

**Registered Charity No.
1052343**

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

Report and Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Year Ended 31 December 2024

Officers

The Officers forming the management committee of the charity are as follows;

President	Janis Blower
Honorary Secretary	Tom Fennelly
Honorary Treasurer	Martin Robertson
Honorary Assistant Treasurer	Alan Ward
Senior Captain	Mark Taylor
Captain	David Ratcliffe
Captain	Steven West
Honorary Assistant Secretary	Norman Jenson
Historian	David Robertson
Committee Member Operational	Siobhan Ashley-Cleary
Committee Member Operational	Jade Sutherland

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Year Ended 31 December 2024

Officers Report

The Officers submit their annual report on the affairs of the charity, together with independently prepared financial statements, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal activities

South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade was established in 1866 and is a registered charity (No. 1052343).

The charity performs life-saving activities on & around the South Shields shore-line.

Internal Financial Controls

The Officers have overall responsibility for ensuring that there is in place an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise, to provide reasonable confidence and assurances that :

- The Charity's administration is operating effectively and efficiently
- The assets of the Charity are properly safeguarded against unauthorised loss or damages
- Proper records are maintained and information produced for management control, fiscal and statutory reasons

Investment policy

Funds of the charity are held in a Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account, Lloyds Bank Deposit Account and with Shawbrook Investment.

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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Year Ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Officers' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Officers to arrange the preparation of financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period.

In preparing those financial statements the Officers are required to instruct the accountants to:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the charities' SORP disclosing and explain any departure in the financial statements and
- (d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Officers on

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE OFFICERS OF SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE Year ended 31 December 2024

We have prepared the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 6 to 9.

The preparation work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Officers those matters we are required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Officers as a body, for the preparation of financial statements, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Officers and Accountants

As Officers' of South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade you are responsible for arranging for the preparation of the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of officers' Responsibilities.

We have been appointed as Accountants, and report in accordance with regulations made, under Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our responsibility is to prepare the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

In our opinion, the Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements, the charity has kept proper accounting records, and we have received all the information and explanations we require. The financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011.

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20 March 2025

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2024

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

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE
Year ended 31 December 2024
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.

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

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

3	Tangible fixed assets	Plant and Machinery	Total
	Cost		
	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>
	Depreciation		
	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>
	Net book value		
	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

The cost of the property in the 19th Century, and later additions are not known by the officers. The open market value at 1 January 2024 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

	2024	2023
	£	£
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>

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Detailed Profit and Loss Account
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating Income		
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
 Administrative expenses		
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
 Operating profit/(loss)	33,104	8,339
 Other interest receivable		
Investment interest received	<u>2,477</u>	<u>806</u>
 Profit / (Loss) for the financial year	<u>35,581</u>	<u>9,145</u>

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