

Military and Police Support of West Tyrone (MAPS)

Trustees' report For the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees have adopted the 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Reference and administrative information

Military and Police Support of West Tyrone is recognised as a Charity by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, charity number NIC101346.

The trustees for the year are:

Richard Scott MBE	Malachy Fegan
Margo Hetherington MBE	Rhonda Follis
Derek Shields	Myrtle Cutler
Cyril Monteith	William Gillespie
Ivan Grieve	Robert John Oliver
Shirley Halkyard	Anita Grace Hackett
Gordon Simpson	Deidre Espie

The principal and registered office of the charity is 53 Market Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1EL.

The professional advisers and bankers are:

Accountants	– Hamill McIlwaine
Bankers	– Danske Bank

Structure, governance and management

Governing document and structure

Military and Police Support of West Tyrone (MAPS) operates within specific rules contained within its Constitution.

Organisation

MAPS elect the management committee at the Annual General Meeting. The seventeen places in the management committee consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and two members of each association related to the charity.

The organisational structure is that of a group, made up of and representing the members of seven different associations and individuals who served.

Trustees training and risk management

All members of the management committee receive and sign a copy of the comprehensive induction pack of policies and procedures. A policy is discussed at each meeting to increase knowledge. With seven related associations under the umbrella, the knowledge is disseminated downwards for the benefit of all. All risks are dealt with in accordance with the policies and procedures set out in the management committee induction pack.

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Objectives and principal activities

The charity's objective and main activity during the year is to provide support to military and police personnel who served their community.

They do this by:

- a. Relieving the poverty, sickness and distress of ex security personnel/victims of the troubles in Northern Ireland.
- b. Advancement of health, education and employability of the community in the area of benefit in matters relating to the nature of such issues; and
- c. Promoting healing, understanding, tolerance, peace and reconciliation.

Achievements and performance

MAPS main reason for its existence is to support a sector of victims and survivors who have felt alienated and forgotten since the end of their service. With low level, gentle support these people are encouraged to come forward and seek the help that will bring them from a place of isolation to a worthy member of society.

Membership has increased to 960. MAPS operate from the hub in Omagh to cover an area from the Clogher Valley to Magheramason. Post covid the organisation has managed to increase its daily drop ins from 6 to its prepandemic level of 9 per working day. The organisation continues to provide support, advice and activities as well as continuing its award-winning befriending service ensuring that the vulnerable were able to get to appointments and given support through difficult periods.

Acting as a mini gateway MAPS utilise partners and continues to seek out others to help. The list now includes:

The RBL
War Pensions
The Police Federation
Police Advice and Support Services
UDR Aftercare
The Wave Trauma Centre
UDR and Police Benevolent Funds
Inspire
Brook House
PRRT

MAPS success now means that it regularly receives calls from all over Northern Ireland and takes referrals from local doctors and health agencies.

Befriending and activities continue with the purpose of improving the health and wellbeing of our clients. The organisations veterans garden is a popular endeavour available to the membership.

Financial review

The organisations main source of funding is a grant from the Victims and Survivors Service (VSS) which has been guaranteed for period ending 2024. The charity takes its obligations seriously to self-fund and without this could not operate a hub to the standard that is required for the number of members and drop ins there are on a daily basis (open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm).

We take pride in the time given and commitment of our volunteers.

The organisation is very proud of it's achievements and the way volunteers have continued to provide a service

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Financial review (continued)

to others. We have utilised many different methods to help with our existing funding and did not apply for any other monies with the ethos that low level support means more to individuals.

Although we only cater for the ex-service community, we are cross community and will help others. We work closely with like-minded organisations to ensure that all of the public receive help from a source.

Although not costed, we are certain that the works of MAPS is helping to alleviate some of the strain from statutory agencies and is therefore excellent value for money and will be more so in the years to come.

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 5 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a deficit of £2,044 (2022: deficit £14,440).

Future plans

The MAPS model of providing low level support whilst calling upon established experts continues to bear fruit as referrals increase. There are no plans to change this model. The organisation will continue to review its practices as we move towards the 2030's.

Reserves policy and results

Military and Police Support of West Tyrone had total reserves at 31 March 2023 of £15,373 (2022: £17,417).

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 5.

Trustees' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 5 to 13 for the year ended 31 March 2023 disclosing a deficit of £2,044. We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Derek Shields

Trustee

Date: