TRUSTEES REPORT 2025-2026

Business Update

The start of this financial year saw the first of our grants come from Crowborough Town Council, receipt of grants has been fairly regular throughout the year.

Our total incomings for the year are just over £69,000 with reserves of £28,115.53 at year end.

Service Update

We have 4 fully funded part time positions at AAA : CEO, DA Manager, Office/Finance Manager and Caseworker and 8 volunteers. 2 of our volunteers are qualified IDVAs and 1 is currently undertaking her IDVA qualification

Referrals increased at a steady rate across the year with 97 families and 200 beneficiaries being supported by AAA.

Our volunteers donated 603.5 hours over the year and gave out 468 pieces of free advice around protective orders.

Our clients were granted a total of 47 protective orders and we sat next to all of these in court as McKenzie friends meaning every single client was supported practically with the preparation of all paperwork and safeguarding in court with special measures being achieved in all cases by way of screens and separate waiting areas. AAA are still 100% successful in obtaining protective orders with all of our applications with 95% of these being granted ex parte or without notice to the alleged perpetrator, meaning families are protected by the orders before the alleged perpetrator is made aware of the application or order.

Feedback on our outcome surveys has been overwhelmingly positive for clients since engaging with AAA:

80% said they had seen an improvement in their quality of life and health

87% said they had an improved ability to copy in the future and felt informed and empowered to act should an incident occur again

88% thought their risk of harm had been reduced

87% felt safer in their homes

Case Study

Client X was signposted to AAA from CGL as she needed help with emergency orders. As her and her husband had more than £100,000 in equity in their house, she was not eligible for legal aid, did not have money for a solicitor and did not know what to do next. AAA contacted her within 12 hours, completed a risk assessment and gave her a robust safety plan. Her and her two small sons aged 7 (diagnosed austic) and 5 had been forced to flee the family home due to her oldest son disclosing abuse to his school and them making a child protection referral. Children's social services had said that if she couldn't safeguard the children, they would have to escalate involvement so X reported abuse to the police, who arrested alleged perpetrator (AP), bailed him away from the family home and then closed the case 48hrs later, dropping bail and enabling AP to return to the family home, furious with X and refusing to move out. In fear of her and her children's lives, she had no option other than to move into one room at her parents' house, miles away from the children's school and her work.

Within 6 days AAA had linked in with social services, submitted all paperwork for a Non Molestation Order (NMO) and Occupation Order (OO) to court and X was granted a without notice NMO. An OO cannot be heard without notice to AP, therefore this was listed to be heard 5 days later. At this hearing, 13 days after the referral was received, AP moved out of the family home, allowing X and the children to return safely. He was not allowed to come to the property or contact X unless via solicitors.

X wrote AAA the following testimonial:

"I cannot thank the team at AAA enough for all your support both practically and emotionally. In a time where I didn't know where to turn, I am so lucky to have found you. From all the organisations I reached out to no one could support me like you. You have enabled my children and I to safely return home and given us the opportunity of a safe and happy future, what more can a Mum wish for her babies. Thank you for literally holding my hand through this horrible journey. Your professionalism along with kindness was just what was needed and I know I would not have been able to achieve the outcome without your knowledge and expertise. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Action Against Abuse

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total income		
Quiz night		10,508.21
Sponsored Walk		501.70
Donations		1,607.40
Grants		52,488.91
Bingo		4,202.38
		69,308.60
Total expenditure		
Salary		- 26,219.80
HMRC		- 2,305.22
Pension - nest		- 1,318.80
PO Box		- 371.40
Phone		- 240.73
Expenses		- 1,395.58
Office		- 202.80
IT/emails		- 2,929.17
Insurance		- 397.81
Quiz night		- 2,182.00
Bingo		- 1,582.76
Loans		- 2,000.00
Other		- 47.00
		- 41,193.07
Total reserves		**28,115.53**
Balance b/f bank		5,245.34
Balance c/f bank		33,360.87
		28,115.53

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees	ACTION AGAINST ABUSE.
On accounts for the year 31/3/2026 **ended**	**Charity no (if any)** 1210204
Set out on pages	3 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 03 2026 As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
Independent examiner's statement	~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*~~ ACCA I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: • the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or • the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or • the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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. 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. * *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*
Signed:	**Date:** 6/9/2026
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