

The logo for 'evolve' features the word in a red, lowercase, sans-serif font. A small green leafy sprout is positioned above the 'e', and a blue butterfly is positioned above the 'e' and 'v'.

**evolve**

**tackling the impact of substance misuse**

A large blue circle with a multi-colored border (red, orange, green, blue) is centered on the page. Inside the circle, the text 'ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS' is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. The background features abstract blue shapes and a green triangle.

**2024**

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# MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal is to offer specialised services to youth, adults, families, professionals, and organisations to increase awareness and understanding of the repercussions of Substance Misuse, Volatile Substance Misuse, Vaping, and County Lines. We are dedicated to preventing associated fatalities, illnesses, accidents, crimes, and their effects on families and communities, fostering a safer, more resilient, and healthier environment.

Our services encompass education, confidential support, counselling, mental health first aid, and information for those impacted by such misuse, all provided free of charge. We actively promote the involvement of children and young people in every aspect of our service delivery.

# OUR FOUNDERS

Barbara Skinner MBE, previously a nurse, developed a strong passion for working with young people after her 16-year-old son, Darren, passed away due to Volatile Substance Misuse. Barbara retired as Chairman in 2017, and Evolve will always be grateful for her many years of commitment to serving the community. Unfortunately, Barbara passed away in December 2020. She will be deeply missed and remembered with immense love and affection. "EVOLVE WOULD HAVE NEVER COME TO FRUITION WITHOUT YOU B.... LOVE YOU YNWA."



**Barbara Skinner MBE**

Ally Hodgson, a certified counsellor and educator specialising in VSA, Former Legal Highs (NPS), and County Lines, has extensive experience. She also has first-hand knowledge of the impacts of substance misuse due to a drug-related tragedy within her immediate family.



**Ally Hodgson**

# OUR TRUSTEES

NANCY BOYLE - CHAIR

JUDI BLACOW - VICE CHAIR

ESTHER MAPLE - SECRETARY

ROY BRANDON - TREASURER

MARJORIE BRANDON

ALAN SKINNER

KEITH WILSON

BARBARA YATES

PHILLIP SEDDON

HAYLEY RUFFLEY

ANNETTE DERBY

" THANK YOU TO ALL OUR TRUSTEES FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT "

# OUR TEAM

Development Officer

**Alan Kelly**

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Alan for his dedication and hard work during the last 9 years. Your contribution has been invaluable to our success!



Independent Examiner

**Adam Carter**

A big thank you to Adam and his committed team for their exceptional work over the past six years. You are all truly outstanding!



# ***NITROUS OXIDE***

## ***LAUGHING GAS***



**HALLUCINATIONS & FEELINGS OF EUPHORIA**



**SAFE TO USE IN CATERING**



**DISSOLVES IN BLOODSTREAM & REDUCES  
THE AMOUNT OF OXYGEN FLOWING TO  
THE BRAIN**

# NITROUS OXIDE

## LAUGHING GAS



CAN LEAD TO NERVE DAMAGE, ASPHYXIA & EVEN DEATH



DEEMED MEDICALLY SAFE TO USE



AFFECTS THE BODY'S ABILITY TO USE VITAMIN B12



LIFE IS  
TOO  
PRECIOUS  
TO BE  
WASTED...

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# **KETAMINE**

## **SIDE EFFECTS**



URINARY - IRREVERSIBLE BLADDER AND KIDNEY DAMAGE



RESPIRATORY - SLOWED OR STOPPED BREATHING



OPHTHALMOLOGICAL - INVOLUNTARY EYE MOVEMENTS, DOUBLE VISION



GASTROINTESTINAL - UPSET STOMACH, NAUSEA, VOMITING



CARDIOVASCULAR - DECREASED HEART RATE, IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE



NEUROLOGICAL - DECREASED MOTOR FUNCTION, SEIZURES



PSYCHIATRIC - ANXIETY, IRRITATION, FRUSTRATION, ANGER, DROWSINESS, CONFUSION, DIZZINESS, AMNESIA, DISORIENTATION, DELUSIONS, HALLUCINATION, DISASSOCIATION

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Cheshire Community Foundation President's Award For Excellence 2024
- National Crimebeat Awards 2022 Commendation
- Merseyside High Sheriff Award 2022
- International Rotary Peace Award 2020 Nominee
- Merseyside's 100 Inspirational Women List 2019 - Women Who Speak Out <https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/100-inspirational-merseyside-women-celebrate-15918724>
- Lloyds SSE Social Entrepreneur Fellow 2018
- Merseyside Police Community First Recognition Award 2018
- Merseyside Woman Of The Year NEO Community Change Winner 2017
- Merseyside Woman Of The Year Overall Winner 2017
- Merseyside High Sheriff 'Changing Communities' Award 2017



# TESTIMONIALS & SUPPORT

The session was brilliant and always benefits the young people who attend. Ally delivers the session in a way that is relatable to the young people.



This was the most engaging speaker session we have ever had. The speaker was captivating, profound and honest and I only hope that she continues to reach out to more and more people. - Wirral Met College - Aged 18



# TESTIMONIALS & SUPPORT

Ally was fantastic because she was so personable and on the audience's level. She was knowledgeable and the fact that her talk involves so much honest personal experience makes it more impactful.



Brilliant woman such powerful words and knows what she's talking about very down to earth and so kind of her to share her story's to us and share her help if we ever need it will always have this in the back of my mind 🍷



# TESTIMONIALS & SUPPORT

The students were enthralled, you could hear a pin drop, Ally is captivating and transparent and the young people showed so much respect towards her. Thanks for inspiring us all and teaching us so much.



"Overall presentation was very moving but excellent"

"Very hard hitting, especially beneficial to Y10s I watched with"



# YPAG 2023-24

A big thank you to our Young Person's Advisory Group for their unwavering dedication and hard work throughout the year. Your efforts in securing funding are truly amazing!



# PROUD SPONSORS OF FENDER FC

We take great pride in sponsoring a local Wirral kids' football club by providing them with a kit. It's wonderful to support such a fantastic group making a positive impact in our community!



# CEO REPORT

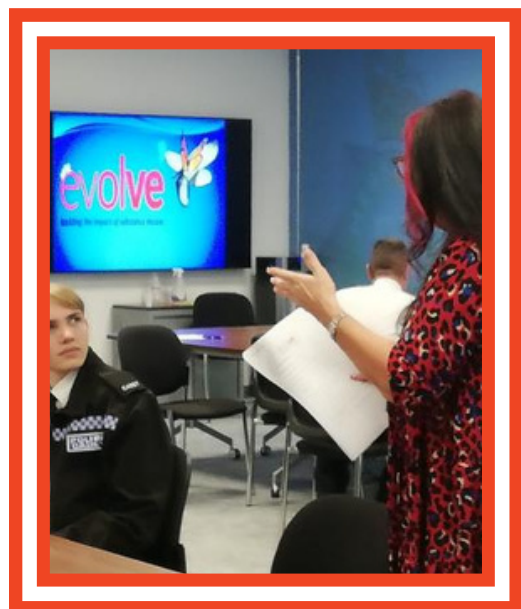
I have been incredibly busy lately, working on bids, offering counselling, and holding sessions in schools, colleges, and youth spaces across the Northwest!

The past year has been filled with excitement and hard work, and I am very proud of our achievements in 2022-23. I am looking forward to transitioning back to full-time hours from April 2024 and witnessing Evolves growth throughout the year.

To meet the growing demand for our services, we plan to expand and hire an additional Facilitator/Counsellor in 2024 and beyond. Due to requests, particularly from schools concerned about vaping, I have included a segment in our workshops about the dangers of vaping.

A huge thank you to our wonderful YPAG and Trustees for their commitment and hard work. I am excited about Evolves future and eager to see our plans materialise.

Warm regards and hugs to everyone... Ally xxx





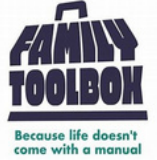


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WE COULDN'T DO  
IT WITHOUT  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**&**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**FOR**  
**THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**



Evolve

Tackling The Impact Of Substance Misuse (Registered number: 1153938)

Income Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
TURNOVER		1,311	2,597
Administrative expenses		<u>18,380</u>	<u>23,343</u>
		(17,069)	(20,746)
Other operating income		<u>50,450</u>	<u>16,087</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) and SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE TAXATION		33,381	(4,659)
Tax on surplus/(deficit)		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u><u>33,381</u></u>	<u><u>(4,659)</u></u>

Evolve

Tackling The Impact Of Substance Misuse (Registered number: 1153938)

Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		34,303	1,150
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>600</u>	<u>828</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		33,703	<u>322</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>33,703</u>	<u>322</u>
RESERVES			
Income and expenditure account	7	<u>33,703</u>	<u>322</u>
		<u>33,703</u>	<u>322</u>

Approval

This balance sheet was approved by the Board of Trustees on 31/05/24 and signed on its behalf

*Nancy Boyle*

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Chairman

## **LJS Accounting Services (UK) Ltd**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Evolve Tackling The Impact Of Substance Misuse**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (a) Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- (b) Following procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended)
- (c) State whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with generation directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the account presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustee's concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention: To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

LJS Accounting Services (UK) Ltd

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

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1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Evolve Tackling The Impact Of Substance Misuse is a charity, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the statement of recommended practice, accounting and reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005.

2. Incoming resources

Voluntary income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are received, except when the donors specify that they must be used for future accounting periods or donors conditions have been fulfilled, then the income is deferred. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs in fundraising costs.

3. Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

4. Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost after deducting any specific grants received. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost over their expected useful economic lives.

5. Governance Costs

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

6. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2023 - 2).

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

## 4. OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

The operating surplus (2023 - operating deficit) is stated after charging:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>-</u>	<u>105</u>

## 5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

## COST

At 1 April 2023  
and 31 March 2024

Fixtures  
and  
fittings  
£

630

## DEPRECIATION

At 1 April 2023  
and 31 March 2024

630

## NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 March 2024

-

At 31 March 2023

-

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	-	228
Accruals and deferred income	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>600</u>	<u>828</u>

## 7. RESERVES

	Income and expenditure account £
At 1 April 2023	322
Surplus for the year	<u>33,381</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>33,703</u>

Evolve

Tackling The Impact Of Substance Misuse (Registered number: 1153938)

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24		31.3.23	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Unrestricted Funds		1,311		2,597
Other income				
Government grants		<u>50,45</u>		<u>16,08</u>
		0		7
Expenditure		51,76		18,68
Insurance	270		270	
Wages	7,846	1	14,707	4
Social security	-		3,979	
Pensions	269		686	
Telephone	-		300	
Post and stationery	3,371		758	
Travel and subsistence	5,573		1,450	
Computer costs	246		181	
Subscriptions	204		307	
Accountancy	600		600	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-		105	
Fixtures and fittings				
		<u>18,379</u>		<u>23,343</u>
		33,382		(4,659)
Finance costs				
Bank charges		<u>1</u>		<u>-</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>33,381</u>		<u>(4,659)</u>



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