



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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 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

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	

Escapeline

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

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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 02. May .2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Aug-23

To

31-Jul-24

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	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	Debtors	570	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	
	L Morris	Lisa Morris	30/04/2025	
	C Stone	Clare Stone	30/04/2025	