



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Jan	2024		31	Dec	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

BUCKS SEARCH & RESCUE

Other names charity is known by

BSAR

Registered charity number (if any)

1073134

Charity's principal address

GERRARDS CROSS GOLF CLUB

CHALFONT ST PETER

GERRARDS CROSS

Postcode

SL9 0QA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MAGS KELLY	CHAIR	01 JAN – 31 DEC 2024	
2	JOYDEEP MUKHERJEE	TREASURER	01 JAN – 31 DEC 2024	
3	MARTIN CURTIS		01 JAN - 31 DEC 2023	
4	ANDREW BANT		01 JAN – 31 DEC 2023	
5	BEN WARD		01 JAN – 31 DEC 2024	
6	ALISTAIR YOUNGMAN		01 JAN – 31 DEC 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	ELECTED BY MEMBERSHIP AT AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Day to day operational management is by an elected committee operating within the Charities Rules and Regulations and Policies.

- BSAR Constitution
- BSAR Rules & Regulations / Governance Protocol
- BSAR Operating Responsibility
- BSAR Financial Management Policy

BSAR operates as a member team of Lowland Rescue and maintains relations with other member teams in the local area. We work on behalf of Thames Valley Police.

BSAR's financial year is the calendar year but the AGM at which trustees are elected is typically held in February, so during the financial year 2024 two sets of trustees were in office, the first until the February 2024 AGM and the second thereafter. In this term the same Trustees were in office across 2023 term and 2024.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

“The relief of sickness and protection and preservation of public health, in particular by the provision of search and rescue assistance, first aid, event marshalling and safety cover, both independently and in association with the full-time emergency services and other voluntary aid societies.”

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Bucks Search & Rescue also known as BSAR is a registered charity 1073134 had 6 Trustees at the start of 2024 and at AGM the same 6 Trustees were re-elected.

Bucks Search & Rescue (BSAR) is a team of volunteers available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to support the emergency services. BSAR’s main role is to assist Thames Valley Police with vulnerable missing person searches across Buckinghamshire and to assist other Search and Rescue teams who are affiliated to Lowland Rescue (LR), in the surrounding counties. It is also available to travel further afield should there be a national callout. BSAR is also available to assist other emergency services including Buckinghamshire Councils in the event of a major incident or providing support during inclement weather. BSAR members are trained to a national standard and the team provides foot, bike, water, air and search management capability to assist the police in their search for high risk vulnerable missing people. **In 2024 BSAR have responded to 74 incidents with a total number of 1991 incident hours.**

The Trustees are thankful and hugely appreciative of the massive dedication and work undertaken by each and every member of the team.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2024 was a busy year operationally as we implemented the Licensed Search Technician, transitioned across to the new LR Medical qualification model, saw the introduction of our new Incident Support Unit, and saw the best year BSAR have had for donations to allow us buy new equipment that has been on our wish list for some time.

- i) **Our People** – Our membership programme saw a new intake in September 2024, we onboarded 14 new Search Technicians and 2 Support members into the team. We also spent time developing the team capabilities and qualifying a number of Search Ops, Search Planners, and a new Team Leader. The competency requirements for the LR Licensed Search Technician saw a number of members exit the organisation.
- ii) **Our Infrastructure** – we continued the work to develop our governance framework, continued to develop policies and procedures and assets in preparation for moving to a CIO organisation in 2025.
- iii) **Our Finances** – We finished the year in a healthy position having brought in £98,731.31 and closing 2024 with a balance of **£52,587.29** through the hard work of the team supporting events, and generous donations and grants. At the close of the financial year we had increased our reserves to £17,000 equating to covering 100% of the basic running costs per year (included in our closing balance).
- iv) **Our Activities** – having regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, our core activity remains supporting Thames Valley Police and/or other agencies and search teams in finding high risk and vulnerable missing people in Buckinghamshire and neighbouring counties. Alongside that we have been adaptable and flexible to try and respond to any need for help that we can meet whilst remaining within our charitable objectives and meeting the public benefit test. In 2024 BSAR continued to enhance its Air team by extending capabilities with the purchase of an all weather drone to allow us more flexibility in deployment . BSAR also continued to re-align its Medical Training programme, and qualify more of the team in Search Operations Management skills.

We are all volunteers and we work with others, for others, wherever we can add value and remain true to our charitable objectives.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

During 2024 the Trustees took the opportunity to increase our strategic reserve to the value of £17,000 to ensure the charity could meet its obligations through any short-term disruption to our fundraising. This represents 100% of the basic running costs per year. It was due to the amount of donations received that enabled us to do this.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

As a charity we raise funds through supporting events and use our social media pages to generate awareness and receive donations. We are usually supported through grants and donations for specific projects which we retain in restricted funds until spent. The spend for the new Incident Support Unit is one such example in 2024.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

M Kelly

Full name(s)

Margaret Kelly

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

26 February 2025

Bucks Search and Rescue			1073134	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	8,076		-	8,076	4,439
Collection Tins			-	-	-
Event Services	11,917		-	11,917	3,654
Grants	47,241	3,780	-	51,021	32,666
Provision of Training	-		-	-	-
Reimbursement	7,790		-	7,790	7,612
HQ Office Rental			-	-	900
Other	2,427		-	2,427	819
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	77,451	3,780	-	81,231	50,090
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	77,451	3,780	-	81,231	50,090
A3 Payments					
Training	1,515		-	1,515	567
Equipment Purchase and Repair	1,704		-	1,704	3,927
Vehicle Upkeep and Fuel	2,843	-	-	2,843	4,015
Insurance & Affiliation	5,710		-	5,710	4,289
HQ Costs	4,217	-	-	4,217	4,100
Communications and IT (including Bank)	6,057	-	-	6,057	3,285
Publicity & Fundraising Costs	104	-	-	104	-
Uniform	261	1,994	-	2,255	1,499
Members Expenses	276	-	-	276	155
Sub total	22,687	1,994	-	24,681	21,837
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
New Drones	18,452	-	-	18,452	-
New ISU (Vehicle)	21,681		-	21,681	49,492
ICU (Vehicle) Equipment	5,099			5,099	-
New Bike	238			238	-
				-	-
				-	-
Sub total	45,470	-	-	45,470	49,492
Total payments	68,157	1,994	-	70,151	71,329
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,294	1,786	-	11,080	- 21,239
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,507		-	41,507	62,747
Cash funds this year end	50,801	1,786	-	52,587	41,508

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	50,801	1,786	-
				-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	50,801	1,786	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Joydeep Mukherjee	7th May 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Bucks Search & Rescue

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1073134

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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Date:

6/23/2025

Name:

Harsharan Singh

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA (ICAEW)

Address:

3, St Denis Close, Maidenhead, SL6 0FH

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A.

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