

Annual report for Berkshire Search and Rescue Dogs, registered charity number 1102479.

Address: 34 Hythe Close, Bracknell, RG12 0UY

Trustees: Lou Holmes, Sara Harwood, Sian Jones and Mark Lambden

Berkshire Search And Rescue Dogs is a small team of volunteers, currently consisting of 26 members. Of those, there are 4 trustees and a further 6 on the committee. The charity is managed by the committee, who meet every 6 weeks, and are trusted by the team to make decisions in the best interest of the charity on matters such as fundraising, recruitment and training (CPD).

Every year, before the AGM, all members have the opportunity to nominate themselves for positions on the committee, and these must be supported by two non committee members. All positions are then voted for at the AGM, and all full members can vote. Those members voted into the positions of chairman, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer automatically become trustees.

The normal activities of the charity are to assist the police in the search for missing vulnerable people. We are called to assist the police on searches at no cost. The charity is entirely voluntary and all money raised is from public donations, grants, collections and fundraising events. We meet to train on at least a weekly basis and have assessments and operational requirements which we have to meet which are set by Lowland Rescue who are the umbrella organisation for all Lowland Search and Rescue teams.

During 2023, we were called out 20 times to assist the police in searching for vulnerable missing people, and we had 11 dogs qualified and ready to be deployed at any time. While none of our dogs had finds on a live search this year, their efficient way of working helped to eliminate areas very quickly. This meant that other vital resources could be targeted to where they were needed most.

We also managed to qualify a further 4 air scenting dogs, and a second ground scenting dog. With only 4 ground scenting dogs in the country, we are proud to have 2 of these life-saving dogs with us.

During the financial year April '23 - March '24 we made £25,843.23, the majority of this (£21,604.89) being generous donations. We were lucky enough to be selected as the Wokingham mayors' chosen charity for this year, which really helped to provide a much needed boost.

During this period, we also had £21,068.48 worth of expenses. Our insurance alone is close to £5,000, and we spent almost £10,000 on equipment to make sure our volunteers and their dogs have everything they need to deploy in all weathers, at any time of day or night. A further £2,500 was spent on training/CPD for both new and existing members. We do not currently have a reserves policy, but this is something we're working on.

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		Income									Expenditure											
Date		SUBS	Deposits	DONATIONS	SHOWS	S.A.D.	C.S.J.	KEELA	SUNDRY		Insurance	Storage	TRAINING COURSES	Lowland Rescue / D4H / SEBV	EQUIPMENT	C.S.J.	Stationary / Printing	Sundry		Reciept / Invoice present		Bank Balance
		Income for reporting year = £ 25,843.23									Expenditure for reporting year = £ 21,068.48											
		792	0	21604.89	633.97	20	1371.96	0	£1,420.41			4368.91	1703.48	2498.00	1171.62	8125.79	1361.89	330.00	1508.79			
24/04/2023		24																				14547.56
24/04/2023		24																				14571.56
24/04/2023		24																				14595.56
24/04/2023		12																				14607.56
25/04/2023		24																				14631.56
25/04/2023				997.5																		15629.06
25/04/2023				20																		15649.06
25/04/2023				50																		15699.06
25/04/2023												149.80										15549.26
25/04/2023																464.10						15085.16
25/04/2023		24																				15109.16
25/04/2023							199.75															15308.91
26/04/2023		24																				15332.91
02/05/2023											284.65											15048.26
02/05/2023				4																		15052.26
02/05/2023		24																				15076.26
02/05/2023															272.55							14803.71
02/05/2023		24																				14827.71
04/05/2023		24																				14851.71
04/05/2023				4037.96																		18889.67
08/05/2023		24																				18913.67
09/05/2023														30.00								18883.67
09/05/2023															201.42							18682.25
09/05/2023															417.82							18264.43
10/05/2023		24																				18288.43
11/05/2023																31.09						18257.34
15/05/2023		24																				18281.34
15/05/2023				316.68																		18598.02
16/05/2023				1226																		19824.02
19/05/2023				110.29																		19934.31
19/05/2023																		6.60				19927.71

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23/05/2023				482																		20409.71
30/05/2024				19.28																		20428.99
31/05/2023												149.80										20279.19
31/05/2023															143.58							20135.61
01/06/2023				4																		20139.61
01/06/2023											284.65											19854.96
07/06/2023																		482.00				19372.96
09/06/2023				19.28																		19392.24
12/06/2023				19.28																		19411.52
14/06/2023				241																		19652.52
18/06/2023																		5.00				19647.52
19.06/2023				500																		20147.52
25/06/2023				16																		20163.52
26/06/2023												149.80										20013.72
26/06/2023															65.00							19948.72
26/06/2023				16.22																		19964.94
03/07/2023				4																		19968.94
03/07/2023											284.65											19684.29
04/07/2023															713.94							18970.35
04/07/2023															2600.00							16370.35
04/07/2023														110.00								16260.35
07/07/2023				118.31																		16378.66
13/07/2023														300.00								16078.66
14/07/2023									870.71													16949.37
19/07/2023																		5.00				16944.37
27/07/2023												156.76										16787.61
27/07/2023													176.00									16611.61
27/07/2023													875.00									15736.61
30/07/2023														43.85								15692.76
30/07/2023														30.00								15662.76
30/07/2023													66.00									15596.76

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12/01/2024				1.2																		22218.65	
15/01/2024				7.23																		22225.88	
15/01/2024														52.77								22173.11	
15/01/2024														45.00								22128.11	
15/01/2024															1407.00							20721.11	
15/01/2024				0.98																		20722.09	
17/01/2024				710.46																		21432.55	
18/01/2024																		5.80				21426.75	
19/01/2024				700																		22126.75	
19/01/2024				250																		22376.75	
25/01/2024												156.76										22219.99	
25/01/2024																		40.00				22179.99	
25/01/2024																		163.24				22016.75	
01/02/2024											312.84											21703.91	
01/02/2024				4																		21707.91	
01/02/2024		12																				21719.91	
06/02/2024				1.96																		21721.87	
12/02/2024				9.83																		21731.70	
16/02/2024													715.00									21016.70	
16/02/2024															69.98							20946.72	
16/02/2024															38.00							20908.72	
16/02/2024															38.00							20870.72	
16/02/2024															52.00							20818.72	
16/02/2024															5.99							20812.73	
16/02/2024																		50.00				20762.73	
16/02/2024															365.10							20397.63	
16/02/2024															207.00							20190.63	
18/02/2024																			5.80			20184.83	
21/02/2024															304.80							19880.03	
23/02/2024															31.80							19848.23	
26/02/2024				38.56																		19886.79	

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Statement of Income & Expenditure @ 31st March 2024

Income

	£
Subscriptions	798.00
Deposits	0.00
Donations received	22475.60
Shows	633.97
Sponsor a Dog	20.00
CSJ	1391.96
Sale of equipment	149.79
Sundry items	0.00
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	25469.32

Expenditure

Training Courses	1623.00
Storage costs	1703.48
Sebev one number	96.62
Equipment	9000.79
CSJ	1361.89
Website	108.00
Stationary/ Printing	330.00
D4H fees for year	420.00
Insurance	4368.91
Bank Charges	70.40
LR Assessments	195.00
LR Subscription	110.00
LR Net	300.00
Other sundry items	1006.48
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	20694.57

Profit/(Loss) for the year to 31st March 2024

4,774.75

Balance Sheet @ 31st March 2024

Current Assets

Bank	18618.44
Cash in hand	0.00

Current Liabilities

	<u>18618.44</u>
Accumulated fund as at 1st April 2023	13843.69
Profit/(Loss) for year 2024	4774.75
Balance @ 31st March 2024	<u><u>18618.44</u></u>

Notes to Accounts

Interest receivable

Interest from bank taxed at source

£
0.00

Donations Received

Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

General running costs
Equipment/Training

9000.00
9000.00

Deposits: Amounts falling due within one year

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the instructions of Berkshire Search & Rescue Dogs. I have therefore prepared a statement and income and balance sheet for the year ending 31st March 2024 from the information and records supplied to me and certify that they represent a fair view of the charity.



I J Lewis FMAAT MATT
Auditor