

Cheshire Search and Rescue Team

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Charity Number: 1105454

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Trustees:

Bryn Jones - Chair
Neil Clegg – Independent Trustee
Rob Barlow – Deputy Chair
Oly Buckingham – Deputy Chair
Steve Dance – Deputy Chair
Andrew Ross - Deputy Chair
Josh Denton – Deputy Chair
Rachel Smith – Secretary
Lesley Davies – Treasurer
Barbara Broderick – Training Lead
Malcolm Prichard – Non-Executive Trustee
Peter Taylor – 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.

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 20th 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:

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: Bryn Jones

POSITION: Trustee / Chairman

DATE: January 2024

SIGNATURE: *B Jones*

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AUDIT CERTIFICATE

I have examined the records and supporting documentation relating to Cheshire Search and Rescue's fund for the financial year 2022/23.

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 31st March 2023 according to my best information and as shown in the books of the fund and the balances held.

I am happy that the income and expenditure controls are in place.

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Wendy Wilson

December 2023

Cheshire Search and Rescue
Balance Sheet @ 31st March 2023

	£	£	£
Current Assets			
Bank Account - Natwest	26548.24		
Bank Account - Co-Op	<u>53326.28</u>		
Total Assets		79874.52	
Current Liabilities	0.00		
Creditors			
Total Liabilities		<u>0.00</u>	
Net Assets			<u><u>79874.52</u></u>
Represented by:			
Balance b/fwd		53760.06	
Surplus for the current period		26114.46	
			<u><u>79874.52</u></u>

Cheshire Search and Rescue

Income & Expenditure for the Period ending

31st March 2023

Income	£
Boats	0.00
Members donations	9042.00
Donations	38598.07
Insurance	0.00
Miscellaneous	2184.30
Telephone/internet	0.00
Vehicle costs	9000.00
Total Income	<u>58824.37</u>
Expenditure	£
Boats	8081.80
Members donations	0.00
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Insurance	10268.62
Miscellaneous	10263.80
Telephone/internet	1340.01
Vehicle costs	2755.68
Total Expenditure	<u>32709.91</u>
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