

KENT SEARCH AND RESCUE (LOWLAND)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

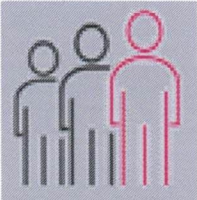
Charity Number 1091181



KENT SEARCH & RESCUE

2022 IN NUMBERS

Serving Kent For 23 Years

	1	83 MEMBERS 24 MEDICS 4 SEARCH DOGS 21 FLOOD RESPONDERS ALL UNPAID VOLUNTEERS
	2	118 DAYS DEPLOYED 391 SEPARATE INCIDENTS 8339 HRS DEPLOYED 11900 HRS TRAINING 3300 HRS FUNDRAISING
	3	90% MISSING = MALES 8% MENTAL HEALTH 13% DEMENTIA 55% DESPONDENT / RISK OF SUICIDE 22 MEDICAL INCIDENTS
	4	2 X INCIDENT VANS 3 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 10526 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS 6442 TWITTER FOLLOWERS 1626 INSTAGRAM FRIENDS

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st December 2022 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
Mr Stewart Baird
Mr Martin Kingman
Mr Andrew Turnbull – resigned 23rd January 2023
Mr Stuart Kenny – resigned 24th January 2022
Mr David Schooledge
Mr Brian Tinhaam – appointed 24th January 2022
Mr Barry Doggett – appointed 23rd January 2023

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, 2022 showed a 10% increase in incidents compared to 2021. This is still somewhat below our pre-pandemic activity, but may be a continued result of the pandemic and revised procedures within Kent Police.

The team continued to be available throughout the year, although the continued presence of COVID remained the cause of a number of operational issues to do with the safety of the members, external contacts and, of course, the missing persons.

Fortunately, 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.

After the problems caused by the pandemic, we were able fully re-instate face-to-face training for the members and this allowed the team to maintain the necessary core skills.

On a more positive note, 2022 saw callout attendance numbers maintained and the introduction of a new drone offering all weather capability and optical and thermal imaging cameras extended our aerial search capability. In a similar vein, our sonar capability has continued to improve with a growing team of operators and reviewers, along with the acquisition of an underwater remotely operated vehicle that, when fully operational, will further enhance our underwater search capability.

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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 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 the World Cup and Christmas, as a response to some high-profile drowning incidents.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31st December 2022 the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be in line with expectations. The reserves at the end of the year were £272,722 (2021: £252,309). 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
10th August 2023

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 2022.

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 2022.

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").

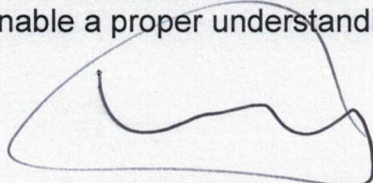
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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: 10/08/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

				<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Income from:						
Fundraising events		21,109	0	0	21,109	36,731
Donations and Grants		41,728	36,169	0	77,897	76,624
Member subscriptions		2,700	0	0	2,700	2,785
Training services		1,400	0	0	1,400	175
Interest received		328	0	0	328	6
Total income		67,265	36,169	0	103,434	116,321
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	2	47,381	35,640	0	83,021	98,713
Net income and net movement in funds		19,884	529	0	20,413	17,609
Total funds brought forward		52,923	72,173	127,213	252,309	234,700
		72,807	72,702	127,213	272,722	252,309
Transfer to Sinking Fund Asset Reserve		-2,415	0	2,415	0	0
Total funds carried forward		70,392	72,702	129,628	272,722	252,309

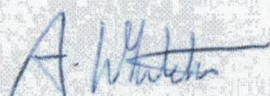
The notes to the accounts form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	<u>31/12/2022</u> £	<u>31/12/2021</u> £
Fixed assets	3	150,831	154,783
Current assets			
Prepayments and accrued income		4,360	7,727
Cash at bank and in hand		122,346	93,243
		<u>126,706</u>	<u>100,970</u>
Current liabilities			
Accruals		3,065	1,544
Kit deposits		1,750	1,900
		<u>4,815</u>	<u>3,444</u>
Net current assets		<u>121,891</u>	<u>97,526</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		<u>272,722</u>	<u>252,390</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds		72,702	72,173
Unrestricted funds		70,392	52,923
Sinking Fund Asset Reserve		94,628	92,213
Operational Costs Reserve		35,000	35,000
		<u>272,722</u>	<u>252,309</u>

Approved by the trustees on 10th August 2023.



Andrew Whitehouse - Trustee

KENT SEARCH AND RESCUE (LOWLAND)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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 5 to 10 years; IT and radio equipment 5 years.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Equipment and clothing	6,914	18,520
Depreciation	35,026	36,170
Training	7,818	5,317
Fuel and other vehicle costs	15,730	20,666
Insurances	9,335	11,091
IT and communications	10,598	8,525
Member welfare and event costs	1,795	475
Finance & Carriage charges	186	135
Memberships and affiliations	193	192
Independent examiner's fees	280	275
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of assets	-4,854	-2,653
	<u>83,021</u>	<u>98,713</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022 - continued**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	Motor vehicles £	IT and radio equipment £	Other search equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1 st January 2022	158,360	48,804	101,217	308,381
Additions	15,500	957	51,444	67,901
Disposals & adjustments	-35,260	0	-28,920	-64,180
At 31 st December 2022	138,600	49,761	123,741	312,102
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 st January 2022	60,372	43,765	49,461	153,598
Charge for year	16,134	2,318	16,574	35,026
Disposals & adjustments	-16,749	0	-10,604	-27,353
At 31 st December 2022	59,757	46,083	55,431	161,271
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 st December 2022	78,843	3,678	68,310	150,831
At 31 st December 2021	97,988	5,039	51,756	154,783

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	70,847	13,218	66,766	150,831
Current assets	4,360	116,410	5,936	126,706
Current liabilities	-4,815	0	0	-4,815
	70,392	129,628	72,702	272,722

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022 – continued

6 Movement in funds	At 1 st January 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	At 31 st December 2022 £
Restricted funds	72,173	36,169	-35,640	0	72,702
Unrestricted funds	52,923	67,265	-47,381	-2,415	70,392
Sinking fund asset reserve	92,213	0	0	2,415	94,628
Operational costs reserve	35,000	0	0	0	35,000
	252,309	103,434	-83,021	0	272,722

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 2021, £0).

One member of the Management team 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 £2,360 during the year (2021, £380). This Management team member 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 (2021, £6,000).