



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

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

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Chartered Accountants
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Somerset
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Date: 28 January 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01-Aug-20

To

31-Jul-21

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					
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	-	-	-
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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	85	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
				-
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				-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	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	