

# SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

England & Wales · Charity number 1052343

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1996-01-27

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 70 Tynedale Road  
South Shields  
NE34 6HB

**Phone** 01914556342

## Activities

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**Objects:** 1.TO ASSIST HM COASTGUARD AND OTHER MARINE RESCUE ORGANISATIONS IN SAVING LIFE IN CASES OF SHIPWRECK. 2.THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE BRIGADE'S HEADQUARTERES WATCH HOUSE,AS A GRADE 2 LISTED BUILDING AND THE PRESERVATION CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRIGADES HISTORIC ARTIFACTS AND MUSEUM FOR THE BENEFIT AND EDUCATION OF THE COMMUNITY.

**Activities:** The Brigade provides a search and rescue back-up to HM Coastguard on a 24-hour, 365 days call-out system working in conjunction with RNLI Lifeboats and the main emergency services to help people in distress on and around the coast using SAR rescue equipment including special Land Rover fitted with a full range of search and rescue equipment and first aid facilities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE APPENDIX A OF CONSTITUTION
- Gateshead
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£59,923	£24,342	-	-
2023-12-31	£23,996	£14,851	-	-
2022-12-31	£17,188	£23,941	-	-
2021-12-31	£42,830	£29,015	-	-
2020-12-31	£30,108	£21,606	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN WARD		
DAVID RATCLIFFE		2024-10-29
MARK PETER TAYLOR		2024-10-29
STEVEN LEE WEST		2024-10-29
THOMAS PATRICK FENNELLY		
WILLIAM MARTIN ROBERTSON		

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# Accounts

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**Report and Accounts**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

TD Taxation Services  
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<b>Honorary Assistant Treasurer</b>	Alan Ward
<b>Senior Captain</b>	Mark Taylor
<b>Captain</b>	David Ratcliffe
<b>Captain</b>	Steven West
<b>Honorary Assistant Secretary</b>	Norman Jenson
<b>Historian</b>	David Robertson
<b>Committee Member Operational</b>	Siobhan Ashley-Cleary
<b>Committee Member Operational</b>	Jade Sutherland

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### **Investment policy**

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### **Risk Management**

The Officers have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the charity faces in conjunction with any similar charity operating locally. Continuing monitoring is undertaken so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

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***20 March 2025***

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## Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	26,361	12,905
Investments		-	-
		<u>26,361</u>	<u>12,905</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		108,976	86,851
Accruals		420	420
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>108,556</u>	<u>86,431</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>134,917</u>	<u>99,336</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account	5	<u>134,917</u>	<u>99,336</u>
<b>Trustees' funds</b>		<u>134,917</u>	<u>99,336</u>

Signed on behalf of the board of the trustees

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Mr TP Fennelly

Hon. Secretary

Approved by the Officers: .....

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**Year ended 31 December 2024**  
**Balance Sheet (notes)**

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**Basis of accounting**

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<b>2 Interest receivable and similar income</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Investment interest	<u>2,477</u>	<u>806</u>

Interest was received from funds invested with Shawbrook Bank and Lloyds Bank

<b>3 Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Plant and Machinery</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2024	123,875	123,875
Disposals	-	-
Additions	<u>22,243</u>	<u>22,243</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>146,118</u>	<u>146,118</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2024	110,970	110,970
Charge for year	<u>8,787</u>	<u>8,787</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>119,757</u>	<u>119,757</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 1 January 2024	<u>12,905</u>	<u>12,905</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>26,361</u>	<u>26,361</u>

#### 4 Leasehold Property

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#### 5 Capital Account

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought forward	99,336	90,191
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	<u>35,581</u>	<u>9,145</u>
Carried forward	<u>134,917</u>	<u>99,336</u>

**SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**  
**Detailed Profit and Loss Account**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Operating Income</b>		
Miscellaneous	-	-
Grants	42,451	11,215
Fundraising events	1,367	1,028
Donations	9,875	8,198
Collection Boxes	<u>3,753</u>	<u>2,749</u>
	57,446	23,190
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Light and heat	56	599
Repairs and maintenance	4,773	1,467
Equipment hire	870	-
Postage, Stationery and printing	84	8
Sundry	113	-
Training	549	(135)
Travel	127	-
Canteen and cleaning	187	-
Equipment expenses	1,435	707
Combined insurance	4,973	5,928
Accountancy	420	420
Diesel and oil	623	620
Motor repairs	740	629
Clothing	306	175
Fundraising costs	243	60
Website	56	71
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>8,787</u>	<u>4,302</u>
	24,342	14,851
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	<b>33,104</b>	<b>8,339</b>
<b>Other interest receivable</b>		
Investment interest received	<u>2,477</u>	<u>806</u>
<b>Profit / (Loss) for the financial year</b>	<b><u>35,581</u></b>	<b><u>9,145</u></b>

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*20 May 2022*

**SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As At 31 December 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	18,384	14,806
Investments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>18,384</u>	<u>14,806</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		78,980	68,743
Accruals		420	420
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>78,560</u>	<u>68,323</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>96,944</u>	<u>83,129</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account	5	<u>96,944</u>	<u>83,129</u>
<b>Trustees' funds</b>		<u>96,944</u>	<u>83,129</u>

Signed on behalf of the board of the trustees

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Mr TP Fennelly  
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	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment interest	<u>210</u>	<u>378</u>

Interest was received from funds invested with Shawbrook Bank.

<b>3 Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Plant and Machinery</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2021	110,472	110,472
Disposals	-	-
Additions	<u>9,571</u>	<u>9,571</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>120,043</u>	<u>120,043</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2021	95,666	95,666
Charge for year	<u>5,993</u>	<u>5,993</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>101,659</u>	<u>101,659</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 1 January 2021	<u>14,806</u>	<u>14,806</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>18,384</u>	<u>18,384</u>

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#### 5 Capital Account

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought forward	83,129	74,627
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	<u>13,815</u>	<u>8,502</u>
Carried forward	<u>96,944</u>	<u>83,129</u>

**SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**  
**Detailed Profit and Loss Account**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Operating Income</b>		
Miscellaneous	50	-
Grants	19,720	25,260
Fundraising events	2,285	-
Donations	19,159	3,654
Collection Boxes	<u>1,406</u>	<u>816</u>
	42,620	29,730
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Light and heat	540	818
Repairs and maintenance	128	6,524
Display & Marketing	378	-
Heritage Lottery Expenditure	7,699	-
Stationery and printing	9	-
Sundry	67	-
Training	2,008	165
Software	-	-
Canteen and cleaning	170	377
Equipment expenses	585	302
Combined insurance	6,921	7,132
Accountancy	420	420
Diesel and oil	512	342
Motor repairs	1,474	482
Clothing	2,040	60
Fundraising costs	-	-
Website	71	47
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>5,993</u>	<u>4,937</u>
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*21 June 2021*

**SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As At 31 December 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	14,806	18,371
Investments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>14,806</u>	<u>18,371</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		68,743	56,676
Accruals		420	420
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>68,323</u>	<u>56,256</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>83,129</u>	<u>74,627</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account	5	<u>83,129</u>	<u>74,627</u>
<b>Trustees' funds</b>		<u>83,129</u>	<u>74,627</u>

Signed on behalf of the board of the trustees

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Mr TP Fennelly  
Hon. Secretary  
Approved by the Officers: .....

**SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**  
**Year ended 31 December 2020**  
**Balance Sheet (notes)**

**1 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

<b>2 Interest receivable and similar income</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investment interest	<u>378</u>	<u>68</u>

Interest was received from funds invested with Shawbrook Bank.

<b>3 Tangible fixed assets</b>	<b>Plant and Machinery</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2020	109,097	107,564
Disposals	-	-
Additions	<u>1,375</u>	<u>1,533</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>110,472</u>	<u>109,097</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2020	90,766	84,602
Charge for year	<u>4,937</u>	<u>6,124</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>95,666</u>	<u>90,726</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 1 January 2020	<u>18,371</u>	<u>22,963</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>14,806</u>	<u>18,371</u>

#### 4 Leasehold Property

The cost of the property in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and later additions are not known by the officers. The open market value at 1 January 2020 is, in their opinion, uncertain or Nil due to the restrictive covenant on the 99 year lease from 1997 by the Port of Tyne Authority. This covenant states that the buildings can only be used as South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade headquarters. The officers consider there is no residual value.

#### 5 Capital Account

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought forward	74,627	69,817
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	<u>8,502</u>	<u>4,810</u>
Carried forward	<u>83,129</u>	<u>74,627</u>

**SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE**  
**Detailed Profit and Loss Account**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
<b>Operating Income</b>		
Miscellaneous	-	-
Grants	25,260	12,580
Fundraising events	-	4,598
Donations	3,654	4,402
Collection Boxes	<u>816</u>	<u>2,291</u>
	29,730	23,871
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Light and heat	818	319
Repairs and maintenance	6,524	289
Telephone	-	-
Stationery and printing	-	22
Sundry	-	-
Training course fees	165	1,599
Software	-	-
Canteen and cleaning	377	-
Equipment expenses	302	309
Combined insurance	7,132	7,254
Accountancy	420	420
Diesel and oil	342	288
Motor repairs	482	188
Clothing	60	922
Fundraising costs	-	1,240
Website	47	69
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>4,937</u>	<u>6,124</u>
	21,606	19,043
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	<b>8,124</b>	<b>4,828</b>
<b>Other interest receivable</b>		
Investment interest received	378	68
Prior year interest adjustment	<u>-</u>	<u>(86)</u>
	<u>378</u>	<u>(18)</u>
<b>Profit / (Loss) for the financial year</b>	<b><u>8,502</u></b>	<b><u>4,810</u></b>