



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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 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

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

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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 27 October 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Aug-21	To	31-Jul-22
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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	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
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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
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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
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	1,073	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				
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	