

Company registration number: 14226985

Charity registration number: 1202823

The Future Of Justice Project Ltd

(A company limited by share capital)

Report of The Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The charity is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 11th July 2022. It was registered as a charity on 25th April 2023.

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Registered Office c/o CPP, Chartered Accountants
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Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

- Mr J Robins
- Mr B J Shearman
- Ms S L James
- Mr G Maddocks

The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Independent Examiner

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Bankers

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The initial trustees were appointed because of their knowledge and understanding of the aims and objectives of the Charity. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees who will consider on a regular basis, whether additional trustees are required to fulfil specific roles within the Charity. In identifying new trustees consideration will be given to their background, relevant skills and knowledge of the area in which the Charity operates. The overriding requirement for all trustees is that they must be in sympathy with the Charity's objectives and are able to offer time and skills to support the Charity.

New trustees will receive training from the Charity's professional advisors and the existing trustees.

Major risks and management of those risks

The trustees are assessing the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and believe that by monitoring reserve levels, ensuring controls exist over key financial systems and by examining the operational risks faced by the Charity, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The aim of The Future of Justice Project is to discuss, debate and agree upon evidence-based policy recommendations that would:

1. assist the prevention of wrongful convictions and their correction
2. raise the profile of issues relating to miscarriages of justice including informing the public, the media and policy-makers, challenge conventional wisdom, and
3. contribute towards the improved functioning of the criminal justice system in England and Wales.

The work of the The Future of Justice Project is organised through five committees:

1. Science and the Courts committee
2. Legal Profession
3. Media committee
4. Criminal Appeals committee
5. Legal Policy committee

We provide the secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group on Miscarriages of Justice.

Public benefit

As detailed in the objectives and aims, the Charity seeks to discuss, debate and agree upon evidence-based policy recommendations that will assist the prevention of wrongful convictions and their correction, raise the profile of issues relating to miscarriages of justice including informing the public, the media and policy-makers, challenge conventional wisdom and contribute towards the improved functioning of the criminal justice system in England and Wales.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievement and performance

During the year, the Charity continued to provide secretariat support for the all-party parliamentary group on miscarriages of justice and associated projects, including the Westminster Commission on Forensic Science (the science and the courts committee); and the APPG's legal profession committee in its investigation into representation in the police station. The Charity also helped to establish the Westminster Commission on Joint Enterprise which is gathering information and evidence on the practice and policy of joint enterprise, which allows multiple people to be prosecuted and punished for the same crimes.

More generally, the Charity has worked to raise the profile of issues related to miscarriages of justice and improving the criminal appeal system with a wide range of parliamentarians, policymakers, and the media over the relevant period.

Financial review

During the year, the Charity received donations totalling £248,000 (including Gift Aid). These donations will be used to fund the activities of the Charity until 31st July 2025. The Trustees are in discussions with a number of parties to secure donations to fund the activities of the Charity for the 3 years to 31st July 2028.

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Policy on reserves

The reserves of the charity represent the retained excess of donations received less costs allocated to specific projects at the end of the year. The trustees believe that a satisfactory level of free reserves for the charity at present is six months' core expenditure, excluding depreciation. This suggests reserves of £37,500.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Future Of Justice Project Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr G Maddocks
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Future Of Justice Project Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Future Of Justice Project Ltd as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



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29 April 2025

The Future Of Justice Project Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	(53,753)	(53,753)
Total expenditure		(53,753)	(53,753)
Net expenditure		(53,753)	(53,753)
Net movement in funds		(53,753)	(53,753)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds carried forward	11	(53,753)	(53,753)
	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	248,184	248,184
Investment income	4	1,221	1,221
Total Income		249,405	249,405
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	(75,129)	(75,129)
Total Expenditure		(75,129)	(75,129)
Net income		174,276	174,276
Net movement in funds		174,276	174,276
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(53,753)	(53,753)
Total funds carried forward	11	120,523	120,523

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 11.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	61,997	-
Cash at bank and in hand	9	61,706	1,897
		123,703	1,897
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,180)	(55,650)
Net assets/(liabilities)		120,523	(53,753)
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		120,523	(53,753)
Total funds	11	120,523	(53,753)

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2024.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr G Maddocks
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by share capital, incorporated in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

c/o CPP, Chartered Accountants

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 29 April 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The Future Of Justice Project Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies; Donations from individuals	<u>248,184</u>	<u>248,184</u>
Total for period ended 31 July 2024	<u><u>248,184</u></u>	<u><u>248,184</u></u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>1,221</u>	<u>1,221</u>
Total for period ended 31 July 2024	<u><u>1,221</u></u>	<u><u>1,221</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	6	70,369	70,369
Governance costs	6	4,760	4,760
Total for period ended 31 July 2024		<u>75,129</u>	<u>75,129</u>
Total for period ended 31 July 2023		<u>53,753</u>	<u>53,753</u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £4,760 (2023 - £2,650) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	4,760	4,760
Total for period ended 31 July 2024	<u>4,760</u>	<u>4,760</u>
Total for period ended 31 July 2023	<u>2,650</u>	<u>2,650</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Mr G Maddocks

Mr G Maddocks received remuneration of £33,600 (2023: £33,600) and £Nil (2023: £480) of expenses were reimbursed to Mr G Maddocks during the year.

At the balance sheet date the amount due Mr G Maddocks was £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Mr J Robins

Mr J Robins received remuneration of £19,600 (2023: £16,800) during the year.

At the balance sheet date the amount due Mr J Robins was £Nil (2023: £Nil).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

8 Debtors

	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>61,997</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>61,706</u>	<u>1,897</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	-	53,000
Accruals	<u>3,180</u>	<u>2,650</u>
	<u>3,180</u>	<u>55,650</u>

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 July 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>(53,753)</u>	<u>249,405</u>	<u>(75,129)</u>	<u>120,523</u>
			Resources expended £	Balance at 31 July 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General			<u>(53,753)</u>	<u>(53,753)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 July 2024 £
Current assets	123,703	123,703
Current liabilities	(3,180)	(3,180)
Total net assets	<u>120,523</u>	<u>120,523</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 July 2023 £
Current assets	1,897	1,897
Current liabilities	(55,650)	(55,650)
Total net assets	<u>(53,753)</u>	<u>(53,753)</u>

13 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 August 2023 £	At 31 July 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,897	1,897
Net debt	<u>1,897</u>	<u>1,897</u>
	At 11 July 2022 £	At 31 July 2023 £
Net debt	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity bought services from G Maddocks and J Robins as detailed in Note 7.

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	248,184	-
Investment income	<u>1,221</u>	<u>-</u>
Total income	<u>249,405</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	<u>(75,129)</u>	<u>(53,753)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(75,129)</u>	<u>(53,753)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>174,276</u>	<u>(53,753)</u>
Net movement in funds	174,276	(53,753)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>(53,753)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>120,523</u></u>	<u><u>(53,753)</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	248,184	-
Investment income (analysed below)	<u>1,221</u>	<u>-</u>
Total income	<u>249,405</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	<u>(75,129)</u>	<u>(53,753)</u>
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