses as activities allow, together with careful budgeting and promotion of fundraising activities.

Where reserves held are greater than six months overhead expenditure, the charity will seek to use the difference as match funding for projects with which it is involved.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees to ensure it reflects any changing requirements of the charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit**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.

Our principal sources of funds are:

Fee income from training and workshops
 Donations from the public, local organisations and charitable groups
 Fundraising events
 Grants during the year from the following:

The Fore
 Groundwork UK
 Somerset Community Foundation
 The Woodward Trust
 Grocers Hall
 St James' Place
 Dorset Community Foundation
 Nani Huyu Charitable Trust
 Alice Ellen Cooper Dean
 Belacqua Charitable Trust
 The Leonard Laity Stoate Charity
 Four Barrows
 Redlynch Charitable Trust
 Geoff Herrington
 Allen Lane Foundation
 Albert Hunt
 Walter Guinness Charitable Trust
 National Lottery Awards for All
 Cheshire Community Trust
 Garfield Weston Foundation
 Hunts Food Group (via SCF)
 Bournemouth Rotary Club
 Wessex Water (via DCF)

Expenditure of these funds has enabled us to carry out our Education Programme, provide Parent Support Services, Training to Professionals, Detached Youth Work, and Counselling.

This has increased the awareness of the risk of child exploitation by county line gangs in the South West.

It has enabled professionals to identify children who are being groomed so that interventions can be made to support them in escaping potential exploitation. We have successfully engaged with young people who were being drawn in to county line gangs so that we can support them to move away from county line gangs and pursue their education.

We have supported a number of parents and carers whose children were being groomed and exploited, and supported their local communities in working together to combat county line gangs.

A number of grants received during the year ended 31st July 2024 had not yet been spent but are fully allocated to be spent to meet specific costs in the subsequent financial year.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C Stone	L Morris
Full name(s)	Clare Stone	Lisa Morris
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair

Date 30/04/2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 July 2024



Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Escapeline

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Escapeline ("the charity") for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 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 accounts do not comply with these records

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.

Michelle Ferris BSc(Hons) FCA DChA

Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants
Goodwood House
Blackbrook Park Avenue
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2PX

Date: 02.May.2025



Escapeline		1184475		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01-Aug-23	To	31-Jul-24	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Conference and Events	2,705	-	-	2,705	3,103
Donations Received	8,123	7,000	-	15,123	17,211
Fund Generation- Fund Raising	1,853	-	-	1,853	6,159
Gift Aid Received	395	-	-	395	620
Grants	40,500	135,469	-	175,969	131,534
Services	11,915	-	-	11,915	15,760
Bank Interest Received	1,293	-	-	1,293	207
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	66,784	142,469	-	209,253	174,594
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	66,784	142,469	-	209,253	174,594
A3 Payments					
Conference and Event costs	1,783	115	-	1,898	2,200
Fundraising Costs	339	-	-	339	1,779
Project Expenditure	179	7,588	-	7,767	2,941
Volunteers expenses	54	9	-	63	453
Wages Expense	7,018	109,720	-	116,738	79,911
Accountancy Fees	1,245	165	-	1,410	1,320
Advertising	238	-	-	238	-
Bank Charges	115	-	-	115	172
Computer and Software	2,073	3,804	-	5,877	3,375
Employers NI	2,597	-	-	2,597	(292)
Employers Pensions	2,174	-	-	2,174	1,431
Funding administration, management & evaluation	21,035	1,195	-	22,230	9,089
Insurance	(728)	1,945	-	1,217	1,059
Mileage Claims	2,278	15,480	-	17,758	10,369
Office Stationery	154	40	-	194	76
Postage and Carriage	463	-	-	463	445
Professional Fees	3,687	565	-	4,252	1,532
Recruitment expenses	403	441	-	844	-
Room Hire & Rent	799	1,265	-	2,064	132
Staff Training	366	30	-	396	2,608
Subsistence	1,592	174	-	1,766	500
Sundry expenses	471	-	-	471	-
Telephone and Internet	(109)	995	-	886	573
Travel & Accommodation	1,029	939	-	1,968	357
Website and filming costs	180	-	-	180	3,940
Sub total	49,435	144,470	-	193,905	123,969
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,435	144,470	-	193,905	123,969
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,349	(2,001)	-	15,348	50,625
A5 Transfers between funds	(7,707)	7,707	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,040	78,273	-	122,313	71,688
Cash funds this year end	53,682	83,979	-	137,661	122,313

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	53,682	83,979	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	53,682	83,979	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Debtors	570	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	PAYE Liability	Unrestricted	1465	
	Pension Fund	Unrestricted	490	
	Accountancy accrual	Unrestricted	1380	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	L Morris	Lisa Morris	30/04/2025	
	C Stone	Clare Stone	30/04/2025	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 08	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 07	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Escapeline

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1184475

Charity's principal address PO Box 987

Taunton

Somerset

Postcode

TA1 9QB

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	Lisa Morris	Chair		
2	Clare Stone	Treasurer		
3	Ann Shaw	Safeguarding Lead		
4	Kirsti Nelson	Education Lead		
5	Emma Lee	Partnerships Lead	Appointed 22/03/2023	
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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
Accountant	Albert Goodman LLP	Goodwood House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2PX
HR & Employment Law Consultant	Peninsula Business Services Ltd	The Peninsula, Victoria Place, Manchester, M4 4FB

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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by agreement with CEO and Board of Trustees

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. 	<p>Escapeline has the following policies in place, reviewed annually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Policy Code of Conduct Complaints Policy Confidentiality Policy Data Protection Policy GDPR Policy Lone Working Policy Safer Recruitment Policy Risk Register Social Networking Policy Whistleblowing Policy Health & Safety Policy Volunteering Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Reserves Policy Environmental Policy Allegations Policy Cancellation Policy Driving with young person Policy Equality and Diversity Policy Mobile Phone Policy
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote for the benefit of the public in Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon and Cornwall, in partnership with the police, the protection of people and property from, and the prevention of, criminal acts. 2. To relieve the needs of young people and children who have been exploited by criminal gangs in Somerset and the surrounding counties, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of counselling, education and pastoral support

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)

Escapeline takes a holistic approach working not only with young people (10-18 years), but also their families and carers, professionals working with young people and the larger community, to increase awareness of county lines and teach protective strategies.

We offer the following services:

Escapeline provides education and support programmes to children and young people, aged 10-18 years, raising awareness of child exploitation and grooming, teaching them what to look out for and protective strategies.

Targeted support to vulnerable young people (small group or 1 to 1) identified as being groomed, or at risk of exploitation, by county line gangs, to assist them to break the cycle and move away from a path of crime and drugs. We also offer a follow on service, enabling young people to become peer mentors.

We provide training to professionals in education, health, social care and the police on child exploitation by county line gangs.

Escapeline offers parents awareness workshops and 1-1 support on county lines and child exploitation, and how to keep their own children safe.

We also strengthen community knowledge of, and responses to, child exploitation by running awareness-raising campaigns, working closely with services and providing online resources.

We have a 1-1 telephone advice support service and a face-to-face support group for parents of young people who find themselves at risk of exploitation. The service provides confidential, independent and non-judgmental support.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Escapeline works closely with a number of volunteers who assist with our parent support programme, overseen by our CEO.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Major achievements in our 4th year include:

- We held our first Child Exploitation Conference in Bournemouth in December 2022 focussing on awareness and education with real life stories. It was opened by the Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner and our guest speakers included professionals, and those with lived experience. It was attended by professionals from all over the UK and was a great success and we received really positive feedback.
- During the BBC Children in Need in appeal in 2022 our CEO and Youth Mentor were invited to take part in a BBC radio interview. They spoke about the services and support we provide to young people and how our funding from Children in Need has helped us to prevent child exploitation by increasing awareness and education as well as supporting those impacted by child exploitation in the South West.
- Escapeline was nominated for a national safeguarding award as a result of the research project we carried out in partnership with Bath University, highlighting the importance of education and peer mentoring.
- We put lived experience at the heart of what we do and were proud of our Youth Mentor being interviewed for BBC Radio 4 in which he shared his personal story.
- Our CEO is now a member of the Anti Slavery Board in Somerset and attends regular meetings with the police, local authority and other agencies.
- Our parent support services have continued to grow, including an in-person parent support group which has proved vital in helping parents who are impacted by child exploitation. We have received really positive feedback about how powerful this support has been to them.
- We were proud to have an article published in the British Social Work Journal in 2023, sharing young people's voices and details of the research project we completed with Bath University.
- We launched a new website in the Summer of 2023 with funding from SCF and supported and subsidised by local web-design company Dextrous Designs Ltd.
- One of our Social Worker staff members has now qualified as a counsellor and we have launched a new counselling service, predominantly for parents, and some young people, to support their recovery from the impact and trauma of child exploitation.
- Our Youth Mentor completed and passed his Counselling and Therapy techniques course.
- Our Youth Mentor completed the 3 peaks challenge, vlogging on TikTok during the three days, to increase awareness of County Lines and to educate the general public, as well as raising vital funds for Escapeline.

- We secured new multi-year funding to ensure our services can continue to be delivered and we have expanded our services into new areas of Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire, as well as continuing our work in Somerset and Dorset.

During the period 1/8/22 – 31/7/23, Escapeline provided the following:

- 16,784 children and young people received county lines awareness training including 1-1 support and small group work
- 570 parents/carers received support and advice
- 2,400 parents received our resource pack
- 1,278 professionals received training on county lines and child criminal exploitation
- 54 shops and businesses in our local communities received awareness training
- 10 local parks were visited where we engaged with and educated 64 parents and 45 young people

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Board has considered the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the risks to the organisation and has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should equate to six months of our fixed overhead expenditure.

On that basis, our reserves target at 31st July 2023 was £49,870

The actual level of unrestricted reserves at 31st July 2023 stood at £34,058

The Board aims to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses as activities allow, together with careful budgeting and promotion of fundraising activities. Where reserves held are greater than six months overhead expenditure, the charity will seek to use the difference as match funding for projects with which it is involved.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees to ensure it reflects any changing requirements of the charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit**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.

Our principal sources of funds are:

Fee income from training and workshops

Donations from the public

Fundraising events

Grants during the year from the following:

BBC Children In Need

Somerset Community Foundation

Tesco Community Grants via Groundwork UK

The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund

Somerset West and Taunton Council

Dorset Community Foundation

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

The High Sheriff of Somerset

The High Sheriff of Dorset

Nani Huyu Charitable Trust

Garfield Weston Foundation

National Lottery Community Fund

Forrester Family Trust

Hunts Food Group via SCF

Cooper Associates Foundation

Postcode Local Trust

Expenditure of these funds has enabled us to carry out our Education Programme, provide Parent Support Services, Training to Professionals and Detached Youth Work. This has increased the awareness of the risk of child exploitation by county line gangs in the South West. It has enabled professionals to identify children who are being groomed so that interventions can be made to support them in escaping potential exploitation. We have successfully engaged with young people who were being drawn in to county line gangs so that we can support them to move away from county line gangs and pursue their education. We have supported a number of parents and carers whose children were being groomed and exploited, and supported their local communities in working together to combat county line gangs.

A number of grants received during the year ended 31st July 2023 had not yet been spent but are fully allocated to be spent to meet specific costs in the subsequent financial year.

Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C Stone	L Morris
Full name(s)	Clare Stone	Lisa Morris
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	09/11/2023	

Escapeline

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 July 2023



Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Escapeline

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Escapeline ("the charity") for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 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 accounts do not comply with these records

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.

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Date: 13 November 2023



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Aug-22

To

31-Jul-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Conference and Events	3,103	-	-	3,103	
Donations Received	17,211	-	-	17,211	10,493
Fund Generation- Fund Raising	6,159	-	-	6,159	656
Gift Aid Received	620	-	-	620	80
Grants	15,000	116,534	-	131,534	86,240
Services	15,760	-	-	15,760	11,108
Donations Received- Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	320
Bank Interest Received	207	-	-	207	2
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	58,060	116,534	-	174,594	108,899
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	58,060	116,534	-	174,594	108,899
A3 Payments					
Car Hire	-	-	-	-	285
Fund Raising Expenses	-	-	-	-	237
Electricity	-	-	-	-	81
Conference and Event costs	2,200	-	-	2,200	-
Fundraising Costs	1,779	-	-	1,779	-
Project Expenditure	237	2,704	-	2,941	1,104
Volunteers expenses	453	-	-	453	169
Wages Expense	5,632	74,279	-	79,911	62,614
Accountancy Fees	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,230
Bank Charges	172	-	-	172	109
Computer and Software	2,513	862	-	3,375	2,453
Employers NI	(292)	-	-	292	504
Employers Pensions	1,431	-	-	1,431	647
Funding administration, management & evaluation	4,841	4,248	-	9,089	-
Insurance	879	180	-	1,059	1,022
Mileage Claims	3,894	6,475	-	10,369	3,842
Office Stationery	76	-	-	76	137
Postage and Carriage	445	-	-	445	1,095
Professional Fees	4,586	3,055	-	1,532	1,705
Room Hire & Rent	132	-	-	132	1,283
Staff Training	584	2,024	-	2,608	1,460
Subsistence	500	-	-	500	635
Telephone and Internet	318	255	-	573	691
Travel & Accommodation	253	104	-	357	1,245
Website and filming costs	3,940	-	-	3,940	-
Sub total	35,893	88,077	-	123,969	82,548
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,893	88,077	-	123,969	82,548
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,167	28,457	-	50,625	26,351
A5 Transfers between funds	12,564	- 12,564	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,308	62,380	-	71,688	45,337
Cash funds this year end	44,039	78,273	-	122,313	71,688

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	44,039	78,273	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,039	78,273	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Debtors	450	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accruals - website costs	Unrestricted	2500	
	PAYE Liability	Unrestricted	1046	
	Payroll Control Account	Unrestricted	388	
	Pension Fund	Unrestricted	340	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	L Morris	Lisa Morris	09/11/2023	
	C Stone	Clare Stone	09/11/2023	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 08	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 07	Year 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Escapeline

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1184475

Charity's principal address PO Box 987

Taunton

Somerset

Postcode

TA1 9QB

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	Jane Alexander-Carr	Chair		
2	Clare Stone	Treasurer		
3	Ann Shaw	Safeguarding Lead		
4	Lisa Morris	Policy Lead		
5	Kirsti Nelson	Education Lead		
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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
Accountant	Albert Goodman LLP	Goodwood House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2PX
HR & Employment Law Consultant	Peninsula Business Services Ltd	The Peninsula, Victoria Place, Manchester, M4 4FB

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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by agreement with CEO and Board of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- 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.

Escapeline has the following policies in place, reviewed annually:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Complaints Policy
- Confidentiality Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- GDPR Policy
- Lone Working Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy
- Risk Register
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Social Networking Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Volunteering Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Reserves Policy

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote for the benefit of the public in Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon and Cornwall, in partnership with the police, the protection of people and property from, and the prevention of, criminal acts. 2. To relieve the needs of young people and children who have been exploited by criminal gangs in Somerset and the surrounding counties, in particularly but not exclusively, by the provision of counselling, education and pastoral support

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)

Escapeline provides education and support programmes to children and young people, aged 10-18 years, raising awareness of child exploitation and grooming, teaching them what to look out for and protective strategies.

We provide training to professionals in education, health, social care and the police on child exploitation by county line gangs.

Escapeline offers parents awareness workshops and 1-1 support on county lines and child exploitation, and how to keep their own children safe.

We also strengthen community knowledge of, and responses to, child exploitation by running awareness-raising campaigns, working closely with services and providing online resources.

We have a 1-1 telephone advice support service and a face-to-face support group for parents of young people who find themselves at risk of exploitation. The service provides confidential, independent and non-judgemental support.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Escapeline works closely with a number of volunteers who assist with our parent support programme, overseen by our CEO.

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

Major achievements in our 3rd year include:

Developing and implementing a targeted seven week education programme in schools to small groups of young people identified as being at risk of exploitation in order to assist them out of a path of crime and drugs. This programme has led to a number of important disclosures, regarding county line activity, leading to the police carrying out disruptive work and arrests.

Developing and piloting a parent support group for parents whose children are at risk of exploitation, or being exploited, by criminal gangs. The group meets every two weeks, providing advice, training and a chance to discuss their concerns. It has been well received and we plan to roll this out to other areas of SW England.

Creating a campaign to provide safe places in towns for young people who feel threatened or targeted by criminal gangs. The scheme uses S signs in windows of shops and cafes indicating that young people can come inside and ask for assistance.

Working with the University of Bath on a research project looking at the benefits of peer mentoring. Following this research, we have expanded our targeted education programme to train young people who have moved away from county lines to educate other young people on how to avoid being recruited and how to stay safe. Our peer mentors presented their work to the National Anti-Slavery Board.

Provided awareness training to professionals in Dorset as part of Pan Dorset.

Expanded our team with two new part-time project workers, bringing a wealth of experience in education and social work.

Received a Development Grant from Somerset Community Foundation to help strengthen and grow the charity.

During the period 1/8/21 – 31/7/22 Escapeline provided the following:

- 7,978 children and young people received county lines awareness training
- 460 children and young people received one-to-one support and small group work
- 148 parents/carers received support and advice
- 600 parents received our resource pack
- 353 professionals received training on county lines and child criminal exploitation
- 50 shops and businesses received awareness training
- 22 parks were visited where we engaged with and educated 151 parents and 120 young people

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Board has considered the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the risks to the organisation and has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should equate to six months of our fixed overhead expenditure.

On that basis, our reserves target at 31st July 2022 was £41,274

The actual level of unrestricted reserves at 31st July 2022 stood at £9,308

The Board aims to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses as activities allow, together with careful budgeting and promotion of fundraising activities. Where reserves held are greater than six months overhead expenditure, the charity will seek to use the difference as match funding for projects with which it is involved.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees to ensure it reflects any changing requirements of the charity

Details of any funds materially in deficit**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.

Our principal sources of funds are:

Fee income from training and workshops

Donations from the public

Fundraising events

Grants during the year from the following:

Children In Need

Arnold Clark

Somerset Community Foundation

The Geoff Herrington Foundation

Somerset Open Mental Health

The Fairfield Charitable Trust

Tesco Community Grants via Groundwork UK

The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund

Somerset West and Taunton Council

Dorset Community Foundation

Hinkley Point Community Fund – via SCF

The High Sheriff of Somerset – via SCF

Avon & Somerset Police Crime Prevention Fund – via SCF

Expenditure of these funds has enabled us to carry out our Education Programme, provide Parent Support Services, Training to Professionals and Detached Youth Work. This has increased the awareness of the risk of child exploitation by county line gangs in the South West. It has enabled professionals to identify children who are being groomed so that interventions can be made to support them in escaping potential exploitation. We have successfully engaged with young people who were being drawn in to county line gangs so that we can support them to move away from county line gangs and pursue their education. We have supported a number of parents and carers whose children were being groomed and exploited, and supported their local communities in working together to combat county line gangs.

During the year we closed our physical office premises and moved to remote working, which has proved effective and enabled us to reduce our costs, therefore freeing up more funds to spend on our project work

rather than on overheads.

A number of grants received during the year ended 31st July 2022 had not yet been spent but are fully allocated to be spent to meet specific costs in the subsequent financial year.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C Stone	J Alexander Carr
Full name(s)	Clare Stone	Jane Alexander Carr
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	18/10/2022	

Escapeline

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 July 2022



Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Escapeline

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Escapeline ("the charity") for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 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 accounts do not comply with these records

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.

Michelle Ferris BSc(Hons) FCA DChA

Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants
Goodwood House
Blackbrook Park Avenue
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2PX

Date: 27 October 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Aug-21	To	31-Jul-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received -Non Gift Aid	10,493	-	-	10,493	60
Donations Received - Gift Aid	320	-	-	320	4,160
Bank interest received	2	-	-	2	-
Fund Generation - Fund Raising	656	-	-	656	395
Gift Aid received	80	-	-	80	1,759
Grants	-	86,240	-	86,240	95,189
Services	11,108	-	-	11,108	5,880
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,659	86,240	-	108,899	107,443
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,659	86,240	-	108,899	107,443
A3 Payments					
Outreach Work	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing & Website costs	-	-	-	-	600
Project Expenditure	675	429	-	1,104	1,276
Resources for Education Programme	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteers expenses	72	97	-	169	489
Accountancy Fees	828	402	-	1,230	1,200
Bank Charges	109	-	-	109	34
Car Hire	285	-	-	285	190
Computer and Software	1,695	758	-	2,453	1,989
Consultancy Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	81	-	-	81	141
Employers NI	504	-	-	504	-
Employers Pensions	647	-	-	647	708
Fund Raising Expenses	237	-	-	237	219
Insurance	889	133	-	1,022	1,018
Mileage Claims	1,584	2,258	-	3,842	3,041
Office Stationery	137	-	-	137	187
Postage and Carriage	1,095	-	-	1,095	198
Premises Expenses	-	-	-	-	15
Printing	-	-	-	-	316
Professional Fees	1,705	-	-	1,705	1,207
Recruitment Expenses	-	-	-	-	272
Rent	1,143	140	-	1,283	2,289
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	-	-
Wages Expense	10,129	52,485	-	62,614	63,484
Staff Training	362	1,098	-	1,460	276
Subsistence	635	-	-	635	255
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	-	195
Telephone and Internet	196	495	-	691	728
Travelling	610	635	-	1,245	919
Website costs	-	-	-	-	537
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,618	58,930	-	82,548	81,783
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,618	58,930	-	82,548	81,783
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 959	27,310	-	26,351	25,660
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1,301	1,301	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,568	33,769	-	45,337	19,677
Cash funds this year end	9,308	62,380	-	71,688	45,337

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	9,308	62,380	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,308	62,380	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	1,073	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Pension	unrestricted	156	
	Accountancy	unrestricted	1,230	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J Carr	Jane Alexander Carr	18/10/2022
C Stone	Clare Stone	18/10/2022

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England & Wales - Charity number 1184475

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	August	2020		31	July	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name ESCAPELINE

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1184475

Charity's principal address PO Box 987

Taunton

Somerset

Postcode

TA1 9QB

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	Jane Alexander Carr	Chair		
2	Clare Stone	Treasurer		
3	Ann Shaw	Safeguarding Lead		
4	Lisa Morris	Policy Lead		
5	Kirsti Nelson	Education Lead	Appointed 01/05/2021	
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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
Accountant	Albert Goodman LLP	Goodwood House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2PX
HR & Employment Law Consultant	Peninsula Business Services Ltd	The Peninsula, Victoria Place, Manchester, M4 4FB

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

CEO – Lisa Hooper

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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by agreement with CEO and Board of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- 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.

Escapeline has the following policies in place, reviewed annually:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Complaints Policy
- Confidentiality Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- GDPR Policy
- Lone Working Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy
- Risk Register
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Social Networking Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Volunteering Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Reserves Policy

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote for the benefit of the public in Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon and Cornwall, in partnership with the police, the protection of people and property from, and the prevention of, criminal acts. 2. To relieve the needs of young people and children who have been exploited by criminal gangs in Somerset and the surrounding counties, in particularly but not exclusively, by the provision of counselling, education and pastoral support

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)

Escapeline provides education and support programmes to children and young people, aged 10-18 years, raising awareness of child exploitation and grooming, teaching them what to look out for and protective strategies.

We also provide training to professionals in education, health, social care and the police on child exploitation by county line gangs.

Escapeline offers parents awareness workshops and 1-1 support on county lines and child exploitation, and how to keep their own children safe.

We also strengthen community knowledge of, and responses to, child exploitation by running awareness-raising campaigns, working closely with services and providing online resources.

We have a 1-1 telephone advice support service for parents of young people who find themselves at risk of exploitation. The service provides confidential, independent and non-judgemental support.

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.

Escapeline works closely with a number of volunteers who assist with our parent support programme, overseen by our CEO.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Major achievements in our 2nd year operating as a charity include:

Developing resource packs and workshops for primary and secondary schools, providing longer term support for groups of at-risk children.

Developing a Parent Resource Pack to provide advice and support to parents. The pack can be emailed to parents via the schools we work with.

Developing business and community flyers and circulating these in towns throughout the region to increase awareness of the signs of exploitation and how to report suspicious activity.

Improving our monitoring and evaluation process using Survey Monkey feedback forms for all services.

Receiving grants from high-profile funders including Children in Need, Comic Relief and the National Lottery.

Recruiting and training a youth mentor with lived-experience who has an excellent rapport with the young people we support.

Appearing on a major BBC news report on County Lines, raising Escapeline's profile and reputation, nationally.

Offering a flexible service of virtual or face to face training and support, to continue to adapt to the Covid-19 crisis.

Expanding the Board of Trustees, to include Kirsti Nelson, as an education specialist.

Developing a Business Plan to improve governance and a Social Media plan to increase awareness.

Received the High Sheriff of Dorset Award in recognition of our work in the county.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Board has considered the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the risks to the organisation and has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should equate to six months of our fixed overhead expenditure.

Therefore, our reserves target at 31st July 2021 was £44,905

The actual level of reserves at 31st July 2021 stood at £

The Board aims to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses as activities allow, together with careful budgeting and promotion of fundraising activities.

Where reserves held are greater than six months overhead expenditure, the charity will seek to use the difference as match funding for projects with which it is involved.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees to ensure it reflects any changing requirements of the charity

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

Our principal sources of funds are fee income from training and workshops, donations from the public, and grants from the following:

Youth Endowment Fund

Avon & Somerset Police

The Woodward Charitable Trust

The Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund

Somerset Community Foundation

Quartet Community Foundation

Dorset Community Foundation

The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund

Comic Relief via Groundwork UK

The National Lottery

Tesco Community Grant via Groundwork UK

Children In Need

Expenditure of these funds has enabled us to carry out our Education Programme, provide Parent Support Services, Training to Professionals and Detached Youth Work.

This has increased the awareness of the risk of child exploitation by county line gangs in the South West. It has enabled professionals to identify children who are being groomed so that interventions can be made to support them in escaping potential exploitation. We have successfully engaged with young people who were being drawn in to county line gangs so that we can support them to move away from county line gangs and pursue their education. We have supported a number of parents and carers whose children were being groomed and exploited, and supported their local communities in working together to combat county line gangs.

A number of grants received during the year ended 31st July 2021 had not yet been spent but are fully allocated to be spent to meet specific costs in the subsequent financial year.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C Stone	J Carr
Full name(s)	Clare Stone	Jane Carr
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	24/01/2022	

Escapeline

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 July 2021



Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Escapeline

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Escapeline (“the charity”) for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity’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 2011 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 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 accounts do not comply with these records

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.

Michelle Ferris BSc(Hons) FCA DChA

Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants
Goodwood House
Blackbrook Park Avenue
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2PX

Date: 28 January 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Aug-20	To	31-Jul-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received -Non Gift Aid	60		-	60	2,959
Donations Received - Gift Aid	4,160		-	4,160	2,540
Fee Income	-		-	-	7,700
Fund Generation - Fund Raising	395		-	395	484
Gift Aid received	1,759		-	1,759	-
Grants	5,202	89,987	-	95,189	34,805
Services	5,880		-	5,880	-
Loan	-		-	-	1,900
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,456	89,987	-	107,443	50,388
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,456	89,987	-	107,443	50,388
A3 Payments					
Outreach Work				-	84
Marketing & Website costs	-	600		600	-
Project Expenditure	-	1,276		1,276	1,214
Resources for Education Programme	-	-		-	45
Volunteers expenses	175	315		489	432
Bank Interest received	0	-		0	-
Accountancy Fees	1,200	-		1,200	-
Bank Charges	34	-		34	-
Car Hire	190	-		190	62
Computer and Software	867	1,121		1,989	1,297
Consultancy Fees				-	1,441
Electricity	141	-		141	-
Employers Pensions	708	-		708	84
Fund Raising Expenses	219	-		219	65
Insurance	889	129		1,018	268
Mileage Claims	585	2,456		3,041	14
Office Stationery	40	147		187	583
Postage and Carriage	198	-		198	377
Premises Expenses	-	15		15	-
Printing	-	316		316	200
Professional Fees	973	234		1,207	303
Recruitment Expenses		272		272	89
Rent	1,578	711		2,289	2,400
Repairs and Renewals	-	-		-	15
Wages Expense	2,188	61,296		63,484	19,925
Staff Training	186	90		276	1,010
Subsistence	74	181		255	333
Sundry Expenses	195	-		195	53
Telephone and Fax	321	407		728	178
Travelling	5	915		919	239
Website costs	335	202		537	-
				-	-
Sub total	11,100	70,683	-	81,783	30,711
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,100	70,683	-	81,783	30,711
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,357	19,304	-	25,660	19,677
A5 Transfers between funds	- 3,604	3,604	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,816	10,861	-	19,677	-
Cash funds this year end	11,569	33,769	-	45,337	19,677

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	11,569	33,769	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,569	33,769	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	85	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Pension	unrestricted	139	
	Accountancy	unrestricted	1,200	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C Stone	Clare Stone	24/01/2022
	J Carr	Jane Carr	24/01/2022

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England & Wales - Charity number 1184475

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	18	07	2019	To	31	07	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Escapeline
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1184475
Charity's principal address	PO Box 9441
	Sherborne
	Dorset
	Postcode DT9 9EG

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	Jane Carr	Chair	23/6/20	
2	Clare Stone	Treasurer		
3	Lisa Morris	Policy Lead		
4	Ann Shaw	Safeguarding Lead		
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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
Accountant	Albert Goodman LLP	Goodwood House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, Somerset TA1 2PX
HR, Employment Law and Health & Safety	Peninsula Business Services Ltd	The Peninsula, Victoria Place, Manchester M4 4FB

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

Lisa Hooper – CEO

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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by agreement with CEO and Board of Trustees

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. 	<p>Escapeline have the following policies in place, reviewed annually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Policy Code of Conduct Complaints Policy Confidentiality Policy Data Protection Policy GDPR Policy Lone Working Policy Safer Recruitment Policy Risk Register Code of Conduct Policy Social Networking Policy Whistleblowing Policy Health & Safety Policy Volunteering Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Reserves Policy
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote for the benefit of the public in Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon and Cornwall, in partnership with the police, the protection of people and property from, and the prevention of, criminal acts.

2. To relieve the needs of young people and children who have been exploited by criminal gangs in Somerset and the surrounding counties, in particularly but not exclusively, by the provision of counselling, education and pastoral support

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)

Escapeline provides education and support programmes to children and young people, aged 10-18 years, raising awareness of child exploitation and grooming, teaching them what to look out for and protective strategies.

We also provide training to professionals in education, health, social care and the police on child exploitation by county line gangs.

Escapeline offers parents awareness workshops and 1-1 support on county lines and child exploitation, and how to keep their own children safe.

We also strengthen community knowledge of, and responses to, child exploitation by running awareness-raising campaigns, working closely with services and providing online resources.

We have introduced a 1-1 telephone advice support service for parents of young people who find themselves at risk of exploitation. The service provides confidential, independent and non-judgemental support.

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.

Escapeline work closely with a number of volunteers who assist with our parent support programme, overseen by our CEO.

We also have a volunteer ex-gang member, who plays a vital role in engaging with young people alongside our CEO, and answering questions about his own experiences, drug abuse and gang life in order to help prevent young people from being drawn into gangs and potential criminal exploitation.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This is our first year operating as a charity.

Major achievements include:

Launching a website and producing promotional materials and education leaflets to raise awareness

Recruiting and training volunteers to support our CEO

Developing and producing a comprehensive pack of policies for all staff and trustees

Building a reputation with police and local authorities as an expert on County Lines and child exploitation

Establishing a telephone support service for parents

Adapting to Covid-19 restrictions by creating virtual training courses for professionals and schools

Generating fee income from our training courses

Receiving a large grant from the Youth Endowment Fund to allow us to adapt / expand our services

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Board has considered the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the risks to the organisation and has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should equate to six months of our fixed overhead expenditure.

Therefore, our reserves target is £18188

The present level of reserves stands at £2610

The Board aims to continue to build reserves through planned operating surpluses as activities allow, together with careful budgeting and promotion of fundraising activities.

Where reserves held are greater than six months overhead expenditure, the charity will seek to use the difference as match funding for projects with which it is involved.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees to ensure it reflects any changing requirements of the charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

Our principal sources of funds are grants from the Youth Endowment Fund, Avon & Somerset Police, and Dorset Police, and our fee income. Expenditure of these funds has enabled us to carry out our Education Programme, provide Parent Support Services, Training to Professionals and Detached Youth Work.

This has increased the awareness of the risk of child exploitation by county line gangs in the South West. It has enabled professionals to identify children who are being groomed so that interventions can be made to support them in escaping potential exploitation. We have successfully engaged with young people who were being drawn in to county line gangs so that we can support them to move away from county line gangs and pursue their education. We have supported a number of parents and carers whose children were being groomed and exploited, and supported their local communities in working together to combat county line gangs.

The grant from the Youth Endowment Fund was received just before our financial year end and due to this timing, remained unspent at the year end. However, this grant is restricted and is already allocated to be fully spent in 2020/2021.

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)	Jane Alexander Carr	Clare Stone
Full name(s)	Jane Alexander Carr	Clare Stone
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	07/12/2020	

Escapeline

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the Period Ended 31 July 2020



Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Escapeline

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Escapeline ("the charity") for the period ended 31 July 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 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 accounts do not comply with these records

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.

Michelle Ferris FCA

Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 10/12/2020



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	18-Jul-19	To	31-Jul-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations Received - Non Gift Aid	2,959		-	2,959	
Donations Received - Gift Aid	2,540		-	2,540	
Fee Income	7,700		-	7,700	
Fund Generation - Fund Raising	484		-	484	
Grants	23,855	10,950	-	34,805	
Loan	1,900		-	1,900	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,438	10,950	-	50,388	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,438	10,950	-	50,388	-
A3 Payments					
Outreach Work	84			84	
Project Expenditure	1,214			1,214	
Resources for Education Programme	45			45	
Volunteers expenses	432			432	
Car Hire	62			62	
Computer and Software	1,297			1,297	
Consultancy Fees	1,441			1,441	
Employers Pensions	84			84	
Fund Raising Expenses	65			65	
Insurance	268			268	
Mileage Claims	14			14	
Office Stationery	583			583	
Postage and Carriage	377			377	
Printing	200			200	
Professional Fees	303			303	
Recruitment Expenses		89		89	
Rent	2,400			2,400	
Repairs and Renewals	15			15	
Staff Salaries	19,925			19,925	
Staff Training	1,010			1,010	
Subsistence	333			333	
Sundry Expenses	53			53	
Telephone and Fax	178			178	
Travelling	239			239	
				-	
Sub total	30,622	89	-	30,711	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,622	89	-	30,711	-

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	8,816	10,861	-	19,677	-
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end			-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	8,816	10,861	-	19,677	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	8,816	10,861	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,816	10,861	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	700	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-
				-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Creditors	unrestricted	1,450	
	Net wages	unrestricted	1,608	
	Pension Funds	unrestricted	133	
	Loans	unrestricted	1,900	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Clare Stone	Clare Stone	07/12/2020