

# CHESHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1105454

## Details

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**Other names** CHESHIRE LOWLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2004-08-12

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ASSIST IN THE RELIEVING OF SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AMONGST PERSONS ENDANGERED BY ACCIDENT OR NATURAL HAZARD, PRINCIPALLY IN CHESHIRE BUT WITHOUT GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATION, AND TO SUPPORT ANY OTHER RESCUE ORGANISATION, AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECURE AND EFFICIENT SEARCH AND RESCUE OF ANY PERSONS SO ENDANGERED

**Activities:** To assist Cheshire Police and any other Police/Search and Rescue resource within mainland UK to locate and assist Missing Persons. This includes medical assistance where qualified, and to be an additional resource to assist at any major incident within mainland UK.

## Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£62,889	£70,084	-	-
2024-03-31	£49,218	£42,397	-	-
2023-03-31	£58,824	£32,710	-	-
2022-03-31	£46,877	£40,688	-	-
2021-03-31	£56,928	£33,457	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Bryn Jones</b>	Chair	2022-02-15
Alan Cameron		2025-04-22
Barbara Broderick		2022-02-15
David Ackerley		2025-04-22
David Newbury		2024-04-16
Lesley Davies		2023-04-18
Liam Bagley		2026-04-28
Martin Lewtas		2026-04-28
Miss R Smith		2014-01-11
Peter Taylor		2022-02-15
Rhiannon Thomson		2025-04-22

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# Accounts

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AUDIT CERTIFICATE

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I certify that in my belief the records and supporting documentation give a true and fair view for the receipts and payments for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 according to my best information and as shown in the books of the fund and the balances held.

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Wendy Wilson

September 2025

**Cheshire Search and Rescue**  
**Income & Expenditure for the Period ending**  
**31st March 2025**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Boats	15068.64
Donations	17523.73
Grants	15000.00
Insurance	0.00
Medical	0.00
Subs	8830.00
Miscellaneous	4404.78
Telephone/Internet	0.00
Training	2062.00
Vehicle costs	0.00
Vehicle fuel	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>62889.15</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Boats	18074.56
Donations	1336.79
Grants	0.00
Insurance	11557.25
Medical	3522.90
Subs	0.00
Miscellaneous	24844.78
Telephone/Internet	3736.99
Training	3431.03
Vehicle costs	891.72
Vehicle fuel	2687.74
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>70083.76</u></b>
Surplus/Deficit for the year	<b><u>-7194.61</u></b>

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## **Cheshire Search and Rescue Team**

Unit 2 - 14 Premier Park  
35 Road One Winsford Industrial Est  
WINSFORD  
Cheshire  
CW7 3PH

Charity Number: 1105454

### **TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 - 31st March 2024

#### Trustees:

Bryn Jones - Chair  
Neil Clegg - Independent Trustee  
Oly Buckingham - Deputy Chair  
Steve Dance - Deputy Chair  
Andrew Ross - Deputy Chair  
Barbara Broderick - Deputy Chair  
Dan Parker - Deputy Chair  
Rachel Smith - Secretary  
Lesley Davies - Treasurer  
Dave Newbury - Training Lead  
Malcolm Prichard - Non-Executive Trustee  
Peter Taylor - Non-Executive Trustee  
Anthony Horrigan - Non Executive Trustee

#### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

Constitution Adapted:

Constitution: Unincorporated

Trustee Selection: Trustees are appointed and reappointed at the Annual General Meeting

Policies: Governance policies are presented and reviewed by all Trustees and provided to all members

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### **Introduction:**

2024 marked a significant milestone for Cheshire Search and Rescue (CSAR) as we celebrated our 20th anniversary. This year offered an opportunity to reflect on two decades of service, dedication, and unwavering commitment to supporting our community of Cheshire and beyond in times of need.

The team has grown substantially over the years, and as of 2024, we have 63 members, including 44 operational volunteers and 19 trainees and support personnel. These individuals form the backbone of our organisation, selflessly giving their time and expertise to ensure the safety of others.

In 2024, CSAR responded to 42 call-outs, demonstrating the vital role we play in the region. Of these, 33 were searches for missing persons, with 18 taking place within Cheshire and 15 involving assistance to neighbouring teams. We also provided support to the North West Ambulance Service on eight occasions and carried out one snow rescue. These callouts alone accounted for an impressive 1,567 volunteer hours, highlighting the dedication and resilience of our team members.

Beyond call-outs, training remains a cornerstone of our operations. Over the year, the team completed 76 training exercises, contributing a total of 3,692 hours to CPD and ensuring readiness for any scenario. This rigorous preparation underpins our ability to deliver efficient and effective responses when Cheshire residents need us most.

Community engagement has also been a significant focus this year, with 122 events held, ranging from fundraising initiatives to public awareness campaigns and team meetings. These events added another 2,191 hours of volunteer time, showcasing our commitment to building strong relationships with the communities we serve.

In total, CSAR donated an astounding 7,450 hours to the community in 2024, a testament to the extraordinary dedication of our volunteers.

This year, we proudly celebrated 20 years of service. The anniversary was marked by a series of events, including the illumination of the Mersey Gateway Bridge in our team colours of orange and white. It was a poignant reminder of the impact we have made over the past two decades. Through initiatives like our #FunFactFriday series, we shared insights into our operations and shone a spotlight on the incredible individuals who make our work possible. As the year ended, we reflected on our journey and expressed gratitude to the community for their unwavering support.

Looking back over 2024, Cheshire Search and Rescue continues to make a profound difference in people's lives. From the dedication of our volunteers to the generosity of our supporters, the collective effort ensures we can rise to every challenge. As we look forward to 2025, we remain steadfast in our mission to remain professional in all but pay.

### **Financial Review:**

Funds are split between two bank accounts to ensure adequate levels of protection and resilience, with a positive balance of £40,000 Reserve maintained to ensure annual financial coverage. The Team does not invest or seek to capitalise on income or fundraising. There are no employees and no funds paid to members and no remunerations or expenses paid.

### **Declaration:**

**NAME:** Bryn Jones

**POSITION:** Trustee / Chairman

**DATE:** January 2024

**SIGNATURE:** *B Jones*

**Cheshire Search and Rescue**  
**Income & Expenditure for the Period ending**  
**31st March 2024**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Boats	318.00
Member donations	9132.00
Donations	28926.59
Insurance	73.64
Miscellaneous	10768.22

**Total Income** 49218.45

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Boats	5871.42
Courses/Accommodation	4852.64
Clothing Equipment	6839.16
Insurance	11081.97
Awards/Gifts	1812.52
Telephone/ICT	4820.53
Vehicle costs	3566.10
Miscellaneous	3552.83
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u><u>42397.17</u></u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year	<u><u>6821.28</u></u>

**Cheshire Search and Rescue**  
**Balance Sheet @ 31st March 2024**

	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank Account - Natwest	30222.29		
Bank Account - Co-Op	<u>56473.51</u>		
<b>Total Assets</b>		86695.80	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	0.00		
Creditors			
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>86695.80</u></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Balance b/fwd		79874.52	
Surplus for the current period		6821.28	
			<u><u>86695.80</u></u>

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**Wendy Wilson**

**December 2024**

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any other rescue organisation, and to provide adequate arrangements for the secure and efficient search and rescue of any persons so endangered.

### **Introduction:**

This end of year report outlines the accomplishments and progress made by the Cheshire Search and Rescue over the past year. The team has successfully implemented various initiatives, including the establishment of new lowland rescue standards, the recruitment of a professional fundraiser, the identification of new training grounds, and the introduction of new training competencies and pathways. Additionally, the team has focused on enhancing search management capabilities and streamlining debrief processes through a digital platform.

### **New Lowland Rescue Standards:**

In an effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness the team has successfully introduced new standards for Licensed Search Technicians. These standards include minimum attendance requirements at training and callouts. By setting these standards, the team has ensured the future of the team will continue to work at the highest standards.

### **Professional Fundraiser:**

Recognising the need for sustainable funding to support our operations, the team has welcomed a professional fundraiser on board. This dedicated individual will work to secure financial resources, sponsorships, and partnerships. As a result, the team's financial stability will hopefully improve significantly, enabling us to invest in critical training, equipment.

### **New Training Grounds:**

Our commitment to continuous improvement has led to the identification of several new training grounds throughout the year. Eaton Estate and Tatton Park offer diverse terrains and realistic scenarios, enabling members to complete training competencies. By building strong relationships with these training grounds, we aim to foster long-term partnerships that will further enrich our training programs and maximise our operational readiness.

### **Training Competencies and Pathways:**

We have implemented new training competencies. These competencies encompass the latest developments, techniques, and best practices in accordance with Lowland Rescue. Additionally, the team has embraced the new lowland rescue Team Leader pathway, which provides a comprehensive framework for the professional development of our new cohort of Team leaders. By enhancing these competencies and embracing the pathway, we are reinforcing our team's strength and preparing for future challenges.

### **Search Managers Training and Debrief Digitalisation:**

We have dedicated resources to train the next cohort of search managers through monthly CPD and joint training with Cheshire Police. This aims to build a strong and skilled Search Manager cadre, capable of overseeing Searches either from home or on scene effectively. Furthermore, to streamline the debriefing process, we have transitioned from traditional paperwork to a digital platform. This will significantly reduce paperwork and enabled faster data sharing with our

emergency services colleagues, ultimately leading to improved operational decision-making and more efficient procedures.

**Conclusion:**

Overall, the past year has witnessed significant progress and achievements the team. Through the implementation of new lowland rescue standards, the addition of a professional fundraiser, the identification of new training grounds, the introduction of training competencies, and the embrace of the lowland rescue Team Leader pathway, we have taken significant steps toward strengthening and future-proofing our team. As we move forward, we will build upon these accomplishments to ensure our team remains capable, professional, and ready to respond.

I would like to express my gratitude to Cheshire Police, the dedicated trustees, and the executive team for their unwavering support. These partnerships will hopefully make the teams 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year the most prosperous year the team has ever had.

I Would like to acknowledge and thank all the members for their time and dedication to the team. It is deeply humbling to work alongside outstanding and dedicated volunteers who ask for nothing in return.

**Financial Review:**

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**Declaration:**

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**POSITION:** Trustee / Chairman

**DATE:** January 2024

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December 2023

**Cheshire Search and Rescue**  
**Balance Sheet @ 31st March 2023**

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Creditors			
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<b>Represented by:</b>			
Balance b/fwd		53760.06	
Surplus for the current period		26114.46	
			<u><b>79874.52</b></u>

**Cheshire Search and Rescue**  
**Income & Expenditure for the Period ending**  
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<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Boats	0.00
Members donations	9042.00
Donations	38598.07
Insurance	0.00
Miscellaneous	2184.30
Telephone/internet	0.00
Vehicle costs	9000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>58824.37</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Boats	8081.80
Members donations	0.00
Donations	0.00
Insurance	10268.62
Miscellaneous	10263.80
Telephone/internet	1340.01
Vehicle costs	2755.68
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>32709.91</u></b>
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# Accounts

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## Cheshire Search and Rescue Team

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Charity Number: 1105454

### TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

#### Trustees:

Rick Lane – Chair  
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Oliver Buckingham – Deputy Chair  
Rob Barlow – Deputy Chair  
Rachel Smith – Secretary  
Barbara Broderick – Training Lead  
Stuart Campbell – Treasurer

Alan Parmenter – Independent Trustee  
Alan Moser – Non-Executive Trustee  
Malcolm Pritchard – Non-Executive Trustee  
Mark Simpson – Non-Executive Trustee  
Peter Taylor – Non-Executive Trustee  
Stephen Hill – Non-Executive Trustee

#### Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution: Adopted

Constitution: Unincorporated

Trustee Selection: Trustees are appointed and reappointed at the Annual General Meeting

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#### Achievements and Performance

With a new Chair and quite a few changes on the team's Executive, there have been some noteworthy adjustments to the team. We have retained some previous Executive members as Non-Executive Trustees, so we do not lose momentum and experience from previous years.

Covid has affected many Search and Rescue teams with regards to training and available courses to keep the team's skills at their optimal level. As restrictions are lifting, we have been working very hard to get back to our normal high levels. With many training courses either complete or in the diary we feel that we are in a good place moving forward. With 12 new recruits nearing the end of their probationary period, this will bring the number of active members up to 73 with many more behind the scenes. This is the optimal number for the team to run most efficiently.

We have been made Associate members of the Mid Pennine Search and Rescue Group, which allows us to be more involved with our surrounding Mountain Rescue teams. This opens the door for shared learning, joint training and opportunities for more varied callouts outside of Cheshire.

We now have a revitalised CSAR Boat Team and SRT Team which do regular training and kit nights, offering a great service for missing person searches for Cheshire Police as well as assisting the Emergency Services in adverse weather conditions.

It has also been a busy year being involved with the Manchester Airport Emergency Planning Group, planning for large scale accidents in and around the airport including the very large exercise in April of this year. This was very successful and involved a large amount of CSAR personnel and resources working directly with Cheshire & Manchester Fire Service, Cheshire Police as well as NWAS and HART teams.

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### **Declaration**

**NAME:** Rick Lane

**Position:** Chair

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Signature:** *R Lane*

## Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Section A Receipts and payments			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Fundraising	4,163	-	4,163
Donations and Grants	11,444	20,010	31,454
Member Subscriptions	9,620	-	9,620
Training	1,641	-	1,641
Cash in Hand	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> <i>(Gross income for AR)</i>	<b>26,867</b>	<b>20,010</b>	<b>46,877</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>			
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,867</b>	<b>20,010</b>	<b>46,877</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Charitable Activities	39,406	-	39,406
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-
Training Costs	1,282	-	1,282
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40,688</b>	-	<b>40,688</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>			
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,688</b>	-	<b>40,688</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-13,820</b>	<b>20,010</b>	<b>6,190</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>47,571</b>	-	<b>47,571</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>33,750</b>	<b>20,010</b>	<b>53,760</b>

<b>Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period</b>			
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>
		<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Account 1	11,475	20,010
	Account 2	22,275	-
	Cash In Hand	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>33,750</b>	<b>20,010</b>
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>
	<b>Details</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Control Vehicle		-
	Sprinter Vehicle		-
	Hilux Vehicle		-
	Support Van		-
	Boats		-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
CHESHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1105454

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
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**Signed:**

*David Wilson*

**Date:**

9/1/23

**Name:**

DAVID WILSON

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IRELAND

**Address:**

14 GROVE ROAD  
BALLYNAHINCH, CO DOWN  
BT24 8PN

**Section B****Disclosure**

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I note that on the final day of the financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2022), CSAR received a restricted grant of £20,010. No associated expenditure was marked.

**CHESHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1105454

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# Accounts

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## **Cheshire Search and Rescue Team**

Suites 4&5 Rex Building  
Alderely Road  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 1HY

Charity Number: 1105454

### **TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT**

1<sup>ST</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

#### **Trustees:**

Robert Davies MBE - Chairman

Alan Parmenter – Independent Trustee

Simon Lane MBE– Team Leader

Mark Susca – Deputy Team Leader

Mark Simpson – Deputy Team Leader

Richard Lane – Deputy Team Leader

Rachel Smith – Secretary

Robert Pearce – Treasurer

Jim Oliver – Training Lead

Anthony Horrigan – Non-Executive Trustee

Mark Clayton – Non-Executive Trustee

Malcolm Pritchard – Non-Executive Trustee

Stephen Hill – Non-Executive Trustee

#### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

Constitution Adapted:

Constitution: Unincorporated

Trustee Selection: Trustees are appointed and reappointed at the Annual General Meeting

Policies: Governance policies are presented and reviewed by all Trustees and provided to all members

#### **Objectives and Activities:**

To assist Cheshire Police and any other Police / Search and Rescue / Emergency Service resource within mainland UK to locate and assist missing persons. This included medical assistance where qualified and to be an additional resource to assist at any major incident within mainland UK.

To Assist in the relieving of suffering and distress amongst persons endangered by accident or natural hazard, principally in Cheshire but without geographical limitation, and to support any other rescue organisation, and to provide adequate arrangements for the secure and efficient search and rescue of any persons so endangered.

### **Achievements and Performance:**

This reporting period has been extremely busy. It has also found us having to completely re visit how we operate safely and maintain an effective capability whilst working within the confines and restrictions we faced as the nation was caught in the grip of a dangerous pandemic.

The year had started off well, training was being carried out routinely and we were able to qualify some of the team with varying qualifications ensuring we remained fully manned. In addition, the team received some fantastic news that after receiving The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, our Team Leader Simon Lane was named in the New Year's Honours list and awarded an MBE for his services to charity being Search and Rescue. We also in this reporting period were able to start responding to calls from the Ambulance Service to assist with the recovery of casualties who were in areas that required special access. In addition to this we have also been on call and assisted the Air Ambulance with recovery taskings in conjunction with the police and ambulance service.

As we found ourselves in the grip of the pandemic, we reviewed our own training strategy and certainly in the early stages decided to cancel a pre-planned residential course. Unfortunately, we had pre purchased a lot of food. However, we were able to donate a lot to several other charities who were working within the community. These included food banks and charities feeding the homeless. We then suspended all training. As the country came out of lockdown and with consultation of the police and our National Governing body, we conducted some low level but essential training to ensure Operational capability was not compromised. That is a policy we will continue to follow but currently all training is suspended again as we are in another National lockdown.

Operationally it proved difficult. However, the team Operational Trustees were given the task of drawing up several different courses of action to be put forward for discussion and a decision made utilising the simplest but importantly safest to not only the Casualty but our individual members who were coming forward to deploy when required despite the pandemic looming in the background.

A plan was put into place and taken to our colleagues within our Constabulary for ratification to ensure we fell within their compliance. It included a description and issue of PPE and how we would affect searching and Rescue within this restricted environment. This took into account the needs of the Casualty to ensure we also provided PPE where required for both their medical security and importantly that of our members.

I can report that the team has been quite busy carrying out searches and our capability has not thankfully impeded and we remain resolute to providing the best service we can to the community and our colleagues within the constabulary. Aside from search, we have now established a firm link with our local ambulance service and now working in collaboration in rescuing casualties in joint operations who find themselves injured in geographically challenging locations. As I write this the team is getting some rest from assisting in a flood recovery and on standby to move to another location to assist a Mountain Rescue team with a possible evacuation of a village.

The year has been extremely challenging and tough year on our team members, some of whom are also key workers but have still attended the call when asked for which we commend them, and the rest of the team for their Stirling efforts throughout, turning out day or night knowing they have put themselves at extra risk.

I am pleased to report that with careful planning by the Operational Trustees, collaboration from the emergency services, especially our intimate colleagues within the police. Importantly our members and their resolve should not be underestimated The Operational capability of Cheshire Search and Rescue Team has not been put at jeopardy at any point throughout the reporting period. The team is made up of an extraordinary bunch people who do an extraordinary thing and ask for nothing in return.

**Financial Review:**

Funds are split between two bank accounts to ensure adequate levels of protection and resilience, with a positive balance of £10,000 Reserve maintained to ensure annual financial coverage. The Team does not invest or seek to capitalise on income or fundraising. There are no employees and no funds paid to members and no remunerations or expenses paid.

**Declaration:**

**NAME:** Robert Davies MBE

**POSITION:** Trustee / Chairman

**DATE:** 22 January 2021

**SIGNATURE:** *R Davies*

# Cheshire Search & Rescue

## Profit and Loss Report

01 April, 2020 - 31 March, 2021

Sales		
4001 - Members Subs	8,372.00	
4002 - Donation Gift Aid	4,289.02	
4003 - Donation - NO Gift Aid	13,773.03	
4030 - Mem Clothing Payment	453.20	
4900 - Other income	30,041.12	
	<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>£56,928.37</b>
Direct Expenses		
5000 - Cost of Sales - Goods	652.29	
5012 - ST Refund	2,090.00	
5060 - Other Direct Expenses	9.99	
5700 - Equipment	8,604.99	
7700 - Medical Consumables	311.92	
	<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>£11,669.19</b>
	<b>GROSS PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>£45,259.18</b>
Overheads		
7100 - Rent	650.00	
7300 - Vehicle Fuel	734.34	
7310 - Vehicle Repair and Servicing	707.60	
7320 - Vehicle Licences	530.00	
7500 - Printing	212.74	
7520 - Office Stationery	664.83	
7530 - Telephone	999.03	
7620 - Consultancy & Professional Fees	110.00	

7630 - Business Insurance	4,033.61	
7640 - Equipment Hire	968.13	
8030 - Office Equipment and IT Depreciation	341.19	
8200 - General Expenses	12.90	
8220 - Clothing Costs	247.80	
8230 - Training Costs	1,589.19	
	<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>£11,801.36</b>
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	<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>£33,457.82</b>
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Cheshire Search and Rescue Team

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31MAR21	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1105454
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6 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2021Y.

**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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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No significant issues, there are more electronic receipts this year over previous years but this is as a result of Covid safety and changing in buying habits.