



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 Period start date To 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 Period end date

Charity name: The Escape Youth Club

Charity registration number: 1190278

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To act as a resource for young people aged between 10 and 17 in the local area.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>To provide advice, assistance, and organise programmes of physical, educational, and other activities as a means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Helping young people, especially, but not exclusively, through leisure-time activities, to develop their capabilities.</li><li>• Supporting their growth into full maturity as individuals.</li><li>• Encouraging them to contribute positively to society.</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The managing trustees of <i>The Escape Youth Club</i> confirm that they are satisfied they have complied with their duty to ensure that the charity has undertaken suitable activities for the benefit of the public, as required by the Charity Commission.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Created a safe space where the young people feel safe to talk about things.</p> <p>Resilience workshops</p> <p>Mental health &amp; wellbeing</p> <p>Better social skills</p> <p>Being part of community events</p> <p>Kindness Campaign</p> <p>Working together</p> <p>The club's work has transformed the lives of its members by increasing their confidence, broadening their horizons, and reducing the risk of anti-social behaviour. Feedback from parents and local schools highlights improved attitudes, behaviour, and motivation among the young people involved.</p> <p>Beyond individual impact, the club has strengthened community cohesion and reduced youth-related issues in the area. It has fostered positive intergenerational relationships, created opportunities for volunteering, and promoted a culture of inclusion and mutual respect. By equipping young people with life skills and a sense of purpose, the club contributes to a safer, healthier, and more engaged community.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Tuck Shop Stock     £35 Current Account     £5,766.98 Savings Account     £7,669.59 Cash                     £100
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity currently aims to maintain a minimum level of reserves to ensure its continued existence and operational stability. Expenditure levels are reviewed regularly and adjusted accordingly, based on a forecast of income and cash flow for the following six months. As the charity grows, it is actively working to increase its level of reserves to support future development and sustainability.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	None
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		This is a trust in which the trustees may only use income or capital to benefit <i>The Escape Youth Club</i> , or for purposes that are recognised as charitable in law.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	NON-Profit CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>The Escape Youth Club is governed by four Trustees, as outlined in the founding deed of the charity. Trustees are entrusted with the following legal duties:</p> <p><b>Legal Duties of Trustees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act in the charity's best interests</li> <li>• Manage the charity's resources responsibly</li> <li>• Act with reasonable care and skill</li> </ul> <p><b>Exclusions</b></p> <p>An applicant <b>cannot</b> be considered for a Trustee role if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are under the age of 18 (<i>legal requirement</i>)</li> <li>• Have an unspent conviction for an offence involving dishonesty or deception (<i>legal requirement</i>)</li> <li>• Are currently declared bankrupt, subject to bankruptcy restrictions or an interim order, or have an Individual Voluntary Agreement (IVA) with creditors (<i>legal requirement</i>)</li> <li>• Are disqualified from being a company director (<i>legal requirement</i>)</li> <li>• Have previously been removed as a Trustee by either the Charity Commission or the High Court due to misconduct or mismanagement (<i>legal requirement</i>)</li> <li>• Have an irreconcilable conflict of interest with the charity's work</li> <li>• Are unable to embrace the values of the charity</li> <li>• Lack the expertise and skills required by the charity</li> </ul>

		<p><b>Essential &amp; Desirable Criteria</b></p> <p><b>Independence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must act in a personal capacity, not as a representative of any group</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must provide a signed declaration of willingness and eligibility to act as a Trustee</li> </ul> <p><b>Preparation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates understanding of the need for prior preparation for meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>Commitment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Willing to dedicate time to fulfill Trustee duties during and between meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>Values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Willingness to embrace the values of The Escape Youth Club</li> </ul> <p><b>Skillset</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Financial:</b> Understanding of management accounts and budgets</li> <li>• <b>Fundraising:</b> Awareness of the need for strategic planning in fundraising</li> <li>• <b>Organisational Development:</b> Understanding of charity operations or willingness to learn</li> <li>• <b>Charity Law:</b> Knowledge of Trustee duties and responsibilities</li> <li>• <b>Governance:</b> Familiarity with governance practices</li> <li>• <b>Performance:</b> Reports to Chair annually on performance and training.</li> <li>• Willingness to learn and be responsible for own development</li> </ul>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	THE ESCAPE YOUTH CLUB
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1190278
Charity's principal address	130 CHANCTONBURY ROAD BURGESS HILL WEST SUSSEX RH15 9HA

### 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	KAREN TAYLOR			CHAIR
2	ALIXANDRA BELL			VICE CHAIR / SECRETARY
3	STUART HARVEY			H&S AND FIRE WARDEN
4	PAULA HENLEY-CRAGG			SAFE GUARDING
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and	

segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	
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**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**


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**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)

  
Karen Taylor

Full  
name(s)

Position (eg  
Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

24<sup>th</sup> October 25

**THE ESCAPE YOUTH CLUB**  
**BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**CHARITY NUMBER**

**1190278**

	<b>Dec-24</b>		<b>Dec-23</b>	
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Assets( IT Equipment)	£	695.98	£	695.98
Depreciation( 3 years from July 2020)	-£	695.98	-£	695.98
	£	-	£	-
Tangible Assets( Phone)	£	599.00	£	599.00
Depreciation( 3 years from Jan 23))	-£	399.33	-£	199.67
	£	199.67	£	399.33
Tangible Asset( Gazebo)	£	834.00	£	834.00
Depreciation( 3 years from Aug 22)	-£	671.83	-£	393.83
	£	162.17	£	440.17
Tangible Asset( Laptops & Cases)	£	1,737.76	£	1,737.76
Depreciation( 3 years from Jan 23)	-£	1,158.51	-£	579.25
	£	579.25	£	1,158.51
Total Fixed Assets	£	941.09	£	1,998.01
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Tuck Shop Stock	£	35.00	£	35.00
Current Account	£	5,766.98	£	5,838.18
Savings Account	£	7,669.59	£	7,589.87
Cash	£	100.00	£	60.00
	£	13,571.57	£	13,523.05
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	£	-	£	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	£	14,512.66	£	15,521.06

Funds brought forward Jan 22	£	14,218.91		£	5,244.44	
Excess Income over Expenditure 2023	£	<u>1,302.14</u>	15,521.05	£	<u>8,974.47</u>	£ 14,218.91
Excess Income over Expenditure Current Year		-£ 1,008.41			£ 1,302.14	
<b>Total Funds</b>	£	<b>14,512.66</b>		£	<b>15,521.05</b>	

*Karen Taylor*

Signed

## THE ESCAPE YOUTH CLUB

CHARITY NUMBER

1190278

## INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY 2024- 31ST DECEMBER 2024

INCOME	2024		2023	
Donations /Fundraising	2,001.16		4,388.02	
Grants	4,500.00		3,000.00	
Tuck Shop	500.00		450.00	
Subscriptions	985.00		550.00	
Towards DBS Costs	157.68		35.00	
Interest on Savings Account	79.72		66.76	
Towards Activities	851.51	9,075.07	428.40	8,918.18
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Depreciation on FA for 12 months	1,056.93		1,172.92	
Insurance	378.96		378.96	
Activities	2,293.68		1,104.34	
Website & IT	14.40		47.93	
Phone	72.00		72.00	
Card Skipper Subs	263.16		128.03	
Tuck Shop	941.00		598.11	
DBS Checks	225.60		277.68	
Supplies	566.13		135.52	
Rent	3,200.00		3,220.00	
Training	0.00		0.00	
Costs relating to Fundraising events	420.00		225.00	
Other	651.62	10,083.48	255.55	7,616.04
<b>Excess Income Over Expenditure</b>		<b>(1,008.41)</b>		<b>1,302.14</b>

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

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The Accounts have been prepared from the receipts and payments on the bank statements, and any cash receipts and payments made over the period

The depreciation of the IT Equipment has been calculated on a 36month basis the equipment is that brought between July 2020 and December 2023

The club are still not back in the Park Centre and are therefore still only running 1 day a week . They are incurring costs for rental of a storage unit for the equipment and also for the space they use for the meetings which is costing them approx £ 400 per month. They are using Grants that they received to help pay for this . Fundraising during the year has gone to provide activities for the young people.

The club has a reasonably healthy bank balance at the begining of January , but a proportion of this they will need to pay their monthly rental costs until they are back in the Park Centre.

The club anticipates being back into the Park Centre in the later half of 2025 when there is the possibility to increase their nights to 2 per week.