

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement

From 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Charity name: The Getaway Foundation (TGAF)

Charity registration number: 1187336

The Trustees are pleased to present their report for The Getaway Foundation for the financial period 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024. The financial statement has been set out to comply with the Charity's Constitution, the Charities Act of 1993 and as per the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting of Charities published in 2005.

Executive Summary

TGAF supported 77 UK respite breaks / holidays for families impacted by poverty in 2024, up from 72 in 2023. We supported approximately 323+ people in 2024, with approximately 50% being below the age of 12. We have now provided 268+ respite breaks from poverty since 2021, helping over 1200 people. **We support families living in poverty from Buckinghamshire, Isle of Wight, Luton and Milton Keynes.** All families are assessed as being impacted by poverty and referred to us indirectly by local authorities' family support workers and / or other family support charities. 70% of the families we supported in 2024 stated that at least one member of their family was impacted by a physical or mental disability.

Example direct feedback from families living in poverty we supported in 2024:

I would never have been able to afford this as a single working parent. We enjoyed time together as a family and it was good to de-stress from normal day to day living. My son really enjoyed the holiday as I have never been able to take him away.

*I am amazed of the opportunity you have given me and my family, and I am so thankful we had the best week away as a family and created memories that can't ever be forgotten. It's really lovely and heartwarming thing you are providing for families. Thank you again!!**

*We just want to thank you extremely for giving us this opportunity it was our first holiday and the first time my daughter walked in the sea you have given us such great memories and we can't thank you all enough for what you have done for us we are so strong in our bond thank you**

In 2024, 100% of families we supported had not been on holiday in the last 3 years and 53% had never been on holiday before.

TGAF's goal is to support 76+ families impacted by poverty with respite breaks in 2025 working in the same geographic areas.

Introduction to The Getaway Foundation (TGAF)

TGAF is a registered CIO charity, charity number 1187336. The charity was registered on the 13th of January 2020, its main purpose is to **help families in poverty create happy memories through respite breaks / holidays.**

The Trustees and founders set up the charity to provide families in poverty with some of the same memories and experiences that they benefitted from with their families as children. Research shows

that many families in poverty are unable to afford luxuries such as holidays with an estimated 1 in 4 families struggling to afford a holiday (Barnardo's research). Action for Children In 2022/23 state the number of children living in poverty increased by 100,000 from 4.2 million in 2021/22 to 4.3 million children.

Mental health and wellbeing are key concerns impacting families today that the Trustees and founders wanted to address. Families' experiences gained through holidays are proven to help them through times of crisis. It is the goal that the holidays provide short term break / respite / relief from the everyday stresses facing families in poverty but also in the long term provide tools which the families can draw upon to get through challenging times. Many adults today say some of their happiest childhood memories are from family holidays. The Trustees and founders believe that as many families as possible should have this opportunity and that poverty should not be a barrier to creating happy family memories on holiday.

The charity's work in 2024 focused on supporting families in Buckinghamshire (Bucks), Luton, Milton Keynes (MK) and on the Isle of Wight (IOW). The charity has developed close relationships with local councils' children's care services in these areas, working closely with family support workers and teams in each local authority, supporting the local community.

Table 1 below shows the percentage and number of children (aged under 16) living in absolute poverty low-income families, by local authority in the areas we focus on and support. This highlights the need in the areas we work to support families impacted by poverty.

Table 1 - Number of children living in families in absolute poverty 2023		
Local Authority	Number of children 2023	Percentage of children
Luton	12,375	23.4%
Buckinghamshire	10,923	9.8%
Isle of Wight	3,456	16.6%
Milton Keynes	8,539	13.5%

The latest UK government figures below show that in 2023 there were 35,293 children living in absolute poverty in the geographic areas TGAF supports, increased from 34,675 in 2023 We believe that the cost-of-living crisis will continue to impact families living in poverty at a higher degree than families not impacted by poverty in 2025

Key Objectives and Activities of TGAF

The objectives of TGAF, as defined in our constitution, are for the public benefit and are to be carried out in such parts of the United Kingdom as the Trustees shall determine. The key objectives are:

- 1) To relieve the needs of economically and socially disadvantaged families by the provision of grants of financial assistance to enable them to experience family holidays and other shared recreational

activities that they could not otherwise afford in the interests of social welfare and in order to improve their conditions of life.

2) To advance in life, relieve the needs of and help children and young people by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

3) To relieve the needs of families who are economically and socially disadvantaged in periods of extreme national crisis and associated economic and social uncertainty, by the provision of grants.

Implementation of TGAF Key Objectives in 2024

Summary of main activities / achievements supporting the charity's public benefit & core purpose

Table 2 below shows the number of families we have supported by local authority in 2024 v 2023. TGAF provided 77 family respite breaks from poverty in 2024. The highest need for transport support came from Luton in line with their position as having the highest level of family poverty out of the local authorities that we work with.

Table 2 – Total TGAF Holidays provided 2023-2024 for families impacted by poverty			
By Local Authority	2023	2024	% 2024 needing transport support
Buckinghamshire	21	19	50
IOW	20	25	52
Luton	17	17	65
Milton Keynes	14	16	44
Total	72	77	54

2024 Impact and Outcomes

TGAF directly surveys families immediately after their respite break / holiday and again 12 months afterwards to assess the direct benefits of the holidays and look at longer term impact on family wellbeing. TGAF has now provided over 268 family holidays since 2021.

The Info-gram below shows the direct survey feedback and benefits reported from families who went on a respite break / holiday in 2021-2024. Long-term feedback shows **that we support and benefit families in three keyways: pre break, during the break and long-term post-holiday.**



The Family Holiday Journey Pre / During / Post*

TGAF- Key Benefits for Families Impacted by Poverty



Pre-Holiday Excitement and Family Support Engagement

- 50% of families said the holiday really helped by providing something to look forward to & the children got excited
- 75% of Family Support Workers said it helped them engage and support the families they were working with.

During - On Holiday - Memory Creations

- 87% of families said they most enjoyed the quality family time together
- 65% of families said the long-term memories created and shared experiences were their main benefits
- The holidays provide families with a break from the day-to-day poverty norm as well as mental wellbeing benefits
- Support for Food Poverty on holiday and activities



Post - Long-term Memories – Last a Life-time

- 95% of families felt Long-term positive family benefits
- 87% said it provided positive memories that the family can use in the future to support them
- 83% said it provided the family with something to talk about longterm
- Families draw upon these memories in crisis to support them

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*All information from TGAF (The Getaway Foundation) Pre / Post Holiday Survey - 2021-2024- Direct Family Feedback – All Families

Direct Family Feedback*

- In 2024 87% of families who responded to our survey (immediate post-holiday survey – feedback rate 61%*) stated the key benefit for them was quality family time that built stronger family relationships.
- 100% of families we supported in 2024 had not been on holiday in the last 3 years and 53% had never been on holiday.
- 70%* of the families we supported in 2024 stated that at least one member of their family was impacted by a physical or mental disability and the holiday supported them.

Based upon 12-month post-holiday surveys (2021-2024)**

- 95%** of families feel long-term positive impact and benefit from the respite break, helping the families manage the challenges of poverty on their day to day lives
- 87% **said the holidays provided long-term memories that supported the family unity.

Support Partner Feedback (TGAF survey 2021-2024)***

- We survey the family support workers we work with; their feedback shows we provided significant benefit for family engagement. **75%*** of family support workers said the TGAF support helps them engage positively with the families.**
- Many of the families impacted by poverty we support have children with Child Protection Plans in place. The break forms part of the engagement plan providing a direct positive impact for children and helping support positive outcomes; reducing the chance of family break down and need for further intervention from the courts.

Working with the Local Community and Community Partners

2024 was our fourth full year as a charity providing respite breaks / holidays for families impacted by poverty. As part of our charity's work, we have been able to build good local relationships with the community and a number of key partners to support our work. Examples include:

- a. **WightFerries** have been inspirational in providing free ferry transport for families living on the IOW. They have committed to continue to support this for 2024.
- b. **The WightAid Foundation** support families on the IOW enabling us to maintain and expand our holiday provision. We are also **supported by MK Community Foundation and Hearts of Bucks Community Foundation**
- c. **Our partnerships with local council family support workers are vital.** Many of the families we support have complex family challenges, suffer from anxiety and many will be going on holiday for the first time. Working with local council childcare and family support services is a key factor in our ability to be able to provide holidays and remove some of the poverty barriers faced.
- d. Taxi partnerships with **Aqua Cars and Skyline Taxis** were instrumental in our ability to provide transport with 100% success rate. Making sure contact numbers and pickup addresses were correct was a key challenge. This needs to be considered as a key dependency as we look to expand to an additional support partner.

Diversity and Support for Families with Disabilities

Our stated aim is to be able to support all types of families and remove barriers for disadvantaged families living in poverty to be able to create happy family memories on holiday. A large percentage of the families we supported had children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Autism, and other forms of learning and behavioral difficulties. This was reflected in our post-holiday survey with 70% of families that responded saying at least one member of the family suffered from at least one form of physical / learning disability or had a family member with mental health challenges. Mental health issues are a big factor impacting the families we support. 14% of the families we supported in 2024 have at least one child diagnosed with SEND needs / ASD.

As a charity we want to make sure we support families impacted by poverty from all ethnic backgrounds. According to Wikipedia 91.7%, 78.9%, 97.3% and 45.2 of the population in Bucks Council, MK, IOW and Luton respectively define themselves as white, with the Asian / Asian British communities being the 2nd biggest demographic with 4.3%, 9.7%, 1.1% and 37.1% of the populations defining themselves as Asian respectively. In 2024 TGAF supported families with diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Table 3 – Total Families Who Went on Holiday by Ethnicity 2024		
Ethnicity	Total	%
Asian	1	1
Black / African / Caribbean / Black Brits	8	10
Mixed Ethnicity	10	13
White	58	75
Grand Total	77	100%

Improvements Made in 2024 from 2023 Feedback.

- In 2024 we added Westbay resort at Bridport in Dorset which proved a popular resort and reduced the overall number of locations we offered to provide a better understanding at the resorts of TGAF families
- We focused on reducing travel distances and travel costs for families
- The average family size reduced from 4.5 to 4.2 as the caravans provided are optimal for 2-7 people and we felt that families of 8 struggled to fit in. We had less XL size families YoY
- The **post-holiday feedback 2024** was the most positive we have had since 2021, with a **61% feedback rate**; demonstrating we are engaging well with the families we support.

Key Learnings and Improvement Goals for 2024 – Based Upon Recommendations and Feedback

1. We are increasing the amount we provide for food and activities per person by £10 to £160 and per adult and £10 for children 12 and under to £130. Feedback from families that although we provide some funding for food and activities, the costs are still real for families impacted by poverty when going on a respite holiday. Our goal is to remove the financial pressure of the holidays
2. We have recognized that there is a high dependency of families with support with SEND needs. Our goal is to make sure we have funding to make sure we are addressing these needs e.g. larger caravans / larger taxis / flexibility for families if needed to accommodate needs

What We Provided to Support Family Respite Breaks in 2024.

TGAF looks to provide a break that **supports the real cost of the holiday for a family impacted by poverty**. The holidays were provided by Parkdean Resorts and as part of the holiday TGAF included the following:

- UK-based, caravan holiday with entertainment, dining facilities and swimming/beach access.
- QR Code Voucher, value depending on the age and size of the family (QR Code was new for 2022) to support eating at the resorts' restaurants and mobile food stations as well as activities such as high ropes and trampolining. This helped address issues such as food poverty and made sure the families' personal costs for the holidays were reduced. It also meant the families could have the benefits of new experiences and activities to help create happy family memories.
- Support for transportation. This may have included fuel costs or if the family did not have access to a car we provided taxi transport, including provision of child car seats if needed. This was critical in our experience to support all disadvantaged families and remove hidden poverty barriers associated with going on holiday.
- Provision of wheelchair-access caravans if required for the family. Also, additional rooms in specific situation for families with children with Autism, when possible.
- Choice of date - families were offered a choice of date for holidays, based upon availability with Parkdean Resorts. Funding provided covered peak period summer holidays as the

Trustees felt it important that families with school-aged children could go on holiday without impacting education. We visit all the locations that we send families to, to check suitability.

Statement on Fundraising and Charity Objectives 2024

Sources of Income 2024. Our fund-raising activities in 2024 focused on raising funds to mainly support holidays for 2025 as the holiday booking cycle / budget commitment need is 9 -12 months before the holiday. We only commit to family places we have budget for.

Unrestricted Income 2024	Amount	Funding or grants to support the charity without a specific defined purpose
Primary Benefactor	£120,000	Support Holiday and Operational Costs in 2024
HMRC Gift Aid	£30,000	Gift aid claimed on private donations
Online or Private one-off Donations	£4,943.23	Online charity donations via Just Giving.
Total	£154,943	Unrestricted
Restricted Grants / income 2024	Amount	Funding or grants with a defined purpose or objective
MK Community Foundation - Grant	£5,660	Supporting MK Families 2024
Hearts of Bucks Community Grant	£7,679	Supporting Bucks Families 2025
HEDLEY Foundation -	£1,000	Funding towards Car Seats 2025
Project Spark	£3,900	Support Activities and Food 2025
Redkite Housing	£7,679	Support Funding for Redkite Tenants 2025
Shanly Foundation	£2,000	Supporting Young Carers and STEP families 2025
Tesco Ground Works - Tesco Community Grants	£3,020	Supporting families in Bucks, IOW and Luton
Wight Aid Foundation - 2025 support	£5,760	Supporting IOW families -2025
Total Restricted Grants	£36,698	£29,098.50 of restricted funding will go towards 2025 holidays

Restricted funding balances in our 2024 accounts will be spent on 2025 holidays as defined purposes above and application / restricted grant conditions.

In addition to the above we are extremely grateful to **WightLink Ferries** who provided family ferry crossings in support of the charity for families living on the IOW.

Cost and Inflationary Impact 2024 and 2025

The cost increase in 2024 versus 2023 was lower than expected. Overall our Caravan holiday cost spend per family is flat YoY (mainly due to having smaller families and reducing the distances families had to travel). We did see an increase in the cost of food and activities that we are looking to address with increased QR code funding in 2025. Additionally, the number of families needing car support reduced from 60% in 2023 to 55% in 2024. Our outlook from a budgetary point of view is to take a 3% cost inflation figure for 2025 v 2024 actual costs. The average family size we supported in 2024 was 4.2 people per family versus 4.5 in 2023, this was due to a reduction in XL families of 7+ referred to us in 2024 versus previous years

TGAF Financial Position

High Level Plan 2025 and Funding Strategy

The charity has funds in place to support an estimated 76+ summer holidays in 2025 in line with 2024 levels subject to referrals and inflationary cost impact. We plan to support families impacted by poverty living in Beds (Luton), Bucks, MK and on the IOW in 2024 working with our existing local support partners. Our core benefactor has committed to donate the same level of funding for 2025 as per 2024.

The budget for 2025 was initially reviewed in December 2024 and has been confirmed at the start of January 2025 with the Trustees.

Policy for Holding Reserves.

We plan to hold reserves in line with 2024 in 2025. The decision to spend the contingency is agreed and managed between the CEO and Joanne Smith (Trustee) as part of the charity's financial planning. Agreement to use the reserves must be agreed by the Trustees.

- £17,500 will be held in reserve in FY2025 in line with our funding plan and commitments. Our Plan is to hold this flat as a reserve level going forward in our accounts. We will review this if we see changes in our provision needs and risks outlook
- Additionally, we hold a contingency for holiday cost inflation of £5,000 and cash flow contingency of £5,000.
- Total Reserves and Contingencies for 2025 will be £27,500. This is included within our Cash Assets on the balance sheet.

Financial Review.

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Our accounts have been signed off by our independent examiners – Ad Valorem Accountancy Services, in line with our statutory requirements as detailed below.



Charity Name The Getaway Foundation		No (if any) 1187336	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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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	154,943	36,699	-	191,642	196,183
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	154,943	36,699	-	191,642	196,183
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	154,943	36,699	-	191,642	196,183
A3 Payments					
Audit & Accountancy	3,198		-	3,198	2,541
Charitable activities	98,160	26,703	-	124,863	119,732
General Expenses	122		-	122	-
Insurance	1,593		-	1,593	1,561
IT Software & Consumables	1,170		-	1,170	1,248
Salaries	55,000		-	55,000	55,000
Employers National Insurance	1,335		-	1,335	1,116
Sub total	160,578	26,703	-	187,281	181,198
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	160,578	26,703	-	187,281	181,198
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,635	9,996	-	4,361	14,985
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,640	19,102	-	98,742	83,757
Cash funds this year end	74,005	29,098	-	103,103	98,742



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	Bank Current Account	74,005	29,098	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	74,005	29,098	-
	account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Getaway Foundation

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1187336

Set out on pages

1 & 2 of the receipts and payments form included.

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

29/1/2025

Name:

Thomas Foot (on behalf of Ad Valorem Accountancy Services)

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA - ICAEW

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Please note the restricted funds spent in 2024 were aligned to specific donation and projects defined by the grant purpose made i.e. Wight Aid foundation support for families from the Isle of Wight as per the restrictions and conditions of the grant.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document and Constitution

The charity's constitution was registered on the 13th of January 2020 and amended on the 26th March 2020. The charity is registered as a CIO.

Governance and Trustee Appointments

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity.

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Comment / Relationships
Joanne Smith	Trustee	N/A	Married to Barry Smith
Barry Smith	Trustee	N/A	Married to Joanne Smith
Philip Smith	Trustee	N/A	Unrelated with other Trustees
Toby Quartley	Trustee	N/A	Unrelated with other Trustees

No changes to the trustees made in 2024. 50% of our governing trustees are unrelated.

Operational Management and Organization of the Charity

Peter Tebbutt is the CEO of TGAF and manages the day to day operational and financial management requirements of the charity as well as acting as the key interface for partnerships and other activities, such as fund raising for the charity. The CEO provides a monthly update on finances and key activities and actions achieved during the month. The CEO works to deliver on the key strategies agreed by the Trustees. All major financial decisions are agreed and reviewed with the Trustees before the CEO actions them. The charity bank account has two factor approval for bank transactions.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name:	The Getaway Foundation
Other name the charity uses:	TGAF- Abbreviation used within our communications
Registered charity number:	1187336
Charity's principal address:	2 Manor Farm Court, Old Wolverton Road, Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5NN

Names and addresses of advisers.

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountants	Ad Valorem Accountancy Services	2 Manor Farm Ct, Old Wolverton Rd Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5NN




Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members.

Peter Tebbutt – CEO. Email - Peter@thegetawayfoundation.com

Declarations.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Full name(s)	Joanne Smith	
Date	13.02.2025	