



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 05	Year 2024		Day 30	Month 04	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

MIKES Trust

Other names charity is known by

MIKES Initiative for Knifecrime Education in Society

Registered charity number (if any)

1204743

Charity's principal address

12 Beechfield Avenue

Yelverton

Devon

Postcode

PL20 6DU

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	Mrs Alicia Puckey			
2	Mrs Rebecca Dustan			
3	Mrs Rebecca Bellows			

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

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)	CIO Foundation Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Rebecca Dustan and Alicia Puckey are the two who initiated creating the Charity and they appointed Rebecca Bellows.

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.

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- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; Rebecca Dustan (Trustee), Alicia Puckey (Trustee), Rebecca Bellows (Trustee), Kevin Allen (Regular Volunteer)
- relationship with any related parties; Rebecca Dustan and Alicia Puckey are Micheal Allen's sisters and the two who initiated creating this Charity to reduce Knifecrime in Micheals (MIKES) honour. Rebecca Bellows was appointed by both Rebecca and Alicia to ensure that all decision made within the Chairty were not emotive and give a holistic opinion.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them; We have ensured that every event we host or session we run or schools we visit for talks are covered by relevant risk assessments, Insurance, DBA Covered, Safeguarding etc.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

We plan to use a combination of education, collaboration, and awareness to reduce knife crime in rural areas. Through our fundraising events and social media platforms, we can engage with the wider community to share our messages and findings and fund our programs

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)

This financial year marked the end of our inaugural year as a charity and the transition into our second year. We continued to raise funds through community events and personal donations, enabling us to review and refine our approach to tackling knife crime in rural areas.

Our two main fundraising events this year were firmly rooted in the community, allowing families to participate without any financial obligation. These gatherings provided valuable opportunities to raise awareness about the effects of knife crime on society. Alongside this allowing local groups to participate and showcase the amazing community we have in local areas.

We launched a month-long campaign, MIKES May, during which we organised a Music fundraiser and hosted drop-in sessions to invite input from the local community on how we could drive meaningful change. We also ran a stall at the local market, share our story in local in bingo sessions, and attended community-led events to share our story and seek guidance on how best to support those affected.

Throughout the year, we maintained a measured and thoughtful approach, placing community engagement at the forefront of our efforts. This enabled us to amplify our voice on knife crime and connect with a diverse range of communities.

In addition, we were invited to speak to children in various local groups, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback. Our visits made a strong and lasting impression on both the young people and their leaders.

Finally, we began reaching out to educational settings to introduce and showcase our educational programmes, which we had been trialling in local groups.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Our Mission:

Knife Crime is a horrific cancer that seems to be growing in society. Our mission is to raise awareness of knife crime and to educate and empower people to make better choices.

Our Vision

Like a cruel disease, the prevalence of knife crime in society is spreading. No longer restricted to city areas, rural communities are being blighted by this cruel crime. We cannot let Michael's life count for nothing. Our endless loss means we have an overwhelming desire to turn the horrific end to Michael's life into something positive. The MIKES Trust will have simple beginnings, but over time we intend to make our activities much broader. Key to all that we will do will be increasing awareness of knife crime. We aim to do all we can to bring information and education to key groups in society to reduce the number of knives being carried. We hope to support families like ours, who unfortunately will become victims of knife crime in the future. We are aware that we have a very long road ahead of us and this journey will need the support of so many people. We cannot thank enough all those that have already pledged or given support. We also thank those that in the future will join in a chorus of "enough is enough, this must end".

Our Aims

We intend to use a combination of fundraising, awareness programs, political lobbying and media activity to increase the public awareness of knife crime.

Collaboration:

Many voices are louder than one. As just one entity we will struggle to be heard, but there are a huge number of other charities and organisations already doing this work and sharing our tragic journey. We are determined to add our voice to theirs to raise the size of the anti-knife crime lobby.

Education:

Social awareness and education about knife crime is key. As a society we are ignorant of not only the amount of knife crime, but also, it's devastating effects of families, friends and communities. Our aim will be to use our voice to drive greater levels of education targeted at those most likely to take up the path of carrying a knife

We have developed an education programme which we have started to deliver in secondary schools, Pupil Referral Units and Youth Groups across the region.

Our school programme includes an assembly which is currently delivered by a member of Mike's family (typically Mike's sister, Becky) and follow up lessons and activities which can be delivered by the school's teachers as part of the PHSE curriculum. This programme has been well received and has had some fantastic feedback from both the staff and pupils.

Volunteers enable us to run our fundraising events. Ensuring they are safe for the public to attend to allow trust members to focus on spreading awareness for knife crime.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

To generate essential funds, we organised three remarkable events that allowed us to share our story and mission with the community. These events reflected Michael Allen's passions, featuring MIKES Motor Mania (celebrating his love of cars), MIKES Rugby Tournament (honouring his enthusiasm for rugby), and MIKES May (marking the first anniversary of Michael's passing). Although these gatherings provided an invaluable platform for raising awareness and fundraising, we were committed to ensuring they remained free to attend, offering a wide range of activities for families to enjoy without financial pressure.

In collaboration with a local school and a martial arts group, we sponsored two ten-week courses designed to empower young people to make positive changes in their lives. The results have been encouraging: schools have reported increased attendance and improved academic performance, and notably, one student has successfully transitioned back into mainstream education. Inspired by these outcomes, we intend to expand these sessions throughout our local area and across Cornwall, whilst also exploring how this model could be adapted for other activities.

As a charity, we firmly believe that every child should have the opportunity to join a club—helping them discover their passions and connect with like-minded peers who offer encouragement and support. Our long-term vision is to establish a referral programme for young people referred to us through various channels, helping to remove barriers to club participation. Recognising the vital role that youth groups and clubs play, we provided initial funding for a local kids' youth darts club, responding to strong community demand and offering a safe space for young people to thrive. Additionally, we supported two other local groups by contributing funds to secure venues and purchase equipment, enabling them to continue running valuable sessions.

We have developed an educational programme in partnership with youth groups and a local secondary school. By sharing our story and discussing the devastating consequences of carrying a knife, we have reached countless students, raising awareness and inspiring positive change.

Section E

Financial review

<p>Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves</p>	<p>We maintain our reserves within the Trust’s bank account, reviewing them regularly during our meetings. As our expenditure is not consistent and we support programmes on an ad hoc basis, we are able to closely monitor these reserves. This approach ensures we retain an appropriate balance, safeguarding the charity’s ability to continue its activities and maintain operational stability.</p>
<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Further financial review details (Optional information)</p>	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Our principal sources of financial income are the two major fundraising events we organise annually, which are integral to both our fundraising efforts and community engagement.</p> <p>In addition to these flagship events, we actively participate in smaller, local fundraising initiatives wherever possible. Examples include marathon running and collaboration with dedicated local champions who undertake fundraising activities and generously share the proceeds with us.</p> <p>We were especially honoured when a local company selected our charity as the beneficiary of their annual fundraising activities, a gesture that provided invaluable support and recognition.</p> <p>Our expenditure has been focused on essential costs necessary to safely deliver our fundraising events and participate in other community gatherings. This includes investment in marketing materials and merchandise, which are sold at events or distributed as prizes during school presentations.</p> <p>Moreover, we have used funds to support local youth groups, assisting with securing suitable venues and purchasing vital equipment. This support has enabled existing groups to continue their important work and has facilitated the creation of new ones. These youth groups offer safe environments for young people, provide opportunities to share our message, and—most importantly—nurture individuals so they are empowered to make positive choices, such as deciding to ‘leave it in the drawer’ and not carry a knife.</p>

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)

Alicia Puckey

Full name(s)

Alicia Puckey

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Operations Manager

Date

25/02/2026