

THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

Company Number

3421851

UK Charity Number

1064927

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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CONSTITUTION

The Centre for Search Research was incorporated in August 1997 as a private company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. It became a registered charity in October 1997.

TRUSTEES

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Chair	David Owen
Others	David Perkins, Peter Roberts, Carl Hamilton, CC Rachel Bacon, and Dr Andrew Jenkins

Sir Humphry Wakefield, a former director and trustee, has been the patron since October 1999.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER	David Perkins
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REGISTERED OFFICE	Office 10 Advance Northumberland Workspace Green Lane Ashington Northumberland NE63 0EE
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ACCOUNTANT	A Gurney, Chartered Accountant 4 West Terrace Seaton Sluice Northumberland NE26 4RE
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BANKERS	Barclays Bank Plc The South East Northumberland Group Northumbria House Cramlington Northumberland NE23 6QP
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31st August 2024.

Legal and administration information is set out on page 1 of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, and the Statements of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The purpose of The Centre for Search Research is to protect and preserve the lives of persons who are missing or endangered by accident or natural hazard by conducting research into all aspects of the techniques used for searching for such persons; to disseminate the useful results of such research; and to assist the voluntary and statutory emergency services in connection with such work.

ORGANISATION

The Trustees met six times during the financial year. These meetings took place in September and November in 2023, together with January, March, May and July in 2024.

REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS TOWARDS MEETING THE CHARITY'S OBJECTIVES

The work done on behalf of the Charity towards meeting its objectives has been carried out by David Perkins, Peter Roberts and Carl Hamilton. Their work has been voluntary and unpaid.

Object 1: to conduct research into all aspects of the techniques used for searching for missing persons

UK Missing Persons Behaviour Study: the procedure for collecting data about missing persons, operating as part of the national mountain rescue incident reporting system, provides data for both the UK Missing Person Behaviour Study and the app MISPER-UK. The app has been modified to allow the

data used to be automatically updated from the mountain rescue incident reporting system.

Using drones to search for missing persons: the Charity continues to support three PhD students at Newcastle University who are working on topics relating to searching for a missing person using a drone.

The Charity is also supporting a project by Northumbria University to investigate the use of Artificial Intelligence to analyse images from a drone camera in a missing person search. The Charity continues to work in the field with its own drone.

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Object 2: to provide training for voluntary and statutory emergency services in respect of missing persons

During the year seven courses were taught and a total of £1,460 was provided by the charity from its Frank Parker Fund to subsidise the training of volunteers

Initial Response Incident Management and Search Management After the Initial Response: four courses were taught during the year to a total of 113 volunteers.

Field Search Skills: three courses were taught during the year to a total of 47 volunteers.

Object 3: to publish materials to assist voluntary and statutory emergency services in respect of missing persons

No further research documents were placed on the Charity's website during the year.

Object 4: to collect and disseminate information relating to searching for missing persons

The Centre for Search Research website: the website continued to disseminate information throughout the year.

The International SAR Alliance website: the material that this holds is free to users, and continues to attract visits from users in many countries. Many of the documents have been transferred to The Centre

for Search Research website.

Object 5: to cooperate with other organisations

We continue to have a good relationship with a number of organisations, in particular the Irish Coast Guard, Northumbria Police and SAR organisations in the UK and overseas. We have developed a good working relationship with Newcastle University and Northumbria University.

Frank Parker Fund

This was founded on bequests from the estate of the late Frank Parker, first made in 2011. Since then it has been used to subsidise training for volunteers.

SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS: these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable

to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

DAVID OWEN

14th January 2025

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH**

**Accountant's Report to the Board of The Centre For Search Research on the
preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024.**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Centre For Search Research for the period ended 31st August 2024 set out on pages 5 to 11 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations given to us.

You consider that the company is exempt from an audit for the period ended 31st August 2024. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of its profit/(loss) for the period.

We have not carried out an audit or review of the financial statements of The Centre For Search Research. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Date :

**ALBERT GURNEY ASSOCIATES
Ltd**

**A Gurney
Chartered Accountant**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Activities for generating funds					
Commercial Activities	3	20,043	0	20,043	16,775
Fund raising and donations		7,500	0	7,500	0
Interest		327	0	327	87
Other		0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources available for charitable application		27,870	0	27,870	16,862
Less cost of generating funds					
Commercial Activities	4	15,422	0	15,422	11,955
Less: capital expenditure	5	0	0	0	0
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		12,448	0	12,448	4,907
Charitable expenditure					
Donations - Volunteer Subsidies		1,460	0	1,460	4,545
Donations - Other		0	0	0	0
Field Trial Costs		0	0	0	0
Frank Parker Fund Expenses		0	0	0	0
Total charitable expenditure		1,460	0	1,460	4,545
Movement in total funds for the period		10,988	0	10,988	362
Total funds brought forward		23,461	0	23,461	23,099
Total funds carried forward		34,449	0	34,449	23,461

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		139		875
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	6	2,289		1,557	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>32,541</u>		<u>21,509</u>	
		34,830		23,066	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>520</u>		<u>480</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			34,310		22,586
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>34,449</u>		<u>23,461</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7		0		0
NET ASSETS			<u>34,449</u>		<u>23,461</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	8		<u>34,449</u>		<u>23,461</u>

For the period ended 31st August 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with

respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in

accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 14th January 2025

David Owen

trustee

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102) and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 issued under the Charities Act 2011. There were no material departures from the standard.

The financial statements set out on pages 6 to 12 are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the Charity's affairs.

(a) Incoming resources

Income from donations are included in incoming resources in the period in which the monies have been received.

(b) Commercial trading activities

Income from commercial activities is included in the period in which the Centre is entitled to receive the income

(c) Donations and grants

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows:

when donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

when donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions of use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in restricted funds when receivable.

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(d) Interest receivable

Interest is included when receivable by the charity.

(e) Resources expended

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

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories.

(f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are written off over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

Equipment	20% per annum
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(g) Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either :

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds - these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular

restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise

when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

LEGAL STATUS OF CHARITY

The charity was established in 1997 and is registered under charity number 1064927.

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3 COMMERCIAL TRADING ACTIVITIES

These constitute the organisation of training courses and conferences carried out by the Centre, the results of which can be summarised as follows :

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income	20,043	16,775
Less : Operational costs	15,422	11,955
Operating Profit / (Loss)	4,621	4,820

4 COSTS OF OPERATION OF COURSES

Operational costs comprised:	2024	2023
	£	£
Advertising	975	0
Insurances and licences	1,799	2,115
Office costs	2,335	2,288
Travel and accommodation	7,228	2,605
Administrative, IT and sundry costs	1,829	959
Web-Site	0	2,772
Accountancy	520	480
Depreciation	736	736
	15,422	11,955

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5 FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

The movement on these accounts during the period was as follows:

	Equipment	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£
At 1st September 2023	23,488	23,488
Additions	0	0
Disposals	0	0
At 31st August 2024	<u>23,488</u>	<u>23,488</u>
 Accumulated depreciation		
At 1st September 2023	22,613	22,613
Additions	736	736
Disposals	0	0
At 31st August 2024	<u>23,349</u>	<u>23,349</u>
 Net book amount		
At 31st August 2024	<u>139</u>	<u>139</u>
At 31st August 2023	<u>875</u>	<u>875</u>

6 DEBTORS

Debtors comprised:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors and prepayments	<u>2,289</u>	<u>1,557</u>

7 CREDITORS

	Amounts due within one year		Amounts due after one year	
Creditors comprised:	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Payments received in advance	0	0	0	0
Accruals	520	480	0	0
	<u>520</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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8	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Re- Allocation	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	General funds	23,461	27,870	15,422	0	35,909
	Funds re-allocation	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>23,461</u>	<u>27,870</u>	<u>15,422</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,909</u>

9 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no post balance sheet events requiring disclosure

10 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts contracted for but not provided in the accounts	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>

11 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities requiring disclosure