Locate International CIO

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR END

6 APRIL 2023 to 5 APRIL 2024

Charity Number 1197991
Registered number: CS028394

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ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Trustees	C Allsop	
	C Hedges	
	D Peach	
	T Conway-Crim	Appointed - 25 April 2023
	J Carter	Resigned - 2023
	A Wilson	Appointed – 15 October 2023
Registered charity name	Locate International CIO	
Registered charity number	1197991	
Registered office	Suite B Blackdown House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX	
Accountants	Monahans, Chartered Accountants Suite B Blackdown House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX	

LOCATE INTERNATIONAL CIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1. Introduction

- **Name of the charity:** Locate International CIO
- **Charity registration number:** 1197991
- **Principal address:**
  Suite B, Blackdown House
  Blackbrook Park Avenue
  Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2PX

This report outlines the activities, achievements, governance, and financial performance of Locate International CIO for the year ending 5 April 2024. It complies with the requirements of applicable charity law and has been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document and accounting policies.

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2. Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purpose:
Locate International CIO is committed to alleviating the burden faced by families and friends of missing persons and unidentified individuals. We provide assistance in locating and identifying these individuals, while also supporting law enforcement agencies and coroners in resolving such cases. Our services are offered both in the UK and globally, and we operate entirely free of charge.

Key Objectives:

1. **Engaging Communities and Volunteers:**
   Mobilising communities and volunteers to actively contribute to investigations into missing persons' cases, fostering greater public involvement and support in the search for answers.
2. **Providing Expert Analytical and Investigative Support:**
   Utilising the expertise of our QUEST programme to deliver advanced analytical and investigative support, enhancing the effectiveness of case investigations and helping families find answers.
3. **Building Stronger Partnerships:**
   Strengthening collaboration with key stakeholders, including police, coroners, and other organisations, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of investigations into missing and unidentified persons. By fostering shared expertise and streamlining processes, we aim to achieve better outcomes for families, communities, and the wider justice system.

Locate International operates a structured framework with three key service pillars:

- **Quest**: Independent investigation of missing person cases.
- **Cold Case Analysis**: Re-examination of unidentified person cases.
- **React 365**: Innovative research driving best practices in investigations.

In 2024, Locate International remained steadfast in its mission to resolve cases of missing and unidentified persons through expert-led and volunteer-driven efforts, achieving notable progress across multiple areas of its work.

Impact Goals:

The organisation aims to alleviate resource constraints for police and government agencies, delivering results through a combination of advanced forensic techniques, genealogy, and grassroots collaboration.

Key Achievements:

1. **Case Resolutions**:
    - 30 missing person cases solved.
    - 3 unidentified person cases resolved.
    - 264 cases reviewed (90 missing person and 174 unidentified person cases).
    - 10 potential matches for unidentified individuals submitted to authorities.
2. **Volunteer Contributions**:
    - 208 active volunteers from over 10 countries contributed 18,840 hours.
    - Equivalent to 9.5 full-time roles, with the value of contributions estimated at £211,000.
    - 4,160 hours of specialist training provided to volunteers.
3. **Media and Outreach**:
    - A Channel 4 documentary, *The Body Detectives*, reached 1.2 million viewers.
    - 1,300+ media mentions in outlets such as *The Guardian* and *The Financial Times*.
    - Social media reach included:
        - Facebook: 167.6 million views.
        - Instagram: 82.4 million views.
        - TikTok: 2.6 million views.
        - LinkedIn: 117,000 impressions.
4. **Highlight Cases**:

- The case of James (identified after 45 years, bringing closure to his seven siblings).
- The identification of Vincent, whose family now knows his fate after decades of uncertainty.

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3. Governance and Structure

Governing Document:
Locate International CIO operates under its constitution, dated 18th February 2022.

Trustee Information:

- Trustees during the period: C Allsop, C Hedges, D Peach, T Conway-Crim (appointed April 2023), A. Wilson (appointed August 2023), J Carter (resigned Aug 2023)

Trustee Induction and Training:
New trustees gain insights through hands-on involvement and assigned roles to support the charity's objectives.

Staff and Volunteers:
Over 200 volunteers contribute to various roles, including investigative work, intelligence analysis, and community mobilisation.

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4. Plans for the Future

Strategic Goals for Locate International (next 12 months):

1. **Boost Awareness and Fundraising Efforts:**
   Increase public awareness and strengthen fundraising capabilities to ensure the sustainability and growth of operations.
2. **Broaden the Reach of QUEST Reviews:**
   Enhance and expand the scope of QUEST Reviews to resolve a greater number of cases effectively.
3. **Foster Stronger Collaborations and Partnerships:**
   Deepen relationships with law enforcement agencies, coroners, academic

institutions, and other key partners to drive innovation and improve outcomes in case investigations.

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5. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this Annual Report. It is signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:

Charlie Hedges MBE
Trustee
Approved

Charlie Hedges

Feb 03 2025

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ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Locate International CIO for the year ended 5 April 2024 which comprise the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accounts in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed within the ICAEW's regulations and guidance at http://www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance.

This report is made solely to the trustees of Locate International CIO in accordance with our terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Locate International CIO and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the trustees of Locate International CIO in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Locate International CIO and its trustees for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Locate International CIO has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare accounts that show the receipts and payments and assets and liabilities of Locate International CIO. You consider that Locate International CIO is exempt from the statutory audit and independent examination requirements for the period.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or review of the accounts. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on accounts.

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Date: …….

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

		Unrestricted Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Total Funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS			
Donations and legacies:			
Donations and legacies		6,050	6,467
Investment income:			
Interest received		29	13
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**6,079**	**6,480**
PAYMENTS			
Charitable activities:			
Case costs and DCC		0	706
DBS Screening fees		871	2,402
Registry info request fees		8	110
Raising funds:			
Accountancy fees		900	1,185
Advertising/Promotional		82	0
Bank Charges		126	271
Computer costs		2,802	2,984
Insurance		1,544	609
Other Professional fees		1,190	503
Other Expenditure		40	161
Travel and Accommodation		500	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**8,063**	**8,931**
NET (PAYMENTS)		**(1,984)**	**(2,451)**
Total cash funds brought forward		(4,476)	0
CIC CONVERSION INTRODUCED	1	0	(2,025)
CASH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**(6,460)**	**(4,476)**

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank Account CIO #1		10	2,008
Bank Account CIO #2		220	3,485
Bank Account CIC #1		0	(7)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		**230**	**5,486**
LOANS			
Loan: Mr Smith		(3,947)	(3,947)
Loan: Mr Grimstead		(1,412)	(1,412)
Loan: Mr Farrer		(1,310)	(2,510)
Loan: Mr Shepherd		(21)	(2,093)
TOTAL LOANS		**(6,690)**	**(9,962)**
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		**(6,460)**	**(4,476)**

These accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on the Feb 03 2025 ……
and are signed on their behalf by:

Charlie Hedges

C Hedges MBE
TRUSTEE

Tanja Conway-Grim

TRUSTEE

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CONVERSION NOTE FROM CIC TO CIO

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Note 1

CIC CONVERSION INTRODUCED	Note	2023 £
CASH FUNDS INTRODUCED		
Bank Account CIOs		7,937
LOANS INTRODUCED		
Loan: Mr Smith		(3,947)
Loan: Mr Grimstead		(1,412)
Loan: Mr Farrer		(2,510)
Loan: Mr Shepherd		(2,093)
TOTAL LOANS INTRODUCED		**(9,962)**
NET CIC INTRODUCTION		**(2,025)**