

KENT SEARCH AND RESCUE (LOWLAND)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

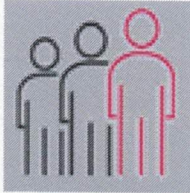
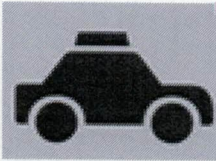
Charity Number 1091181



KENT SEARCH & RESCUE

2020 IN NUMBERS

Serving Kent For 22 Years

	1	92 MEMBERS 23 MEDICS 4 SEARCH DOGS 33 FLOOD RESPONDERS ALL UNPAID VOLUNTEERS
	2	122 DAYS DEPLOYED 502 SEPARATE INCIDENTS 11,264 HRS DEPLOYED 12,700 HRS TRAINING 3,500 HRS FUNDRAISING
	3	71% MISSING = MALES 6% MENTAL HEALTH 6% DEMENTIA RELATED 67% DESPONDENT/RISK OF SUICIDE 7 MEDICAL INCIDENTS
	4	2 X INCIDENT VANS 4 X RESPONSE CARS 3 X POWER BOATS 4 X KAYAKS, 2 X CANOES 8 X BIKES 2 X DRONES
	5	£100,000 ANNUAL COST TO PROVIDE 24/7 SERVICE ACROSS KENT ALL FUNDED BY YOU!
	6	AMAZING SUPPORTERS 8,400 FACEBOOK FANS 5,800 TWITTER FOLLOWERS 1,100 INSTAGRAM FRIENDS

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st December 2020 together with the financial statements for that period.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity's principal address:

Kent Search and Rescue
Kent Police Marine and Search Division
Coldharbour Outstation
London Road
Aylesford
Kent
ME20 7SL

Trustees

Lord Jonathan Evans (Chairman)
Mr Adrian Harper
Mr Peter Ayling
Mr Andrew Whitehouse
Mr Christopher Colgan – resigned 23rd April 2020
Mr Mark Rist – appointed 25th January 2021
Mr Stewart Baird
Mr Martin Kingman
Mr Andrew Turnbull
Mr Stuart Kenny – appointed 27th January 2020
Mr David Schooledge – appointed 27th January 2020

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is governed by a Constitution adopted by the members, the latest version of which was adopted on 25th January 2021. The board of trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - continued

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The primary objective of the charity is to protect and preserve good health and life by the provision of volunteer search and rescue teams to assist organisations involved in the search and/or rescue of missing or vulnerable persons. The secondary objective is the provision of programs to help prevent the need of search and rescue teams by means of education of the general public. The charity activities assist in the relief of suffering and distress amongst persons endangered by accidents or natural hazards in the lowland areas of Kent, particularly by providing adequate arrangements for the secure and efficient search and rescue of any person or persons so endangered. The trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE - OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Purely based on the statistics, 2020 showed a 25% increase in incidents compared to 2019. This, however, misses the important fact that, for the last nine months of the year, the Coronavirus pandemic caused major issues in the management and deployment of the team. While the team continued to be available throughout the pandemic, it did cause several operational issues to do with the safety of the members, external contacts and, of course, the missing persons. This led to unplanned expenditure to acquire the necessary PPE and, in addition to the cancellation of our more traditional fundraising events. The Fundraising team did a remarkable job of raising finance from a variety of grants and donations to ensure that the team had sufficient funds to maintain our operational readiness.

The management team developed a series of ever evolving procedures trying to minimise risks and, as far as we are aware, no-one contracted COVID as a result of any searches. Another major impact was that no face-to-face training took place for most of the members and a comprehensive program of online training was initiated and continued throughout most of the year.

On a more positive note, 2020 saw callout attendance numbers maintained, despite the risk of the virus, and the introduction of a replacement drone offering all weather capability and optical and thermal imaging cameras, which has extended our aerial search capability.

In addition to our normal search operations, the team assisted the NHS with both medicine deliveries to vulnerable patients and the delivery of COVID test kits to NHS staff.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - continued

We continued to extend our pro-active work with Kent Police, principally with "Operation Concern", where small teams identified and attended calls for concern that would have otherwise required action by a police patrol, and "Safe and Dry", where members of the team provide safety cover on the River Medway and surrounding areas during periods of concern, such as Christmas, as a response to some high-profile drowning incidents. Although disrupted by the pandemic, Operation Concern is being further developed to provide a more local response provision (Operation Concern Local) and this will be continued as we move out of the pandemic.

In recognition of the service provided to the people of Kent, we were proud to receive a Chief Constable's Commendation.

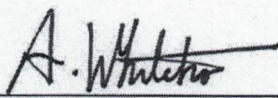
FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31st December 2020 the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be in line with expectations. The reserves at the end of the year were £234,700 (2019: £234,308). Reserves are held in order to fulfil the charities aims and objectives in the future and to be sufficient to cover expenditures for a twelve-month period.

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Andrew Whitehouse - Trustee
8th July 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KENT SEARCH AND RESCUE (LOWLAND)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity (charity number 1091181) for the year ended 31st December 2020.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020.

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").

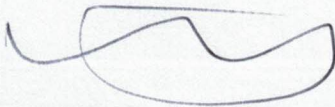
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

BASIS OF THE 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 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.



Roger P B Storey – Chartered Management Accountant
26 Cherry Orchard Road,
Bromley, Kent, BR2 8NE

Date: 8/7/2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

				<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Income from:						
Fundraising events		23,951	0	0	34,893	34,893
Donations and Grants		47,426	19,252	0	66,679	56,981
Member subscriptions		3,095	0	0	3,095	2,945
Training services		1,750	0	0	1,750	500
Interest received		29	0	0	29	75
Total income		76,253	19,252	0	95,505	95,394
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	2	82,131	12,982	0	95,113	80,562
Net income and net movement in funds		-5,878	6,270	0	392	14,832
Total funds brought forward		118,815	49,625	65,868	234,308	219,476
		112,937	55,895	65,868	234,700	234,308
Transfer to Sinking Fund Asset Reserve		43,239	0	43,239	0	0
Total funds carried forward		69,698	55,895	109,107	234,700	234,308

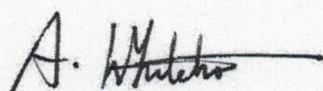
The notes to the accounts form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	<u>31/12/2020</u> £	<u>31/12/2019</u> £
Fixed assets	3	160,529	186,702
Current assets			
Prepayments and accrued income		10,886	8,523
Cash at bank and in hand		68,881	70,857
		<u>79,767</u>	<u>79,380</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals		3,895	30,873
Kit deposits		1,700	900
		<u>5,595</u>	<u>31,773</u>
Net current assets		<u>74,171</u>	<u>47,607</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		<u>234,700</u>	<u>234,308</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds		55,895	49,625
Unrestricted funds		69,698	118,815
Sinking Fund Asset Reserve		74,107	30,868
Operational Costs Reserve		35,000	35,000
		<u>234,700</u>	<u>234,308</u>

Approved by the trustees on 8th July 2021.



Andrew Whitehouse - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (SORP FRS 102) as updated by the Charities SORP (FRS 102) update bulletin. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102

1.2 Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

1.4 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. The trustees have established two Reserve Accounts, namely the Sinking Fund Reserve Account and the Operational Costs Reserve Account. The former will provide funds to replace the charity's motor vehicles, boats, drones and other large items of equipment as they come to the end of their useful lives. The latter Reserve is to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover at least 12 months of ongoing non-discretionary expenditure in the event that income levels decrease substantially due to unforeseen events.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Motor vehicles 10 years; Other search equipment 10 years; IT and radio equipment 5 years

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1.6 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds 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 or set aside for particular restricted purposes.

2 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Equipment and clothing	21,041	10,292
Depreciation	33,157	27,844
Training	5,011	5,917
Fuel and other vehicle costs	13,473	13,889
Insurances	7,987	7,005
IT and communications	10,914	14,285
Charitable donations	0	538
Member welfare and event costs	2,570	975
Finance & Carriage charges	105	322
Memberships and affiliations	154	255
Independent examiner's fees	260	240
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of assets	441	-1,000
	<u>95,113</u>	<u>80,562</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2019 - continued**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	Motor vehicles £	IT and radio equipment £	Other search equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1 st January 2020	135,779	45,954	93,117	274,850
Additions	0	2,850	6,858	9,708
Disposals & adjustments	0	0	-4,448	-4,448
At 31 st December 2020	135,779	48,804	95,527	280,110
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 st January 2020	30,868	29,948	27,332	88,148
Charge for year	13,903	8,173	11,081	33,157
Disposals & adjustments	0	0	-1,724	-1,724
At 31 st December 2020	44,771	38,121	36,689	119,581
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 st December 2020	91,008	10,683	58,838	160,529
At 31 st December 2019	104,911	16,006	65,785	186,702

4 Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

5 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Reserves £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	44,618	74,107	41,804	160,529
Current assets	30,676	35,000	14,091	79,767
Current liabilities	-5,595	0	0	-5,595
	69,698	109,107	55,895	234,700

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020 – continued

6 Movement in funds	At 1 st January 2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31 st December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	49,625	19,252	-12,982	0	55,895
Unrestricted funds	118,815	76,253	-82,131	-43,239	69,698
Sinking fund asset reserve	30,868	0	0	43,239	74,107
Operational costs reserve	35,000	0	0	0	35,000
	69,698	109,107	-95,113	55,895	234,700

7 Trustees' Remuneration and Transactions with related parties

No trustee received any remuneration during the year or had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (December 2019, £0).

One trustee controls a company that provides Information Technology Services to the charity. These services, which are all provided on an arm's length basis, resulted in costs to the charity totalling £455 during the year (2019, £4,036). This trustee also has an interest in a separate Community Interest Company, which licences dedicated search specific software to the charity for use during operational search activity. During the financial year the charity was charged licence fees for this software totalling £2,100 by this Community Interest Company (2019, £9,500).

8 Operating profit

This is stated after charging:	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of owned assets	33,157	27,844