

Mourne Action for Survivors of Terrorism

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104634

Details

Known as MAST

Status Received

Registered 2016-05-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of "MAST" shall be: (I) To bring relief to persons in Mourne who are suffering hardship, sickness or distress as a result of "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland. (ii) To advance the education of the public in Mourne and elsewhere in the effects of "The Troubles" and especially the effects of "The Troubles" on children. (III) To provide support and counselling services in Mourne for victims of "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland.

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Cultural,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Heritage/historical,Relief of poverty

Who the charity helps: Carers,Victim support

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£78,886	£76,799	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Johnston		
Joy Rooney		
Laura Johnston		
Mr Bobbie Campbell		
Mrs Margretta (Anne) Campbell		
Sandra Harrison		

Mourne Action for Survivors of Terrorism

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104634

Accounts

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

PURDY QUINN

Chartered Accountants
Northern Bank House
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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

TRUSTEES REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited Receipts and Payments Accounts of the organisation for the year ended 31 March 2025.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the organisation during the year was operating a Victim Support Group.

The title of the group shall be MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM, hereinafter called "MAST".

CHARITABLE PURPOSE

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- (iii) To provide support and counselling services in Mourne for victims of 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The purposes of MAST are :

- I) **To bring relief to persons in Mourne who are suffering hardship, sickness or distress as a result of 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland.** We address the social and emotional needs of victims and survivors, their families and carers; we provide recognition and acknowledgement of their trauma. This can lead to increased emotional health and wellbeing, improved self-esteem, reduced anxiety and stress. We demonstrate this by always having an open door to our members where they can come in times of need for advice, friendship, help and guidance. We have background support in place whereby we can signpost members for further help and guidance covering many situations. Our Befriending Service has a listening ear and the facility to accompany members to hospital appointments and this eases the stress for members and their families.

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM**TRUSTEES REPORT(cont'd)****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****II) To advance the education of the public in Mourne and elsewhere in effects of 'The Troubles' and especially the effects of 'The Troubles' on the children.**

Our members have the chance to take part in transgenerational activities which allow generations of families to come together and enjoy time together. It gives members a chance to interact with others, both within our own group and with other similar innocent victims' groups that we network with throughout Northern Ireland. This addresses social and emotional needs; gives recognition and acknowledgement of the trauma they have suffered and are still suffering from. We have demonstrated this through local media showing our group taking part in our activities. We network with a group from southern Ireland and have had visits to the Lord Mayor of Dublin and The Dail where we had the opportunity to explain the history of MAST and exactly what we do as a group and how this greatly benefits members. We also had visits from the Irish Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade. MAST has taken part in several surveys over the years conducted by students in Universities at home and abroad who are studying conflict and the effects on individuals and communities. This then shows the public how MAST has grown over the years and how it continues to benefit its members.

III) To provide support and counselling services in Mourne for victims of 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland.

MAST members are able to benefit from the advice, guidance and support provided through our office. Staff members have been trained by the Victims and Survivors service on mental health issues, what to look out for and who to refer to in cases of need. Members are given social inclusion through organised workshops, training and activities. This also gives members increased self-esteem and inclusion which reduces anxiety and stress. New friendships are formed which reduces social isolation. We demonstrate this by our "Drop -In", listening ear service, befriending services, weekly and monthly group meetings where members can learn new skills through crafts and facilitators and reduce isolation by engaging with others while learning at the same time. Those with mental health problems who request counselling are referred to the appropriate counsellor through the Victims and Survivors Service. This service is provided to members free of charge. MAST beneficiaries are victims and survivors of the troubles in Northern Ireland, their families and carers. There is no harm flowing from this purpose. MAST has no private benefit. These benefits are demonstrated through evaluations following each organised event/activity. Correspondence from members and feedback surveys back this up. MAST's action plan is reviewed quarterly by our funder, Victims & Survivors Service and checks are carried out regularly to ensure that all guidelines are being followed.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (cont'd)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE - WHAT OUR ORGANISATION DOES

MAST provides a drop-in centre “with an open-door policy” which gives members the chance to seek advice, help with completion of forms, chat and be assured of a listening ear, all in confidence. MAST have two ladies’ groups, one meets each Wednesday for 40 weeks per year and the other is for ladies over retirement age and these meet once a month for 10 months. These ladies’ groups teach new skills to the members and in doing so increases social inclusion, new friendships are formed and maintained and also raises self-esteem. The ladies benefit from talks, presentations and this in turn reduces social isolation. MAST provide educational classes for our members which are run under the heading of personal and professional development and these have proved to be very popular. At Christmas there is an organised dinner with entertainment for the members and this is also very well attended and something that members look forward to each year. We have three respite trips per year which are cultural, educational and recreational. Once a year we have a residential respite trip which lots of our widowed members really look forward to as they are with people who understand the pain of losing a loved one to terrorism. We provide a befriending service for those who cannot attend our organised events/activities. We include second and third generation victims through our transgenerational events as we feel it is important to educate our children on family history and moving forward. As part of our annual programme, we have one of our respite day trips to the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast. This is our way of remembering those who we have lost in World Wars over the years and during ‘The Troubles’.

REGISTERED CHARITY

The registered charity number is NIC 104634

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

Reivers House
10 Newcastle Street
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TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustees who voluntarily served the organisation during the year were as follows:

Board of Trustees

Sandra Harrison - Chairperson
Ian Johnston - Vice Chairperson
Laura Johnston – Secretary
Anne Campbell – Treasurer
Joy Rooney
Bobbie Campbell

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

TRUSTEES REPORT (cont'd)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

No funds are in deficit. Unrestricted funds held at the year-end are in excess of £15,000 (2024 – in excess of £15,000). The Trustees would like to maintain the unrestricted funds at this level to cover any unforeseen circumstances in the future.

GOING CONCERN

MAST is dependent on continuing funding from the Victims & Survivors Service. However, if this source of funding was not forthcoming in the future, the charity would continue on a reduced voluntary basis until new funders were found. The Trustees are of the opinion the charity will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 were available to the members on 23 May 2025.

These accounts were formally approved and signed by the Trustees on 23 May 2025.

Signed by order of board of Trustees:



Laura Johnston
Secretary

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Lesley Houston BSSc FCA

PURDY QUINN

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Northern Bank House

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Date: 23 May 2025

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 2 ACCOUNT – CURRENT ACCOUNT
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
INCOME				
Transfers		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
EXPENSES				
Sundry	-		-	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Financial costs				
Card & Bank charges	-		-	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 5 ACCOUNT – FUND RAISING
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
INCOME				
Money Raised		300		210
Outing		2,945		9,240
Halifax Foundation Community Flex Grant		<u>2,390</u>		<u>-</u>
		<u>5,635</u>		<u>9,450</u>
EXPENSES				
General expenses				
Expenses - Food, entertaining, bus hire, Outings, Etc	1,438		354	
Telephone	-		-	
Printing, stationery and postage	-		-	
Sundry expenses	-		-	
Advertising	-		-	
Donations	90		210	
Gift cards	520		560	
Social support	-		8,051	
Capital expenditure	1,720		-	
PPE Expenditure	-		-	
Training courses	-		-	
		<u>3,768</u>		<u>9,175</u>
Financial costs				
Card & Bank charges	130		170	
		<u>130</u>		<u>170</u>
		<u>3,898</u>		<u>9,345</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES				
		<u>1,737</u>		<u>105</u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 6 ACCOUNT – VICTIMS & SURVIVORS SERVICE
RESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
INCOME				
Victims & Survivors Service		72,907		71,546
Peace IV		-		-
		<u>72,907</u>		<u>71,546</u>
EXPENSES				
Personnel costs				
Salary - net	29,236		27,842	
P A Y E	2,615		2,781	
Staff pension costs	<u>2,682</u>		<u>2,591</u>	
		34,533		33,214
Establishment expenses				
Rent		6,300		6,300
General expenses				
Employee's travel expenses	1,037		864	
Food, entertaining, bus hire, outings, etc.	7,143		2,495	
Hospitality	1,429		1,038	
Official's travel expenses	-		41	
Befriending costs	1,066		1,229	
Social support	16,026		21,024	
Telephone	741		765	
Printing, stationery and postage	1,405		2,126	
Insurance	733		654	
Sundry	125		58	
Capital costs – Office computer etc.	-		-	
Personal & Professional Development	628		260	
Outsourced payroll	488		466	
Accountancy fee	<u>1,065</u>		<u>1,014</u>	
		31,886		32,034
Financial costs				
Bank charges	<u>182</u>		<u>181</u>	
		182		181
		<u>72,901</u>		<u>71,729</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES		<u>6</u>		<u>(183)</u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 8 ACCOUNT – PROGRESSIVE BUILDING SOCIETY
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

**DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME		
Interest	344	14
	<u>344</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>344</u>	<u>14</u>
EXPENSES		
Sundry	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES	<u>344</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>344</u>	<u>14</u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

BANK ACCOUNT MOVEMENTS	2025 £	2024 £
Net (Deficit) - No 2 A/c – Current Account	-	-
Net (Deficit) - No 5 A/c – Fund raising	1,737	105
Net (Deficit) - No 6 A/c – Victims & Survivors Service	6	(183)
Net Surplus - No 8 A/c – Progressive B S A/c	344	14
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>2,087</u>	<u>(64)</u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM COMBINED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025		2024
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Victims & Survivor Service		72,907		71,546
Peace IV		-		-
Money raised		300		210
		2,945		9,240
Bank interest		344		14
Halifax Foundation Community Flex Grant		2,390		-
		<u>78,886</u>		<u>81,010</u>
EXPENSES				
Personnel costs				
Salary - net	29,236		27,842	
P A Y E	2,615		2,781	
Staff pension costs	<u>2,682</u>		<u>2,591</u>	
		34,533		33,214
Establishment expenses				
Rent		6,300		6,300
General expenses				
Employee's travel expenses	1,037		864	
Food, entertaining, bus hire, outings, etc.	8,581		3,887	
Hospitality	1,429			
Befriending costs	1,066		1,229	
Social support	16,026		29,075	
Officials travel	-		41	
Telephone	741		765	
Printing, stationery and postage	1,405		2,126	
Insurance	733		654	
Gift cards	520		560	
Personal & Professional Development	628		260	
Sundry expenses	125		58	
Capital expenditure	1,720		-	
Donations	90		210	
Outsourced payroll	488		466	
Accountancy	<u>1,065</u>		<u>1,014</u>	
		35,654		
Financial costs				
Bank & VISA charges	312		351	41,209
		<u>312</u>		
		<u>76,799</u>		351
		<u><u>76,799</u></u>		<u><u>81,074</u></u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES				
		<u><u>2,087</u></u>		<u><u>(64)</u></u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

STATEMENT OF NET CURRENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total fund 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash in bank & in hand 31.3.24	19,708	-	19,708	17,875
Surplus/(Deficit) this year	2,087	-	2,087	1,897
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Cash in bank & in hand 31.3.25	21,795	-	21,795	19,772
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Bank & Cash Balances				
Cash at bank No 2	4,409	-	4,409	4,409
Cash at bank No 5	6,502	-	6,502	4,658
Cash at bank No 6	1,388	-	1,388	1,566
Progressive Building Society	9,492	-	9,492	9,134
VISA Credit	4	-	4	5
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	21,795	-	21,795	19,772
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Other Assets				
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	167
Funding due at year end	-	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	-	-	-	167
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Liabilities				
Sundry	-	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	-	-	-	-
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

The members of the committee acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the organisation keeps proper accounting records.
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of its constitution, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Constitution relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the organisation.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 May 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

Sandra Harrison
TRUSTEE - CHAIRPERSON

Margaret Campbell
TRUSTEE TREASURER

CHARITY NIC104634

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments accounts basis.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded as expenditure through the Income & Expenditure Account at cost.

Hire purchase agreements

The organisation has not entered into any hire purchase agreements during the year.

Finance lease agreements

The organisation has not entered into any finance lease agreements during the year.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are recorded as rents paid through the Income & Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

During the year contributions were made to the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST).

Funds

The funds held are classified into three main categories:

Unrestricted funds	- Funds which are expendable in furtherance of the objectives of the charity generally.
Designated fund	- Unrestricted funds that have been earmarked for a particular purpose by an administrative decision of the board of directors.
Restricted funds	- Funds that are subject to donor restrictions and may only be used for specified purposes.

2. FIXED ASSETS

A fixed asset ledger is maintained by the charity. It mainly consists of office and sundry project equipment. In the opinion of the Trustees the market value of these assets would not be in excess of cost less annual depreciation of 20% on a straight line basis.

	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	5,712
Additions	-
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At 31 March 2025	5,712
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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. FIXED ASSETS cont'd

Depreciation

At 1 April 2024	5,712
Charge for the year	-

At 31 March 2025	5,712
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Carrying amount

At 31 March 2025	-
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At 31 March 2024	-
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3. SUMMARY OF MOVEMENT OF BANK FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
No 2 A/c	-	-	-	-
No 5 A/c	5,635	-	5,635	9,450
No 6 A/c	-	72,907	72,907	71,546
No 8 A/c	344	-	344	14
	<u>5,979</u>	<u>72,907</u>	<u>78,886</u>	<u>81,010</u>
EXPENSES				
No 2 A/c	-	-	-	-
No 5 A/c	3,898	-	3,898	9,345
No 6 A/c	-	72,901	72,901	71,729
No 8 A/c	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,898</u>	<u>72,901</u>	<u>76,799</u>	<u>81,074</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	2,081	6	2,087	(64)
OPENING BANK FUNDS	19,708	-	19,708	19,772
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CLOSING BANK FUNDS	<u>21,789</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>21,795</u>	<u>19,708</u>

4. TAXATION

No tax is payable on the Income as the funds are used to fund Community Based Projects by a registered charity.

5. COMPLETENESS

The organisation operates no bank accounts other than those recorded above, and all operating and community activities have been reflected through these bank accounts. At the 31 March of each year the funding received (restricted funds) is reconciled to authorised payments. Any over funding is repaid after the year end and is recorded as a liability. Any shortfall in funding at the year end is agreed with the funders and recorded as a debtor.

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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

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I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Lesley Houston BSSc FCA
PURDY QUINN
 Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
 Northern Bank House
 42a Greencastle Street
 KILKEEL
 BT34 4BH

Date: 07 June 2024

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 2 ACCOUNT – CURRENT ACCOUNT
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
INCOME				
Transfers		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
EXPENSES				
Sundry	-		-	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		-		-
Financial costs				
Card & Bank charges	-		-	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 5 ACCOUNT – FUND RAISING
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
INCOME				
Money Raised		210		350
Outing		9,240		2,765
Ulster Scots PPE Grant		-		-
		<u>9,450</u>		<u>3,115</u>
EXPENSES				
General expenses				
Expenses - Food, entertaining, bus hire,			390	
Outings, Etc	354		-	
Telephone	-		-	
Printing, stationery and postage	-		29	
Sundry expenses	-		-	
Advertising	210		165	
Donations	560		560	
Gift cards	8,051		-	
Social support	-		-	
Capital expenditure	-		-	
PPE Expenditure	-		-	
Training courses	-		-	
		<u>9,175</u>	<u>1,144</u>	
Financial costs				
Card & Bank charges	170		123	
		<u>170</u>		<u>123</u>
		<u>9,345</u>		<u>1,267</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES				
		<u>105</u>		<u>1,848</u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 6 ACCOUNT – VICTIMS & SURVIVORS SERVICE
RESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
INCOME				
Victims & Survivors Service		71,546		68,026
Peace IV		-		-
		<u>71,546</u>		<u>68,026</u>
EXPENSES				
Personnel costs				
Salary - net	27,842		26,284	
P A Y E	2,781		2,633	
Staff pension costs	<u>2,591</u>		<u>2,435</u>	
		33,214		31,352
Establishment expenses				
Rent		6,300		4,944
General expenses				
Employee's travel expenses	864		1,076	
Food, entertaining, bus hire, outings, etc.	2,495		3,764	
Hospitality	1,038		-	
Official's travel expenses	41		67	
Befriending costs	1,229		1,370	
Social support	21,024		19,776	
Telephone	765		1,070	
Printing, stationery and postage	2,126		1,272	
Insurance	654		728	
Sundry	58		108	
Capital costs – Office computer etc.	-		-	
Personal & Professional Development	260		901	
Outsourced payroll	466		444	
Accountancy fee	<u>1,014</u>		<u>966</u>	
		32,034		31,542
Financial costs				
Bank charges	<u>181</u>		<u>193</u>	
		181		193
		<u>71,729</u>		<u>68,031</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES				
		<u>(183)</u>		<u>(5)</u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 8 ACCOUNT – PROGRESSIVE BUILDING SOCIETY
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

**DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME		
Interest	14	54
	<u>14</u>	<u>54</u>
EXPENSES		
Sundry	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES	<u>14</u>	<u>54</u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

SUMMARY OF RESULTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

BANK ACCOUNT MOVEMENTS	2024 £	2023 £
Net (Deficit) - No 2 A/c – Current Account	-	-
Net (Deficit) - No 5 A/c – Fund raising	105	1,848
Net (Deficit) - No 6 A/c – Victims & Survivors Service	(183)	(5)
Net Surplus - No 8 A/c – Progressive B S A/c	14	54
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>(64)</u>	<u>1,897</u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM COMBINED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Victims & Survivor Service		71,546		68,026
Peace IV		-		-
Money raised		210		350
		9,240		2,765
		14		54
Bank interest		-		-
Ulster Scots PPE Grant		-		-
		<u>81,010</u>		<u>71,195</u>
EXPENSES				
Personnel costs				
Salary - net	27,842		26,284	
P A Y E	2,781		2,633	
Staff pension costs	<u>2,591</u>		<u>2,435</u>	
		33,214		31,352
Establishment expenses				
Rent		6,300		4,944
General expenses				
Employee's travel expenses	864		1,076	
Food, entertaining, bus hire, outings, etc.	3,887		4,154	
Befriending costs	1,229		1,370	
Social support	29,075		19,776	
Officials travel	41		67	
Telephone	765		1,070	
Printing, stationery and postage	2,126		1,272	
Insurance	654		728	
Gift cards	560		560	
Personal & Professional Development	260		901	
Sundry expenses	58		137	
Donations	210		165	
Outsourced payroll	466		444	
Accountancy	<u>1,014</u>		<u>966</u>	
		41,209		32,686
Financial costs				
Bank & VISA charges	351		316	
		<u>351</u>		<u>316</u>
		<u>81,074</u>		<u>69,298</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES		<u>(64)</u>		<u>1,897</u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
STATEMENT OF NET CURRENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total fund 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash in bank & in hand 31.3.23	19,772	-	19,772	17,875
Surplus/(Deficit) this year	(64)	-	(64)	1,897
	<u>19,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,708</u>	<u>19,772</u>
Cash in bank & in hand 31.3.24	<u>19,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,708</u>	<u>19,772</u>
Bank & Cash Balances				
Cash at bank No 2	4,409	-	4,409	4,409
Cash at bank No 5	4,764	-	4,764	4,658
Cash at bank No 6	1,383	-	1,383	1,566
Progressive Building Society	9,148	-	9,148	9,134
VISA Credit	4	-	4	5
	<u>19,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,708</u>	<u>19,772</u>
Other Assets				
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	167
Funding due at year end	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167</u>
Liabilities				
Sundry	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

The members of the committee acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the organisation keeps proper accounting records.
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of its constitution, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Constitution relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the organisation.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 07 June 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

S. Harrison
 TRUSTEE - CHAIRPERSON

Margaret Be Mell
 TRUSTEE TREASURER

CHARITY NIC104634

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments accounts basis.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded as expenditure through the Income & Expenditure Account at cost.

Hire purchase agreements

The organisation has not entered into any hire purchase agreements during the year.

Finance lease agreements

The organisation has not entered into any finance lease agreements during the year.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are recorded as rents paid through the Income & Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

During the year contributions were made to the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST).

Funds

The funds held are classified into three main categories:

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Unrestricted funds | - | Funds which are expendable in furtherance of the objectives of the charity generally. |
| Designated fund | - | Unrestricted funds that have been earmarked for a particular purpose by an administrative decision of the board of directors. |
| Restricted funds | - | Funds that are subject to donor restrictions and may only be used for specified purposes. |

2. FIXED ASSETS

A fixed asset ledger is maintained by the charity. It mainly consists of office and sundry project equipment. In the opinion of the Trustees the market value of these assets would not be in excess of cost less annual depreciation of 20% on a straight line basis.

	£
Cost	5,712
At 1 April 2023	-
Additions	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>5,712</u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
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2. **FIXED ASSETS cont'd**

Depreciation	5,545
At 1 April 2023	167
Charge for the year	<u> </u>
	5,712
At 31 March 2024	<u> </u>
Carrying amount	-
At 31 March 2024	<u> </u>
	<u>167</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u> </u>

3. **SUMMARY OF MOVEMENT OF BANK FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
No 2 A/c	-	-	-	-
No 5 A/c	9,450	-	9,450	3,115
No 6 A/c	-	71,546	71,546	68,026
No 8 A/c	<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>54</u>
	<u>9,464</u>	<u>71,546</u>	<u>81,010</u>	<u>71,195</u>
EXPENSES				
No 2 A/c	-	-	-	-
No 5 A/c	9,345	-	9,345	1,267
No 6 A/c	-	71,729	71,729	68,031
No 8 A/c	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	119	(183)	(64)	1,897
OPENING BANK FUNDS	19,772	-	19,772	17,875
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	(183)	183	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CLOSING BANK FUNDS	<u>19,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,708</u>	<u>19,772</u>

4. **TAXATION**

No tax is payable on the Income as the funds are used to fund Community Based Projects by a registered charity.

5. **COMPLETENESS**

The organisation operates no bank accounts other than those recorded above, and all operating and community activities have been reflected through these bank accounts. At the 31 March of each year the funding received (restricted funds) is reconciled to authorised payments. Any over funding is repaid after the year end and is recorded as a liability. Any shortfall in funding at the year end is agreed with the funders and recorded as a debtor.

Mourne Action for Survivors of Terrorism

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104634

Annual report

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

TRUSTEES REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited Receipts and Payments Accounts of the organisation for the year ended 31 March 2024.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the organisation during the year was operating a Victim Support Group.

The title of the group shall be MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM, hereinafter called "MAST".

CHARITABLE PURPOSE

The objects of "MAST" shall be:

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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Signed by order of board of Trustees:



Laura Johnston
Secretary

Mourne Action for Survivors of Terrorism

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Date: 07 June 2024

Mourne Action for Survivors of Terrorism

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104634

Accounts

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023**

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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM**TRUSTEES REPORT(cont'd)****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM**TRUSTEES REPORT (cont'd)****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE - WHAT OUR ORGANISATION DOES**

MAST provides a drop-in centre “with an open-door policy” which gives members the chance to seek advice, help with completion of forms, chat and be assured of a listening ear, all in confidence. MAST have two ladies’ groups, one meets each Wednesday for 40 weeks per year and the other is for ladies over retirement age and these meet once a month for 10 months. These ladies’ groups teach new skills to the members and in doing so increases social inclusion, new friendships are formed and maintained and also raises self-esteem. The ladies benefit from talks, presentations and this in turn reduces social isolation. MAST provide educational classes for our members which are run under the heading of personal and professional development and these have proved to be very popular. At Christmas there is an organised dinner with entertainment for the members and this is also very well attended and something that members look forward to each year. We have three respite trips per year which are cultural, educational and recreational. Once a year we have a residential respite trip which lots of our widowed members really look forward to as they are with people who understand the pain of losing a loved one to terrorism. We provide a befriending service for those who cannot attend our organised events/activities. We include second and third generation victims through our transgenerational events as we feel it is important to educate our children on family history and moving forward. As part of our annual programme, we have one of our respite day trips to the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast. This is our way of remembering those who we have lost in World Wars over the years and during ‘The Troubles’.

REGISTERED CHARITY

The registered charity number is NIC 104634

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

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TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustees who voluntarily served the organisation during the year were as follows:

Board of Trustees

Sandra Harrison - Chairperson
Ian Johnston - Vice Chairperson
Laura Johnston – Appointed as Secretary 1/11/2021
Aimee Glenny – Resigned as Secretary 1/11/2021
Anne Campbell – Appointed Treasurer 1/11/2021
Joy Rooney
Bobbie Campbell

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

TRUSTEES REPORT (cont'd)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

No funds are in deficit. Unrestricted funds held at the year-end are in excess of £15,000 (2022 – in excess of £15,000). The Trustees would like to maintain the unrestricted funds at this level to cover any unforeseen circumstances in the future.

GOING CONCERN

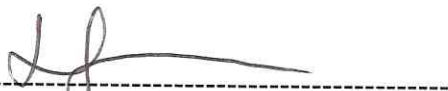
MAST is dependent on continuing funding from the Victims & Survivors Service. However, if this source of funding was not forthcoming in the future, the charity would continue on a reduced voluntary basis until new funders were found. The Trustees are of the opinion the charity will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 were available to the members at the Annual General Meeting on 12 May 2023.

These accounts were formally approved and signed by the Trustees on 12 May 2023.

Signed by order of board of Trustees:



Laura Johnston
Secretary

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

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**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 2 ACCOUNT – CURRENT ACCOUNT
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
INCOME				
Transfers		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
EXPENSES				
Sundry	-		-	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Financial costs				
Card & Bank charges	-		-	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES		-		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 5 ACCOUNT – FUND RAISING
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
INCOME				
Money Raised		350		295
Outing		2,765		2,770
Ulster Scots PPE Grant		-		-
		<u>3,115</u>		<u>3,065</u>
EXPENSES				
General expenses				
Expenses - Food, entertaining, bus hire, Outings, Etc	390		1,243	
Telephone	-		-	
Printing, stationery and postage	-		-	
Sundry expenses	29		65	
Advertising	-		221	
Donations	165		70	
Gift cards	560		-	
Capital expenditure	-		-	
PPE Expenditure	-		-	
Training courses	-		-	
		<u>1,144</u>		1,599
Financial costs				
Card & Bank charges	123		133	
		<u>123</u>		133
		<u>1,267</u>		<u>1,732</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES		<u>1,848</u>		<u>1,333</u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 6 ACCOUNT – VICTIMS & SURVIVORS SERVICE
RESTRICTED FUNDS**

DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
INCOME				
Victims & Survivors Service		68,026		61,837
Peace IV		-		1,035
		<u>68,026</u>		<u>62,872</u>
EXPENSES				
Personnel costs				
Salary - net	26,284		22,827	
P A Y E	2,633		1,396	
Staff pension costs	<u>2,435</u>		<u>1,306</u>	
		31,352		25,529
Establishment expenses				
Rent		4,944		4,944
General expenses				
Employee's travel expenses	1,076		827	
Food, entertaining, bus hire, outings, etc.	3,764		5,270	
Official's travel expenses	67		247	
Befriending costs	1,370		46	
Social support	19,776		20,327	
Telephone	1,070		1,115	
Printing, stationery and postage	1,272		2,314	
Insurance	728		706	
Sundry	108		-	
Capital costs – Office computer etc.	-		-	
Personal & Professional Development	901		-	
Outsourced payroll	444		420	
Accountancy fee	<u>966</u>		<u>920</u>	
		31,542		32,192
Financial costs				
Bank charges	<u>193</u>		<u>164</u>	
		<u>193</u>		164
		<u>68,031</u>		<u>62,829</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES				
		<u>(5)</u>		<u>43</u>

**MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NO 8 ACCOUNT – PROGRESSIVE BUILDING SOCIETY
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

**DETAILED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME		
Interest	54	38
	<u>54</u>	<u>38</u>
	=====	=====
EXPENSES		
Sundry	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	=====	=====
SURPLUS ON ACTIVITIES	<u>54</u>	<u>38</u>
	=====	=====

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

SUMMARY OF RESULTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

BANK ACCOUNT MOVEMENTS	2023 £	2022 £
Net (Deficit) - No 2 A/c – Current Account	-	-
Net (Deficit) - No 5 A/c – Fund raising	1,848	1,333
Net (Deficit) - No 6 A/c – Victims & Survivors Service	(5)	43
Net Surplus - No 8 A/c – Progressive B S A/c	54	38
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u><u>1,897</u></u>	<u><u>1,414</u></u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM COMBINED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		2023		2022
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Victims & Survivor Service		68,026		61,837
Peace IV		-		1,035
Money raised		350		295
		2,765		2,770
Bank interest		54		38
Ulster Scots PPE Grant		-		-
		<u>71,195</u>		<u>65,975</u>
EXPENSES				
Personnel costs				
Salary - net	26,284		22,827	
P A Y E	2,633		1,396	
Staff pension costs	2,435		1,306	
		<u>31,352</u>		25,529
Establishment expenses				
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General expenses				
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Befriending costs	1,370		46	
Social support	19,776		20,327	
Officials travel	67		247	
Telephone	1,070		1,115	
Printing, stationery and postage	1,272		2,314	
Insurance	728		706	
Gift cards	560		-	
PPE equipment	-		-	
Personal & Professional Development	901		-	
Sundry expenses	137		65	
Donations	165		70	
Advertising	-		221	
Accountancy fee	444		420	
Outsourced payroll	966		920	
		<u>32,686</u>		33,791
Financial costs				
Bank & VISA charges	316		297	
		<u>316</u>		297
		<u>69,298</u>		<u>64,561</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON ACTIVITIES				
		<u>1,897</u>		<u>1,414</u>

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

STATEMENT OF NET CURRENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total fund 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash in bank & in hand 31.3.22	17,875	-	17,875	16,461
Surplus/(Deficit) this year	1,897	-	1,897	1,414
	<u>19,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,772</u>	<u>17,875</u>
Cash in bank & in hand 31.3.23	19,772	-	19,772	17,875
	<u>19,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,772</u>	<u>17,875</u>
Bank & Cash Balances				
Cash at bank No 2	4,409	-	4,409	4,409
Cash at bank No 5	4,658	-	4,658	2,811
Cash at bank No 6	1,566	-	1,566	1,570
Progressive Building Society	9,134	-	9,134	9,080
VISA Credit	5	-	5	5
	<u>19,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,772</u>	<u>17,875</u>
	<u>19,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,772</u>	<u>17,875</u>
Other Assets				
Fixed Assets	-	167	167	810
Funding due at year end	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>810</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>810</u>
Liabilities				
Sundry	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

The members of the committee acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the organisation keeps proper accounting records.
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of its constitution, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Constitution relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the organisation.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 May 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

S. Harrison
TRUSTEE - CHAIRPERSON

Margaret Campbell
TRUSTEE

CHARITY NIC104634

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM
NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments accounts basis.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded as expenditure through the Income & Expenditure Account at cost.

Hire purchase agreements

The organisation has not entered into any hire purchase agreements during the year.

Finance lease agreements

The organisation has not entered into any finance lease agreements during the year.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are recorded as rents paid through the Income & Expenditure Account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

During the year contributions were made to the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST).

Funds

The funds held are classified into three main categories:

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| Unrestricted funds | - Funds which are expendable in furtherance of the objectives of the charity generally. |
| Designated fund | - Unrestricted funds that have been earmarked for a particular purpose by an administrative decision of the board of directors. |
| Restricted funds | - Funds that are subject to donor restrictions and may only be used for specified purposes. |

2. FIXED ASSETS

A fixed asset ledger is maintained by the charity. It mainly consists of office and sundry project equipment. In the opinion of the Trustees the market value of these assets would not be in excess of cost less annual depreciation of 20% on a straight line basis.

	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	5,712
Additions	-
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At 31 March 2023	5,712
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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. FIXED ASSETS cont'd

Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022		4,902
Charge for the year		<u>643</u>
At 31 March 2023		<u>5,545</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2023		<u>167</u>
At 31 March 2022		<u>810</u>

3. SUMMARY OF MOVEMENT OF BANK FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
No 2 A/c	-	-	-	-
No 5 A/c	3,115	-	3,115	3,065
No 6 A/c	-	68,026	68,026	62,872
No 8 A/c	<u>54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>38</u>
	<u>3,169</u>	<u>68,026</u>	<u>71,195</u>	<u>65,975</u>
EXPENSES				
No 2 A/c	-	-	-	-
No 5 A/c	1,267	-	1,267	1,732
No 6 A/c	-	68,031	68,031	62,829
No 8 A/c	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	1,902	(5)	1,897	1,414
OPENING BANK FUNDS	17,875	-	17,875	16,461
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CLOSING BANK FUNDS	<u>19,772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,772</u>	<u>17,875</u>

4. TAXATION

No tax is payable on the Income as the funds are used to fund Community Based Projects by a registered charity.

5. COMPLETENESS

The organisation operates no bank accounts other than those recorded above, and all operating and community activities have been reflected through these bank accounts. At the 31 March of each year the funding received (restricted funds) is reconciled to authorised payments. Any over funding is repaid after the year end and is recorded as a liability. Any shortfall in funding at the year end is agreed with the funders and recorded as a debtor.

Mourne Action for Survivors of Terrorism

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104634

Annual report

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MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM**TRUSTEES REPORT(cont'd)****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****II) To advance the education of the public in Mourne and elsewhere in effects of 'The Troubles' and especially the effects of 'The Troubles' on the children.**

Our members have the chance to take part in transgenerational activities which allow generations of families to come together and enjoy time together. It gives members a chance to interact with others, both within our own group and with other similar innocent victims' groups that we network with throughout Northern Ireland. This addresses social and emotional needs; gives recognition and acknowledgement of the trauma they have suffered and are still suffering from. We have demonstrated this through local media showing our group taking part in our activities. We network with a group from southern Ireland and have had visits to the Lord Mayor of Dublin and The Dail where we had the opportunity to explain the history of MAST and exactly what we do as a group and how this greatly benefits members. We also had visits from the Irish Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade. MAST has taken part in several surveys over the years conducted by students in Universities at home and abroad who are studying conflict and the effects on individuals and communities. This then shows the public how MAST has grown over the years and how it continues to benefit its members.

III) To provide support and counselling services in Mourne for victims of 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland.

MAST members are able to benefit from the advice, guidance and support provided through our office. Staff members have been trained by the Victims and Survivors service on mental health issues, what to look out for and who to refer to in cases of need. Members are given social inclusion through organised workshops, training and activities. This also gives members increased self-esteem and inclusion which reduces anxiety and stress. New friendships are formed which reduces social isolation. We demonstrate this by our "Drop -In", listening ear service, befriending services, weekly and monthly group meetings where members can learn new skills through crafts and facilitators and reduce isolation by engaging with others while learning at the same time. Those with mental health problems who request counselling are referred to the appropriate counsellor through the Victims and Survivors Service. This service is provided to members free of charge. MAST beneficiaries are victims and survivors of the troubles in Northern Ireland, their families and carers. There is no harm flowing from this purpose. MAST has no private benefit. These benefits are demonstrated through evaluations following each organised event/activity. Correspondence from members and feedback surveys back this up. MAST's action plan is reviewed quarterly by our funder, Victims & Survivors Service and checks are carried out regularly to ensure that all guidelines are being followed.

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

TRUSTEES REPORT (cont'd)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE - WHAT OUR ORGANISATION DOES

MAST provides a drop-in centre “with an open-door policy” which gives members the chance to seek advice, help with completion of forms, chat and be assured of a listening ear, all in confidence. MAST have two ladies’ groups, one meets each Wednesday for 40 weeks per year and the other is for ladies over retirement age and these meet once a month for 10 months. These ladies’ groups teach new skills to the members and in doing so increases social inclusion, new friendships are formed and maintained and also raises self-esteem. The ladies benefit from talks, presentations and this in turn reduces social isolation. MAST provide educational classes for our members which are run under the heading of personal and professional development and these have proved to be very popular. At Christmas there is an organised dinner with entertainment for the members and this is also very well attended and something that members look forward to each year. We have three respite trips per year which are cultural, educational and recreational. Once a year we have a residential respite trip which lots of our widowed members really look forward to as they are with people who understand the pain of losing a loved one to terrorism. We provide a befriending service for those who cannot attend our organised events/activities. We include second and third generation victims through our transgenerational events as we feel it is important to educate our children on family history and moving forward. As part of our annual programme, we have one of our respite day trips to the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast. This is our way of remembering those who we have lost in World Wars over the years and during ‘The Troubles’.

REGISTERED CHARITY

The registered charity number is NIC 104634

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

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TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustees who voluntarily served the organisation during the year were as follows:

Board of Trustees

Sandra Harrison - Chairperson

Ian Johnston - Vice Chairperson

Laura Johnston – Appointed as Secretary 1/11/2021

Aimee Glenny – Resigned as Secretary 1/11/2021

Anne Campbell – Appointed Treasurer 1/11/2021

Joy Rooney

Bobbie Campbell

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TRUSTEES REPORT (cont'd)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

No funds are in deficit. Unrestricted funds held at the year-end are in excess of £15,000 (2022 – in excess of £15,000). The Trustees would like to maintain the unrestricted funds at this level to cover any unforeseen circumstances in the future.

GOING CONCERN

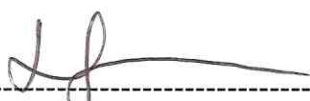
MAST is dependent on continuing funding from the Victims & Survivors Service. However, if this source of funding was not forthcoming in the future, the charity would continue on a reduced voluntary basis until new funders were found. The Trustees are of the opinion the charity will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 were available to the members at the Annual General Meeting on 12 May 2023.

These accounts were formally approved and signed by the Trustees on 12 May 2023.

Signed by order of board of Trustees:



Laura Johnston
Secretary

Mourne Action for Survivors of Terrorism

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104634

Annual return

MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of MOURNE ACTION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORISM

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Lesley Houston BSSc FCA

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Date: 12 May 2023