

Note: scroll down to the bottom to see how much Marcus gets paid per hour, week, month and year.

#BrexitJustice Public Finance Report 1

Crowdfunder.co.uk fees & figures

The following is a breakdown of the funds raised by #BrexitJustice. Financially reporting on a crowdfund like this is fairly complex as it's not a simple transaction from one bank account to another. There are thousands of transactions, each going through one of three payment processing platforms which each charge different fees. On top of this, some contributions fail, are cancelled or recalled for reasons unknown to everyone aside from the person who made the pledge. Crowdfunder.co.uk itself also charges fees and there is VAT to think of on top of that. Therefore, in order for these numbers to make sense to all of us (including me) I've written notes in italics next to entries. I hope this helps. Marcus. (Report prepared with input from David Muggridge, accountant at Ackland Webb)

Description	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
Total funds pledged to #BrexitJustice Crowdfunder <i>(Total amount pledged to us by all 4913 backers)</i>	£145,270.00		
Total funds unsuccessfully collected		£7,695.00	
<i>(This is the amount of money that failed to be collected due to unsuccessful pledges in the form of card failures and cancellations. This number will change over time and we are chasing up forgetful backers with emails. This is the unfortunate reality of dealing with thousands of individual payments.)</i>			
Total funds successfully collected			£137,575.00
<i>(This is how much was successfully collected when you take away the failed pledges)</i>			
Fee charged by Crowdfunder.co.uk		£6,878.75	
<i>(This is how much Crowdfunder.co.uk charged us for crowdfunding with them, their fee rate stands at 5% of total funds successfully collected)</i>			
VAT on top of fee charged		£1,375.75	
<i>(VAT of 20% is charged, that's 20% of the 5% fee (so, 1% of the total funds successfully collected)</i>			
Total funds successfully collected minus Crowdfunder.co.uk fees & etc			<u>£129,320.50</u>
<i>So this is how much money we have once we've taken into account failed payments, the Crowdfunder.co.uk fee and VAT on that fee. Next, we need to take away the fees charged by the 3 payment processing firms; PayPal, Stripe and GoCardless.</i>			

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Payment processing firm fees & figures

Description	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
Total funds contributed via PayPal to date	£49,815.00		
PayPal transaction fee of 3.4% <i>(PayPal processes each individual PayPal based contribution for us and charges this fee in return)</i>		£1,694	£127,626.79
<i>(+20p on each pledge)</i> <i>(Number of successful PayPal pledges= 2236)</i>		£447.20	£127,179.59

PayPal fees: https://www.paypal.com/uk/webapps/mpp/paypal-fees			
Total funds contributed via Stripe to date	£85,430.00		
Stripe transaction fee of 1.4% (*estimated)		£1,196.02	£125,983.57
<i>(Stripe processes each individual Stripe based contribution for us and charges this fee in return. *Estimated: Please note that the 1.4% fee only applies to contributions made from UK and European accounts. A fee rate of 2.9% applies to other accounts from around the world. Crowdfunder.co.uk have not given us the data required to tell our backers apart in this regard which is why we must estimate here)</i>			
(+ 20p on each pledge)		£487.40	£125,496.17
<i>(Number of successful Stripe pledges= 2437)</i>			
Stripe fees: https://stripe.com/gb/pricing			
Total funds contributed via GoCardless to date	£2,330.00		
GoCardless transaction fee of 1%		£10.80	£125,485.37
<i>(GoCardless processes each individual GoCardless based contribution for us and charges this fee in return. Please note this fee was charged on £1080.00 of the GoCardless contributions we raised because this is the combined total of GoCardless contributions which were worth less than £200.00 each (see below))</i>			
Total fees charged on contributions of over £200.00		£4.00	£125,481.37
<i>(GoCardless cap their fees at £2.00 per transaction meaning that any contribution over £200.00 will only be charged £2.00. There were 2 contributions of over £200.00, totalling up to £1250.00, so we will deal with the fees on this figure here. There were only 2 GoCardless pledges of over £200.00 so the fee is capped at £4.00)</i>			
<i>(Number of successful GoCardless pledges= 43)</i>			
GoCardless fees: https://gocardless.com/pricing/			
Total salary/expenses charged by Marcus J Ball		£0.00	£125,481.37
<i>5 week period, 72 hours a week estimate.</i>			
Crowdfund budget charged by Marcus J Ball		£0.00	£125,481.37
<i>I managed to run this crowdfund with a tiny budget of near £0.00 thanks to plentiful relevant experience and skills. Any small costs there were will be covered by me.</i>			
Service provider fees		£0.00	£125,481.37
<i>Video production, editing, design, copy writing, press releases, research, strategy, marketing and all other services were carried out by Marcus and the volunteer team that Marcus recruited and managed. Thank you to our volunteers! (who you can see here: http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/brexitjustice)</i>			
Total funds successfully raised minus all processing fees and etc			<u>£125,481.37</u>
<i>Now that we've taken away all of the fees, failed payments and etc we are left with this figure. This is the amount of money available to spend on #BrexitJustice. These funds are kept in the accounts of Marcus J Ball and this financial report has been prepared with input from accountant, David Muggridge of Ackland Webb. http://www.acklandwebb.co.uk/</i>			
#BrexitJustice Public Finance Report 2			
Purchases and general balance sheet			
Description	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
Early stage legal fees		£0.00	£125,481.37

I was quoted £10,000+ for legal advice concerning the practicality of a judicial review against Brexit. However, I managed to acquire this advice through a different provider for £0.00 thanks to effective networking and relationship management. They had already carried out similar work and were happy to tell me the basics of what they had discovered. In short, such an action would be ill advised and unlikely to succeed. On top of this Gina Miller with Mishcon De Reya had made strong progress and it felt unnecessary to work in the area she was making a success of. I hadn't signed an agreement with the team that gave me the quote and they hadn't started the work so I declined to work with them. Thus protecting the fund. (edit: later I very quickly realised that bringing a JR against Brexit itself would not be a good thing to do, and that focussing on lying in politics was the best and only way forward. It meant dealing with the real problem, not the symptom of the problem.)

Refusal to pay questionable legal fees

£0.00

£125,481.37

I was quoted a fee of £3000.00 by a group of legal professionals that I had been in telephone and email contact with. I felt that the fee was unacceptable given that no actual work had been carried out on my behalf. I also never signed any agreement to pay fees and I agreed to no spoken/oral contract. I refused to pay a bill they sent over based on these points. I presume they were trying their luck given the sudden influx of funds from the successful crowdfunding. Asking for £3000.00 was unreasonable so I refused to pay. They did not dispute this.

Legal Fees for case stage 1

£17,000.00

£108,481.37

Objectives: Solicitors formally instructed, counsel selected and signed up, initial investigations & planning of case strategy. I took over a month to choose my solicitors and I'm very happy with the choices that I made. Have a look at their partners to see why : <http://www.emmlegal.com/>

Professional photography & post production (negotiated reduced fee)

£150.00

£108,331.37

A strong press presence is vital to the success of our case for the purposes of funding and awareness. We need high quality photographs of our team for our press releases and to ensure the confidence of backers. I ask that people remember we are not just running a legal case, but a fund, I will need to raise far more money in the future and these photos will help me to achieve that.

<p>Photography location permission fee + VAT (negotiated reduced fee)</p> <p>We were required to have a license as we planned to take photographs of 10 people or more on a public street with equipment. We saved money by doing the shoot there instead of hiring a venue. http://filmfixer.co.uk/</p>	£30.00	£108,301.37
<p>Public liability Insurance (covering shoot)</p> <p>We were required to have insurance in order to take photos in a public street . I couldn't negotiate this fee as it was an automated, online service. http://www.larkinsurance.co.uk/</p>	£92.13	£108,209.24
<p>Total salary/expenses charged by Marcus J Ball</p> <p>5 week period, 72 hours a week estimate. Getting very tough now but I've been approached by a national paper to write an article and it will be paid if it goes ahead. I have also received a little income from a public speaking coaching client. I will find an income somehow, it's just a matter of time!</p>	£0.00	£108,209.24
FINAL TOTAL to date: 07.09.2016		£108,209.24
<p>So, we still have more money than we originally set out to raise despite significant costs so far. In short, our finances are strong.</p>		

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#Brexit Justice Public Finance Report 3			
Purchases and general balance sheet + Salary for Marcus crowdfund			
Description	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
<p>Refund request from unhappy backer</p> <p>A backer (Dr W) wanted a refund because he was opposed to investigating remain side leaders. We needed to do this in order to bring a credible case and also to ensure that our work is focussed on dishonesty in politics in general. Funds transferred digitally.</p>		£100.00	£108,109.24
<p>Direct transfer from backer</p> <p>A backer (Melissa) couldn't get crowdfunder.co.uk to work so they bank transferred it to me directly on September 19th. Crowdfunder Georgie cancelled Melissa's original payment after I called her.</p>	£1,000.00		£109,109.24
<p>Temporary Loan</p> <p>After completely running out of money I started a crowdfund to ensure I had a salary to live from. After it was clear that I was going to raise enough (raised £10k in one day) I took a loan of £1000.00 from the Brexit Justice fund, I had no choice. I have since repaid this loan, back into the fund.</p>	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£109,109.24
<p>1 month salary</p> <p>During this time I paid myself some funds as I had completely run out. But this has since been repaid.</p>	£2,400.00	£2,400.00	£109,109.24
Salary Crowdfund balances:			
<p>Total funds pledged to Salary for Marcus crowdfund (Total amount pledged to me by all 1214 backers)</p>	£33,895.00		

<p>Total funds unsuccessfully collected <i>(This is the amount of money that failed to be collected due to unsuccessful pledges in the form of card failures and cancellations. This number will change over time and we are chasing up forgetful backers with emails. This is the unfortunate reality of dealing with thousands of individual payments.</i></p>	£1,355.00	£32,540.00
<p>Fee charged by Crowdfunder.co.uk <i>(This is how much Crowdfunder.co.uk charged us for crowdfunding with them, their fee rate stands at 5% of total funds successfully collected)</i></p>	£1,627.00	£30,913.00
<p>VAT at 20% <i>This is the VAT charged on top of Crowdfunder's 5% fee. At VAT 20% that results in a fee of 6% (20% of 5% is 1%).</i></p>	£325.40	£30,587.60
<p>Total amount payable (estimated) by Crowdfunder.co.uk <i>(This is how much was successfully collected when you take away the failed pledges and Crowdfunder's fees and etc.). Meaning that I didn't manage to raise the £30,000 salary in full (given PayPal & Stripe's fees, see below). Regardless, it has been absolutely vital and I am immensely grateful for it.</i></p>	£30,587.00	
<p>Total funds contributed via PayPal PayPal transaction fee of 3.4% <i>(PayPal processes each individual PayPal based contribution for us and charges this fee in return)</i> <i>(+20p on each pledge)</i> <i>(Number of successful PayPal pledges= 653)</i> <i>PayPal fees: https://www.paypal.com/uk/webapps/mpp/paypal-fees</i></p>	£14,175.20	£425.26
<p>Total funds contributed via Stripe Stripe transaction fee of 1.4% (*estimated) <i>(Stripe processes each individual Stripe based contribution for us and charges this fee in return. *Estimated: Please note that the 1.4% fee only applies to contributions made from UK and European accounts. A fee rate of 2.9% applies to other accounts from around the world. Crowdfunder.co.uk have not given us the data required to tell our backers apart in this regard which is why we must estimate here)</i> <i>(+ 20p on each pledge)</i> <i>(Number of successful Stripe pledges= 522)</i> <i>Stripe fees: https://stripe.com/gb/pricing</i></p>	£16,412.40	£229.77
		£104.40

TOTAL FUNDS successfully raised minus all processing fees and etc. ([Salary for Marcus](#)) £29,696.97

Now that we've taken away all of the fees, failed payments and etc. we are left with this figure. This is the amount of money available as a salary for Marcus (Still need to take all income tax, national insurance, student loan and etc. into account though, meaning a salary of about £23k). I don't plan to report to backers on my personal salary past this point (EDIT: when I say this I mean that I'm not going to report on every single Tesco food shop, every coffee, every tube journey, etc. There is a full breakdown of how much I have been paid at the bottom of this document).

#Brexit Justice Public Finance Report 3
Purchases and general balance sheet

Description	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
<p>Marcus headshot photos <i>(Paid for using Temporary Loan of £1,000.00). These photos were more popular with journalists than the group shots of the legal team were. They appeared in over 20 publications across the UK, EU and US. Including the Independent, Business Insider and La Tribune. Building public awareness of Brexit Justice using photos of this kind and the press are extremely low cost in comparison to working with a PR firm, advertising agency or SEO manager. Press and photography have assisted us greatly, I plan to continue using this strategy.</i></p>		£120.00	£108,989.24
<p>EMM fees and Barrister fees <i>EMM instructed barristers for us at this point, including 2 QCs, a Junior and an assisting Junior. This balance has not been spent and at last notice was £54,203.60 in credit within the EMM account. Meaning that our legal team is fully instructed and has the funds it needs to take us into the new year.</i></p>		£75,000.00	£33,989.24

<p>Bank Transfer Fee</p> <p><i>Transferring such a large amount of money (above) required a fee from our bank for a same day transfer. I wanted to transfer the funds quickly to ensure the counsel team started as soon as possible.</i></p>	£30.00	£33,959.24
<p>Film team 40% retainer fee to get us started</p> <p><i>In order to ensure that we can carry out the case in full (depending upon feedback from barristers) we will need to raise more money. In order to do this I have selected a video production team who will make our next crowdfund video on a more professional level. Our video production team has worked with the BBC, Channel Four and other recognisable names. They are very enthusiastic about our work and understand the unusual circumstances we are working with.</i></p>	£2,845.00	£31,114.24
<p>Camera for documentary</p> <p><i>Several different documentary production firms have approached us and asked us if they can create a documentary about Brexit Justice. I have decided to work with the same people doing our crowdfund video as they know us already, were the most experienced and connected firm that I came across and because they offered to follow us around filming us without a fee. They asked that in return we purchased the camera needed to film the documentary. I agreed to this as I feel that their fees on the crowdfund video are very reasonable, they know what they're doing and I like working with them. They're invested in all of this, despite the risks involved. A video documentary will enable all of my backers to be able to see an account of the work that we've done, who helped and what really happened behind the scenes. I also hope that, if we are successful, the documentary will help to inspire viewers in other countries to follow the path that we've set out. People (backers especially) will want to know what happened, this way I can show them.</i></p>	-£3,210.00	£27,904.24
<p>Memory for documentary</p> <p><i>The camera requires high quality memory storage in the cloud as we will be filming high quality (big) files 'on the fly' as we travel around London and elsewhere.</i></p>	-£1,000.00	£26,904.24
<p>Editing fees for Olivia</p> <p><i>I wrote an article for a national newspaper and asked a more experienced writer to edit it for me and give me guidance on structure and style. The article would have supported awareness of our work, however it has yet to be published. (They're waiting to see what the lawyers say).</i></p>	-£11.00	£26,893.24
<p>Logo design fee, 50%</p> <p><i>In order to build public awareness of Brexit Justice (important to ensure that our case is treated fairly) we need to have a symbol that people can identify with our work. Said symbol would also be of value when raising more funds. We are designing our logo with feedback from backers. Our logo must communicate our mission, please backers, but also be worthy of discussion. A boring logo will not help to spread the word about what we're trying to achieve. A balance must be found.</i></p>	-£85.00	£26,808.24
<p>Brexit Justice Ltd. company formation</p> <p><i>Brexit Justice Ltd. is now formed. Using this legal entity Marcus now has greater protection from risk and we are able to ensure that we don't run into tax problems for the fund. The charity route was considered but the ltd. company option was chosen due to ease of set up and flexibility. The cost includes the fee for a London registered office address: 130 Old Street, London, England, EC1V 9BD (thus keeping Marcus's home address confidential).</i> https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/10520032</p>	-£67.98	£26,740.26
<p>Website for Brexit Justice, planned evidence gathering platform. (payment 1)</p> <p><i>In order to ensure that our case is as strong as possible we need to gather evidence from witnesses and organisations. Traditionally this would be done by private investigators and through interviews, but these can be very expensive and time consuming. We will most likely use these methods but I believe we can save money by using a more modern and innovative method as well. For this purpose I have instructed a website development team to create an evidence submitting platform which members of the public will be able to upload data to. This website will be launched with significant press coverage and it may help us to encourage people to come forward. If we can launch this on a large scale we could potentially get very valuable information at a very low cost.</i></p>	-£1,375.00	£25,365.26

Website for Brexit Justice, planned evidence gathering platform. (payment 2) Payments were quoted in 3 sections.	-£1,375.00	£23,990.26
Website for Brexit Justice, planned evidence gathering platform. (payment 3) Payments were quoted in 3 sections.	-£1,375.00	£22,615.26
Marcus refund In order to make payments faster Marcus spent his own money on the following costs: bank transfer fee £30.00, photoshoot headshots £120.00, Brexit Justice Ltd. formation fee £67.98. This money has now been sent back to Marcus from the Brexit Justice fund. (Does not impact total as these costs have already been accounted for in the above entries. Mentioning this here helps me to keep an organised balance sheet). (Total of £217.98)		NA
FINAL TOTAL to date: 29.12.2016		£23,126.22
EMM client account total (according to late December invoice)		£54,203.60
<p>So, our lawyers are instructed and fully funded into the new year. Marcus has a salary, the video production team are ready to go and other costs are taken care of. We still have a positive balance for emergencies and there is funding for the new crowdfund if needed. It all depends on the lawyers and what they say is possible now.</p> <p>Note: The projected total £22,615.26 is not as high as the total in our account, I am currently unsure of why we have more money than we should. I may have paid for something using my salary fund instead of the Brexit Justice fund. There is a discrepancy of £510.96, I will try to resolve this error. (Edit: I think this was just interest on the account but I'm not 100% certain)</p>		

Fourth financial spending report

Note:
<p>Okay, so I'm finally getting around to finishing up this next financial spending report. Throughout the period between the last report being published and this being finished an enormous amount has happened. Including gathering evidence, debating with lawyers, writing up legal arguments and handling a lot of challenges in general. Long story short, after an enormous effort we've finally completed our case research and we are able to bring a prosecution against Mr Boris Johnson for the alleged offence of misconduct in public office. Mr Johnson must be considered to be innocent unless proven guilty; only the courts can decide upon this question. Lewis Power QC of Church Court Chambers is in approval of a prosecution and we have Anthony Eskander back on the team again as a junior. I've ended our working relationship with EMM as of July 2018 and we're instructing a new firm of solicitors. The following took place from the end of the previous spending report (above) to the present date of 16th September 2018. Sorry for the long gap! This is all a lot of work for one person.</p> <p>Edit: I'll publish the next spending report in the first half of 2019 I expect.</p> <p>My accountant, David Muggridge of Ackland Webb, has approved my accounts and successfully submitted them to Companies House on time. See here: https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/10520032</p>

#Brexit Justice Public Finance Report 4			
Purchases and general balance sheet			
Description	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
Storage costs I didn't have a permanent place to live for several months on two occasions and so needed storage for my belongings in London. Spending so much money or time with things in storage is expensive but the nature of this work is very unpredictable. These costs included storage during two different periods of time since I started this work. (Bystored & Urban Storage were the companies)		748.17	
Storage deposit refund	55.2		

Deposit successfully paid for the first storage period. Second storage company didn't do deposits in the same way as their business model was different(customer not held responsible for the storage unit as they aren't permitted to visit it).

Self defence & fitness training + insurance

£333.00

Took up self defence very early on in this work as a response to issues related to those mentioned below. Good health, fitness and confidence helps me to perform better at work. By protecting myself I protect our work. Also, really helped me a lot as I spent most of my working time alone. Great group of very supportive people. There were other costs associated with equipment purchases and other training sessions I paid for in cash but I don't have receipts for these so I'll just have to absorb them using money allocated to my personal living costs. Might ask for receipts later.

Payment to EMM Solicitors

£4,579.21

I paid this after they had completely depleted the amount they already had on account. It was spent on the further research period and debating between myself, David Perry QC and etc. I had expected that these further funds would be needed for legal fees a long time previously.

Branded cupcakes as a thank you

£210.00

Order of 5 dozen large cupcakes to send to all of the legal team's offices to show them that I appreciate their efforts working on the case. They were branded with the Brexit Justice logo. It was also an attempt to achieve a sense of team spirit and motivation. It's important to show your team that they are valued. These were well received but did not achieve what I had hoped they would.

Dispute resolution results in refund

£2,000.00

Above I detailed payments made for a website for Brexit Justice which was intended to be used as an evidence gathering platform. However, we ended up having a somewhat unpleasant dispute with our web development provider, which I won't detail here as the situation has now been resolved. With the assistance of a dispute negotiator I managed to negotiate for 50% of the money to be returned. No website was produced, which I felt very unhappy about. However, I am pleased that we managed to somewhat salvage the situation with the assistance of the negotiator. We have now managed to gather the evidence we needed and I have worked on our existing website to significantly improve it. Lesson learned. £2000.00 returned to our fund.

Negotiator fee payment

200.00

Fee paid to negotiator who helped us to get the £2000.00 refunded. Without their help I doubt we would have received any of the funds back. He did a good job.

Payment to EMM Solicitors

5803.80

Bill paid to EMM a long time after it was requested, I didn't want to hastily pay out the little funds that we had left. I felt that money was being used too quickly with too little results.

Researcher fee payment

250.00

Fee paid to LSE Masters of law student who helped carry out research for me. I had taken on a lot of work and I needed someone to assist. They did some good basic background research which they sent over. Helpful.

Generous backer contributes funds to assist me in renting work place/flat

£5,000.00

Backer contributed these funds via a direct bank transfer. I didn't have enough money to cover a secure place to live and work. Which is explained next.

Rental of flat with high security protection. Used as office and home.

6120.00

As I felt the case got closer to being actionable I began to think about my own personal security and safety a lot more. I was aware of the death threats sent to another legal action leader(Miller case) who had decided to hire her own security guards. This was after a £5000 offer to have her run over was posted online by Viscount Rhodri Philipps. Apparently, Viscount Philipps was then prosecuted and subsequently went to prison. Our own action was much more ambitious and potentially controversial than that work, so I wanted to mitigate risk. I had previously been told to go and kill myself and another message informed me that I was being watched in London, Norwich and Canterbury(places I have lived in recent years). I needed a new place to live in London anyway, so I chose a building which had security staff, security cameras outside and inside, as well as fitness facilities on site. I worked and lived there almost every day for 6 months. I didn't really need to leave very often. I shared the flat with two other people, thus making it much more affordable. I was considering staying for longer until it became clear that the security wasn't as good as I had hoped. It also became much more expensive as my roommate left the flat. I eventually decided it was better to leave. It was a fantastic place to be for this period as I was able to focus on my work in solitude. I got some of our best work done there. Whilst the facilities helped me to stay positive, fit and healthy. My total rent including all bills was approximately £860 a month for the first three months. After my roommate left this went up considerably though. In the end, averaged out, the flat cost me £1,020 a month for 6 months. This was a considerable amount of money, I was very fortunate to have the generous backer(mentioned above) agree to cover such a large amount of it. Some people may criticise me for spending so much on rent, but I don't regret this decision. It was what I needed and I still consider it to be good return on investment.

Flat rental deposit, bad decision on my part

1250.00

After having signed an agreement to continue living in the flat I decided to pull out last minute. I had suddenly changed my mind about continuing to live and work there and so ended up losing my deposit. I fully accept that this was a bad move on my part, I shouldn't have acted as I did. I put a lot of it down to the highly stressful and depressing nature of the work at this time. I had been working for almost two years and I hadn't yet achieved what I had tried so hard to, I put myself under a lot of pressure. That's two years working mostly by myself. My judgement was not good and I made a mistake. I apologise to my backers for this mismanagement of funds. It was a stupid thing to do. I took note of the need to better manage my mental health from this point onwards.

Books ordered via Amazon on topics including law, parliamentary history, politics, project management, etc

138.25

I had a lot to learn so I needed to buy books. One example was Michael Rush's The Role of the Member of Parliament. I felt that it was important as it covered a topic of central interest to the case. In the end, despite providing good perspective, its value was very small when compared with the case law decisions published freely online. This book was of more value as a historical/general interest reference rather than of value to our case building process overall. Although I did reference some of it within my case research and I don't regret the purchase. Other books covered the basics of the UK's legal system and other key topics.

Self defence equipment

20.00

Equipment for self defence lessons. As mentioned previously I did spend more money on equipment than this but I don't have the receipts right now. Might ask for them later. It doesn't make much difference reporting wise as at present it's just coming out of my own personal funds.

Self Defence Seminar

190.00

A self defence training event in Bristol.

Vodafone mobile phone and mobile internet bill

504.59

This is not the full bill, it only covers up until December 2017(over a year). This is the bill for the phone and mobile wifi device I use for all work calls, texts, emails and mobile internet work needs. I have no landline.

Webhosting services for marketing and communications purposes

294.95

I use Strikingly.com because it's much lower cost, I like the team there, and it's much less expensive for me to manage it myself than use a company or a developer. By using much of my own design, copy writing and photography skills I save money that might have been used on a web company.

Bus tickets for transport to self defence conference Bristol		10.00	
Transport costs			
Glasgow Hotel self defence conference		84.29	
Hotel accommodation in Glasgow			
Glasgow coach tickets		27.20	
Transport to conference			
Brussels Coach tickets (meetings with journalists in Brussels) cost 67 Euro,(About £60)		60.00	
Despite this being an enjoyable trip it so far hasn't resulted in press coverage as far as I'm aware. Regardless, met some people who provided valuable background information. Maybe one good contact for future help. Stayed at a friend's place, saved money as no hotel.			
Telephone security equipment		16.48	
Personal communications security device.			
Hotel cost for self defence conference in Bristol		169.85	
Meant to share room with friend but they didn't go in the end and didn't refund me.			
Paid bill to EMM		349.20	
Covered a meeting with a partner at EMM.			
Add in £100 of company share capital	£100.00		
Technically Brexit Justice Ltd. started its existence with £100.00 of share capital. I haven't previously accounted for this but apparently I need to according to my accountant. This is £100.00 of my own personal money that I was required to put in at the start of our company formation.			
£6000 paid to barristers, a compromise to keep relationship positive.		6000.00	
We were very low on funds and so I negotiated to pay 50% of an outstanding bill. The barristers then agreed to work pro bono past this point. I was not happy with our working relationship, as explained in the research overview document, and eventually ended our time working together after paying off the final solicitors bills.			
£180.00 accountancy fees		180.00	
Fee paid to accountants			
Run out of money to live on, needed money for living costs.		1754.17	
By this point the 1 year salary crowdfund I had raised had long expired (it had been around a year and a half since I had started the work). For this reason I needed to use some of the other funds for living costs. By this point I had established myself as a much better return on investment when compared with the legal team anyway, so I felt justified in doing this. Using this money on myself enabled me to spend about 2 more months on research and case building. Using it on the solicitors would have resulted in about 10 hours extra work maximum. The barristers were working pro bono at this point anyway. I didn't want to ask my backers for more money for a salary when I already had some of their money left anyway.			
Other expenses not accounted for		Uncertain	
There were a lot of other every day purchases, training fees, transport costs, food, drink for meetings and etc that I didn't keep receipts for(I had them somewhere but after moving several times I think I might have lost them). I'll just swallow that as costs under my own personal 'salary'. Haven't got time to go through it all perfectly.			
Money required for living and expenses costs		868.56	
Again, needed to more money for living and personal costs. See above.			
Balance from before			£23,126.22
Total going out		30161.72	
Total coming in	£7,155.20		
Balance.			£119.70

Note: Companies house has my capital at £81.00 at this point(first accounts) because I forgot the costs of self defence training when I handed my books to my accountant. In combination with this I made a mistake with regards to storage costs as I accidentally counted both invoices and receipts in my outgoing. I also forgot to include costs from the second storage period. I will fix these details with my accountant once I've got some time on my hands. Wish I had a team to help me with stuff like this. Most important point is that the number just there on the right is the accurate number as far as I can see. Our company outgoing and incoming are accounted for and it's all adding up, which is good. This whole process was a confusing and stressful challenge, as any self employed/company owner will know. If you don't have a good accountant to help you through this process it can be really difficult. I had a moment of panic this September(2018) as despite our accounts being ready to submit on time our Companies House log in code wasn't working. I had accidentally saved the wrong code in my records. After a few hours of frantic searching I eventually managed to find the right code before the midnight deadline. Thankfully! It would have been awful if I hadn't as we're crowdfunding right now and if our accounts were late it would have looked terrible. So glad I found it on time! Majorly stressful incident as I'm sure the reader can imagine. Laughed at myself once it was all sorted though.

Financial Report post 3rd crowdfund:

The following expenses occurred post raising of the 3rd crowdfund(Brexit Justice Further Funding) in mid 2018.

Description	Incoming	Outgoing	Total
<p>3rd crowdfund to keep us going we had completely run out of money and I was relying upon credit cards and overdraft again to keep going. I needed to raise more and I felt that I could justify it as I had a new QC on the team who seemed to be in support of the work I was doing. Lewis Power QC did give us the signed approval for our case after this raise. The plan was to assign just over £10k to EMM's final bill, a few hundred pounds on Sky and Getty archive footage and the rest for my own personal costs as well as a fund for the bigger crowdfund that we would do next. As usual not everything went to plan. But we did manage to raise the funds quite quickly thanks to another brilliant response from backers.</p>	23,253.00		
<p>Note: Crowdfunder.co.uk had improved their funding fee administration now to make it all much simpler. Meaning that all fees and everything are deducted before I get any money. No need to detail fees here as usual. Crowdfunder.co.uk simply deduct 8% of the total money raised at source, then give us the remainder.</p>			
<p>Photography shots Photos with Sandra Vijandi to announce our good news in national and international press. As usual a great return on investment as the press have made good use of them so far. Helps to improve public awareness as journalists need to have images to go along with news stories.</p>		250.00	
<p>EMM's final bill. I had stopped working with EMM and the attached counsel team completely by this point. I paid off their final bill so as to ensure we were not in the red with them at all. I wanted to end the working relationship as quickly as possible and move on to another firm.</p>		10264.20	
<p>Camera man and editor, video filming expenses Camera man kindly gave his time for free and only charged me for expenses. He came to the studio to film the video we need to publicly announce that we had a case. It has so far been watched over 70,000 times and retweeted over 2.5 thousand times. It has helped us to raise about £65,000 more in funding at the very least. Happy with this ROI.</p>		26.50	
<p>Studio hire for half day. Hired a small studio for the day in order to film the video we used to announce the case. See above.</p>		60.00	

Rental cost of work and living space for Marcus for 5 months (all bills all inclusive) Needed a new home and place to work which was less expensive and still secure. Found a different place after moving out of London for a short time. Flat share with a total of 5 people. Flat a bit run down and in need of repair, but great area and nice people. Very good for mental health. £780 a month total cost, much cheaper. One of the best decisions I've made.	3900.00
Deposit on that flat When I leave this flat I should receive this deposit back The estate agent is a lot more reasonable than the last one, shouldn't have the same problems.	540.00
Vodafone mobile phone and mobile internet bill Phone calls, texts, emails and mobile internet work needs. (Monthly fee so this amount will increase over time). My current mobile is now broken and needs to be replaced soon as I rely on it a lot. I've replaced the battery at my own expense to keep it going longer but will eventually buy a new one.	240.00
Webhosting services for marketing and communications purposes As previously explained above I use strikingly.com. On our BrexitJustice.com website I publish our story so far, as well as our 44,000 word case overview and these spending reports. This is a vital expense for communication and transparency purposes. This number will go up as the months progress (monthly cost)	80.00
Home 'office' expenses for my room Costs included a mirror, chair and rug to make my work environment a lot nicer.	255.31
Remainder given to Marcus for personal living costs and expenses Basically as salary, as well as for expenses which I will detail later on. See note below concerning the total money I've bend paid since I started this work.	7617.54
Balance from before	£119.70
Total coming in	£23,253.00
Total going out	23233.55
Balance.	£139.15

Note on legal structure:
A couple of friends have suggested that I consider turning Brexit Justice into a Community Interest Company(CIC) given we don't exist to make a profit and we're focussed on a social objective. This seems to a good idea and my accountant is in agreement, I will be dealing with this eventually. So much other stuff to get done first. *Edit: This will apparently not be as easy as I had hoped and will slow us down. I don't think it's worth it because we're not for profit anyway. I would be a complete moron to take a profit from this venture. I am probably not going to take the CIC route as it would be mostly for cosmetic reasons and not actually a practical help.*

Private Prosecutor Marcus J Ball
Return on investment (ROI)
I now aim to argue that I'm a good return on investment for my backers. For this reason, I've worked out the total amount it has cost them to pay for my costs and living since I started. I've then divided that total amount by the number of months and hours that I've been working on this.

Detail of total amount given to me(or assigned to costs related to me) by backers (including money not crowdfunded)	Cost
Emergency money from generous backer at the start (not crowdfunded)	£1,500.00
Initial salary crowdfund (meant to cover 1 year of work) raised after maxing out my credit cards and overdraft(expensive for me personally).	£29,696.97
Money given by generous backer to assist me with renting office/home in secure building (this is a company expense but it covers a cost related directly to me so I include it here) (this was not from the crowdfund, it was given directly over a year after I first started).	£5,000.00
Total remaining cost of rent from that flat	£2,370
Money taken from initial fund after 1.5 years of work (had to stretch the salary)	£2,622.73
A thank you from an old friend who said I had helped him with his career (at my own cost, several years prior). This was very kind and unexpected.	£500.00

Total assigned as salary (and expenses) from 3rd crowdfund (Further funding one)	£7,617.54
Total cost of new flat (again a company expense but I include it here because it is a cost related directly to me)	£3,900.00
So, in total I have cost my various backers this amount, after 27 months of work (June 2016 to September/October 2018 (Keep in mind that £6500.00 of this was not crowdfunded, it was given to me directly by generous individuals when I was in need)).	£53,207.24

Divide that total amount by 27 (number of months worked) and you get this amount (I also lose a significant amount of this in tax of various kinds)	£1,970.64
I estimate that I work at least 65 hours a week on average, sometimes much more than this and sometimes less (depending on the amount of work which is on at various times). I work weekends very often. Self employed people will understand that you just have to work if something needs to be done. But this is a rough estimate.	65
Number of hours worked per month is weekly amount multiplied by 4	260
Monthly financial total divided by 260 (to work out estimate of how much it costs all of my backers for me to work on Brexit Justice per hour.)	£7.58 (per hour)
What is the UK minimum wage per hour for someone aged over 25? (I am 28 at the time of writing, 29 in two weeks) (https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)	£7.83 (per hour)
Pay per year(12 months in a year) so far has been:	£23,647.66
Pay per week so far has been:	£492.66

What point am I trying to make?

I am not complaining, I love this work and believe in it completely! I started this because I want to get the problem solved. It is an honour to dedicate myself to work I care about so much. There are lots of people who are paid less than I am. However, I need people to understand that I'm working hard, I'm doing my best and I'm not being paid some huge salary for this(as some people online assume).

The amount I actually end up with is less than the above because there are expenses and work costs that I haven't accounted for. Also, it's not as if I get this amount in a nice, predictable, regular monthly instalment. When you have a small budget and a big job to do you can't budget for such an expense as the work is unpredictable. You need money ready to respond to unexpected costs. On three occasions now I have gone for long periods without any salary, having to live off credit cards and overdraft. Despite being reimbursed eventually, this is very expensive.

There is also a point to make regarding how much money I am saving by carrying out the vast majority of legal work myself instead of paying an expensive legal team to work on it full time. We would have run out of funding a very long time ago if I had simply relied upon legal professionals to do the work in full. It simply would not have worked and the case would never have reached this point because it would have been unaffordably expensive. I have also made use of my own skills and existing contacts and relationships to save money on photography, accountancy, design, video production, marketing, professional coaching/mentoring and etc.

In short: I argue that I am a good return on investment as overall I've been working at below the minimum wage per hour for 27 months now. Yes, I've made some bad decisions with regards to some of my spending choices but I've also made some good ones. I'm proud of my work so far and I feel that I'm providing a high quality return on investment. I've been open and honest about my costs which I'm reporting on publicly when I have no legal obligation to do so. My accountant has approved our accounts and successfully submitted them to Companies House on time. Overall I'm feeling good, we finally have our criminal case research complete and this would never have happened if it were not for the decisions I have made and the work I have carried out. I'm now looking forward to finally bringing our action to court.

(I will continue to publish financial spending reports of this kind as we progress with our work. I apologise if it takes me a long time but I have a lot of other work on. The present date is 16th September 2018. Thank you and kind regards).