



Trustee Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year end 31st December 2021

2021 Statistics



61 Callouts
51 Training exercises
7,200 Total Hours donated



60 Volunteers
Includes: 4 Medical 1st Responders
7 Swift Water Technicians
6 Flood First Responders



4 Incident Vehicles
2 Rescue Boats
3 Search Bikes



£30k Annual Expenditure
£500k Equivalent value provided to Sussex Police and Community



C19 Vaccination centres
12 members volunteered
215 Shifts
988 hours



Social media supporters:
5,100 facebook page likes
5,820 Twitter followers
735 Instagram followers

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Registered address:

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Reference and Administration details.

Charity's principal address:

C/o Haywards Heath Police Station
Bolnore Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 4BA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Mr Daniel Wood	Chair
Mr Andrew Nixon	Secretary
Miss Jackie Deacon	Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a constitution, which is adopted by the members. Trustees are elected by members annually at the Annual General meeting held in January.

The charity is managed by the Honorary Officers, namely the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer, together with the support of an elected executive committee.

The charity works in partnership with Sussex Police and all members are police vetted before being accepted as operational within the team, this vetting is renewable every three years.

The charity is also a full member of the wider national network of the Association Lowland Search and Rescue.

Objectives and activities

The primary objectives of Sussex Search and Rescue are:

- To relieve the suffering and distress among persons endangered by accident or natural hazard by the provision of a trained search and rescue unit to assist Sussex Police and other agencies.
- To preserve and protect good health by the provision of education and training in outdoor safety and skills with a view to promoting the safe enjoyment of outdoor recreation.

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-To promote research into the science of search and rescue and to disseminate the useful knowledge gained, for the benefit of the public.

The trustees have continued with their duty having due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Operational achievements

Despite the continued Coronavirus pandemic lock down during the first quarter of 2021, the team attended its' highest level of search call outs for vulnerable missing people at 61. These were primarily in Sussex but also included assists with other neighbouring counties as requested. This is an 20% increase on 2020 and amounted to over 1,800 hours in searching for vulnerable missing people.

The team continued to be available throughout the pandemic, and this continued to cause challenges in the management and deployment of the team with regard to the safety of the members, external contacts and the missing persons. The committee continued to review the developed pandemic protocol to mitigate these risks and to ensure appropriate levels of PPE were available and distributed to all active members.

COVID19 limited training in the early part of the year to MS Teams sessions, and included topics such as: Dementia awareness, briefings on Search Dogs Sussex and Sussex Police missing person procedures. Live training began again in April, normal search exercises resumed with the addition of supplemental skills bases such as: scene of crime, major medical incidents and stretcher protocols. The extra bases enhanced the training for those foot teams not directly involved in the missing person find.

As a member of the Association of Lowland Rescue, we annually provide them and to the police, statistics on all incidents attended, these are built up nationally with the intention of improving search planning for future incidents.

In 2021 we continued to be included on the Sussex resilience forum, which held regular meetings throughout the year to best serve the local community, through which there was a request for support in volunteering within the Sussex C19 vaccination centres. Twelve members acted as Volunteers or Volunteer Coordinators, covering 215 shifts, equating to a total of 988 hours of volunteering in multiple vaccination centres across Sussex and they all continued to support callouts and training.

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Membership

The member volunteers committed to a total of 7,200 hours in 2021 proving their commitment and dedication continues to be the greatest asset of the organisation.

The team finished the year with a membership number of 60 which included

- 44 operational members
- 12 non-operational members
- 4 support members

During the year the Inflow included:

- 8 new members under training

This maintained our aim of sustaining a membership of around 70 personnel.

Training

Training during 2021 continued to be challenging due to the coronavirus pandemic, however the team members still attended 51 internal training exercises.

The water team qualified as VHF marine radio operators with an external trainer and 4 team members attended and qualified in a First Response emergency care level 3.

Equipment

A Land rover discovery was donated by Sussex police to the team, increasing our vehicle fleet to 4 vehicles.

Our Patron, the Chief Constable of Sussex Police, and the Police Crime Commissioner provided a grant to contribute to enhancing our water capability with two new boats.

- Whaly 455R. A larger more capable rigid hulled boat, powerful enough to operate in tidal estuaries.
- Catamaran. Small inflatable boat powered by an electric outboard. Suitable for tight areas with slow flowing, still water, particularly areas that are environmentally sensitive,

At the end of the year, funding was also secured for the purchase and establishment of a Sonar capability in 2022.

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Financial Review

The charity finished the year in a healthy financial position with £43k of unrestricted reserves which are held in order to fulfil future charitable aims and objectives, build a fund towards future replacement of the vehicles and to be sufficient to cover a minimum of 12 months operational expenditure.

Fundraising in 2021 continued to be difficult due to the pandemic, with the majority of events cancelled or postponed in the first half of the year. Regardless of this, the fundraising team secured six grants in 2021.

Restricted:

£10.3k Sussex Police and Police crime commissioner – New boat fund

£0.5k Burgess hill town council – Vehicle costs

£3.0k Ernst Kleinwort Trust – New boat Fund

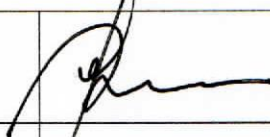
£9.0k Morrissons – Sonar equipment

Unrestricted from the £3.0k The Chalk Cliff Trust, £3.0k from the Sussex Crisis Fund.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charities trustees:

Signature:			
Full name:	Jackie Deacon		
Position:	Treasurer		
Date:	27 th October 2022		

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sussex Search and Rescue
(Registered number 1097190)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sussex Search and Rescue for the period ended 31 December 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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.

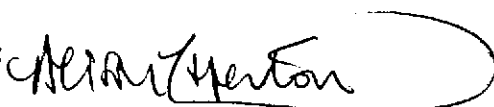
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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:



Alison Henton, FCA

18 Lucastes Lane
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 1LD

Date: 12 October 2022



Bringing the missing home

SUSSEX SEARCH AND RESCUE

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Receipts				
Donations	31,038	21,848	52,886	28,796
Interest Received	4	-	4	14
VAT Refund	3,450	2,523	5,974	2,831
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,492	24,371	58,863	31,641
Total Income	34,492	24,371	58,863	31,641
Payments				
Operational equipment	6,471	1,022	7,493	8,242
Vehicle repairs, maintenance and fuel	10,808	747	11,555	3,709
Member training	4,986	-	4,986	217
Fundraising equipment & Marketing	1,497	-	1,497	576
Insurance	4,179	-	4,179	3,214
Other expenditure	6,058	-	6,058	5,917
	33,997	1,769	35,766	21,875
Asset and investment sales				
Purchases of assets	2,785	14,818	17,603	5,782
Total payments	36,783	16,587	53,369	27,657
Net of receipts (payments) for the year	(2,290)	7,785	5,494	3,984
Reconciliation of funds in the year				
Cash funds at previous year end	47,712	2,377	50,089	46,105
Net income (expenditure) for the year	(2,290)	7,785	5,494	3,984
Cash funds at year end	45,422	10,161	55,583	50,089


Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2021


	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Cash funds				
Operations account	9,297	-	9,297	3,832
Paypal Account	3	-	3	13
Vehicle replacement account	36,122	10,161	46,283	46,244
	45,422	10,161	55,583	50,089
Net assets and liabilities	45,422	10,161	55,583	50,089

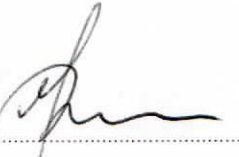
Assets retained for the Charitie's own use.	Fund to which Asset Belongs	Cost 2021 £	Cost 2020 £
Vehicles	Unrestricted	56,651	56,651
Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	5,631	5,172
Radio Equipment	Unrestricted	2,448	2,448
Radio Equipment	Restricted	25,736	25,736
Medical Equipment	Unrestricted	3,643	3,643
SAR Equipment	Unrestricted	4,580	4,580
Water Equipment	Unrestricted	7,057	6,557
Water Equipment	Restricted	15,391	1,680
Other Equipment	Unrestricted	1,244	1,244
		122,380	107,711

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Date: 24/2/2022


Daniel Wood
Chairman


Andrew Nixon
Secretary


Jackie Deacon
Treasurer