

KENT SEARCH AND RESCUE (LOWLAND)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER 2021

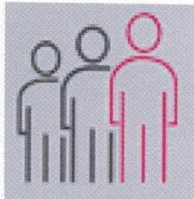
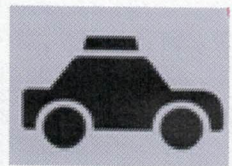
Charity Number 1091181



KENT SEARCH & RESCUE

2021 IN NUMBERS

Serving Kent For 22 Years

	1	77 MEMBERS 21 MEDICS 3 SEARCH DOGS 21 FLOOD RESPONDERS ALL UNPAID VOLUNTEERS
	2	121 DAYS DEPLOYED 401 SEPARATE INCIDENTS 8271 HRS DEPLOYED 11800 HRS TRAINING 3200 HRS FUNDRAISING
	3	61% MISSING = MALES 5% MENTAL HEALTH 13% DEMENTIA 64% DESPONDENT / RISK OF SUICIDE 8 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 10265 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS 6420 TWITTER FOLLOWERS 1576 INSTAGRAM FRIENDS

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st December 2021 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 Mark Rist – appointed 25th January 2021
Mr Stewart Baird
Mr Martin Kingman
Mr Andrew Turnbull
Mr Stuart Kenny – resigned 24th January 2022
Mr David Schooledge
Mr Brian Tinhaam – appointed 24th January 2022

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, 2021 showed a 25% decrease in incidents compared to 2020. There is no obvious cause for this decrease, although COVID restrictions may be a factor. One theory is that Kent Police have improved their internal policies, resulting in more missing people being located before KSAR were involved.

The team continued to be available throughout the pandemic, although it did cause a number of operational issues to do with the safety of the members, external contacts and, of course, the missing persons, particularly in the first six months of 2021. Fortunately, we did see the return of our single main fundraising event, the BHF London to Brighton Off-Road Bike Ride, and the Fundraising team did a remarkable job of raising finance from a variety of grants and donations to provide a high level of funds, allowing us to maintain our operational effectiveness.

The management team developed a series of ever evolving procedures trying to minimise the risks and, as far as we are aware, no-one contracted COVID as a result of any searches, although, unfortunately, some members did contract the virus.

As the year progressed, we were able to re-start face-to-face training for the majority of the members and, along with a continuing program of online training, this allowed the team to maintain the necessary core skills.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - continued

On a more positive note, 2021 saw callout attendance numbers maintained despite the risk of the virus and the introduction of a drone offering all weather capability and optical and thermal imaging cameras extended our aerial search capability. In similar vein, our sonar capability has improved with a growing team of operators and reviewers, along with the kayak team members achieving the new British Canoeing PTSA award specially designed for canoe/kayak search and two members qualified as Assessors for the award.

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 required action by a police patrol, and Safe and Dry, where members of the team provide safety cover on the River Medway and surrounding area during periods of concern, such as Christmas, as a response to some high-profile drowning incidents.

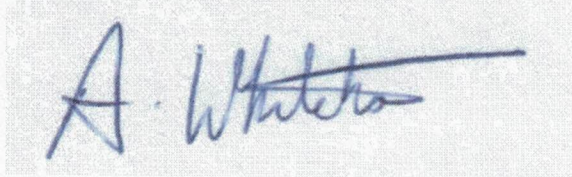
FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31st December 2021 the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be in line with expectations. The reserves at the end of the year were £252,309 (2020: £234,700). 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:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Whitehouse', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Andrew Whitehouse - Trustee
21st April 2022

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 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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") and that an Independent Examination is needed.

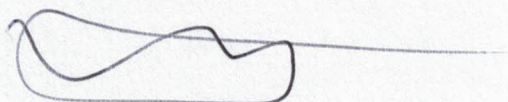
It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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.

In connection with my examination I have no concerns and have come across no 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: 21/04/2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

				<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Income from:						
Fundraising events		36,731	0	0	36,731	23,951
Donations and Grants		22,906	53,718	0	76,624	66,679
Member subscriptions		2,785	0	0	2,785	3,095
Training services		175	0	0	175	1,750
Interest received		6	0	0	6	29
Total income		62,603	53,718	0	116,321	95,505
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	2	61,273	37,440	0	98,713	95,113
Net income and net movement in funds		1,331	16,278	0	17,609	392
Total funds brought forward		69,698	55,895	109,107	234,700	234,308
		71,029	72,173	109,107	252,309	234,700
Transfer to Sinking Fund Asset Reserve		-18,106	0	18,106	0	0
Total funds carried forward		52,923	72,173	127,213	252,309	234,700

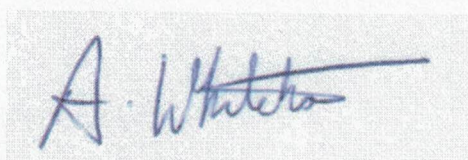
The notes to the accounts form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	<u>31/12/2021</u> £	<u>31/12/2020</u> £
Fixed assets	3	154,783	160,529
Current assets			
Prepayments and accrued income		7,727	10,886
Cash at bank and in hand		93,243	68,881
		100,970	79,767
Current liabilities			
Accruals		1,544	3,895
Kit deposits		1,900	1,700
		3,444	5,595
Net current assets		97,526	74,171
Total Assets less current liabilities		252,309	234,700
Funds			
Restricted funds		72,173	55,895
Unrestricted funds		52,923	69,698
Sinking Fund Asset Reserve		92,213	74,107
Operational Costs Reserve		35,000	35,000
		252,309	234,700

Approved by the trustees on 21st April 2022.



Andrew Whitehouse - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Equipment and clothing	18,520	21,041
Depreciation	36,170	33,157
Training	5,317	5,011
Fuel and other vehicle costs	20,666	13,473
Insurances	11,091	7,987
IT and communications	8,525	10,914
Member welfare and event costs	475	2,570
Finance & Carriage charges	135	105
Memberships and affiliations	192	154
Independent examiner's fees	275	260
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of assets	-2,653	441
	<u>98,713</u>	<u>95,113</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021 - continued**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	Motor vehicles £	IT and radio equipment £	Other search equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1 st January 2021	135,779	48,804	95,527	280,110
Additions	22,581	0	8,190	30,771
Disposals & adjustments	0	0	-2,500	-2,500
At 31 st December 2021	158,360	48,804	101,217	308,381
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 st January 2021	44,771	38,121	36,689	119,581
Charge for year	15,601	5,644	14,925	36,170
Disposals & adjustments	0	0	-2,153	-2,153
At 31 st December 2021	60,372	43,765	49,461	153,598
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 st December 2021	97,988	5,039	51,756	154,783
At 31 st December 2020	91,008	10,683	58,838	160,529

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	48,640	47,142	59,001	154,783
Current assets	7,727	80,071	13,172	100,970
Current liabilities	-3,444	0	0	-3,444
	52,923	127,213	72,173	252,309

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6	Movement in funds	At 1 st January 2021	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 31 st December 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
	Restricted funds	55,895	53,718	-37,440	0	72,173
	Unrestricted funds	69,698	62,603	-61,273	-18,106	52,923
	Sinking fund asset reserve	74,107	0	0	18,106	92,213
	Operational costs reserve	35,000	0	0	0	35,000
		234,700	116,321	-98,713	0	252,309

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 2020, £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 £380 during the year (2020, £455). 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 £6,000 by this Community Interest Company (2020, £2,100).

8 Operating profit

This is stated after charging:	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of owned assets	36,170	33,157