

Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade

A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee

Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th June 2025

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Address of Registered Office

The Watch House
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Registered Charity Number 1105980
Company Limited by Guarantee Number 04978640

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Annual Report of the Trustees

Year Ended 30th June 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present the Independently reviewed financial statements of Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade for the year ended 30th June 2025

Appointed Trustees

Mrs. Rosemary Roberts	Mr. John M Hunter
Mr. Thomas E Reay	Mr. Keith Johnson
Mr. Harry Hughes	Mrs Elizabeth Herdson
Mr Gordon Pratt	Cllr David Newey (Appointed 18.09.24)
Mrs Carol J Evans (Appt 18.09.24. Resigned 02.02.25)	Mr Micheal Lister (Resigned 02.10.24)

Statements of Trustees

The Charities Act 2006 and the Companies Act of 2006 require the Trustees to keep proper books of account with respect to the affairs of the Charity, and to prepare statements of account for each accounting period consisting of a statement of financial activities and a balance sheet. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the Company /Charity's assets and hence for taking the responsible steps for prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

- 1 Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- 2 Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- 3 Follow the recommendations of the Charities Commission, Companies House and the accounting profession with regard to form and content of the accounts or to disclose and explain any departure therefrom: and
- 4 Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity / Company will be able to continue to meet the objectives

Activities

The Charitable Company was incorporated on 27th November 2003 and commenced trading on 1st December 2004. The activity of Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade is the provision of assistance to H M Coastguard in saving lives by means of coastal search, coastwatch and other such forms of rescue that can be given within the Sunderland sector of H.M.Coastguard and any other area that H.M. Coastguard directs.

Financial Outcome

The income and expenditure is detailed as follows: -

	2025	2024
Income	44,490	7,137
Expenditure including depreciation	<u>16,289</u>	<u>14,452</u>
The surplus / (deficit) is carried forward to / from reserves for the future.	<u>28,201</u>	<u>-7,315</u>

Balance Sheet

At 30 June 2025 the Independently Examined financial state of the Company / Charity was considered satisfactory.

Trustees Report.

This Trustees Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

By order of the Trustees

Secretary  ROSEMARY ROBERTS

Date: 18/9/2025

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Independently Examined Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30th June 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted		Total		
		2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES (Note1)							
Grants	Barbour Foundation		2,000	2,000			
	Catherine Cookson Trust		3,000	3,000	5,000		
Legacy	Shirley Hudson	30,000		30,000	30,000		
GASDS	GASDS	1,226		1,226		1,165	
Gift Aid	Gift Aid	507		507	1,733	<u>533</u>	1,698
Donations							
	General	200		200		80	
	Mrs. R Roberts	120		120		235	
	Mr. R Cogdon	120		120		120	
	Mrs J Majer	800		800		800	
	EasyFundraising	17		17		42	
	Dr McDonald	50		50		100	
	College Music night	184		184		---	
	Landsown Darts Club	50		50		130	
	In memory F Roberts	461		461		---	
	The Oddfellows	---		---		300	
	Crowdfunder	---		---	2,002	5	1,812
Boxes							
	Collection Boxes	570		570		360	
	Watch House Boxes	80		80		132	
	Madasafish	66		66	716	<u>102</u>	594
Fundraising							
	Collections:-						
	Antiques Fair	766		766		550	
	ASDA Washington	951		951		---	
	Tesco Extra	531		531		396	
	Clays Garden Centre	341		341		613	
	Morrisons Seaburn	---		---		708	
	Pubs & Clubs	---		---		462	
	General Fundraising	243		243		---	2,333
	Northern Toy Fair	200		200			
	Stadium of Light	1,042		1,042	4,074		
Income from activities generating funds							
Tea Bar	Shop	2		2	2	<u>6</u>	6
Bank Income							
	Bank	<u>963</u>		<u>963</u>	<u>963</u>	<u>694</u>	<u>694</u>
	Total Incoming Resources	<u>39,490</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>44,490</u>	<u>44,490</u>	<u>7,533</u>	<u>7,137</u>

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Independently Examined Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30th June 2025

EXPENDITURE (Note 1)	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 £	Total 2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Administration	1,496		1,496		1,685	
Insurances	2,919		2,919		2,816	
Watch House	3,107		3,107		2,807	
Murel		2,000	2,000		---	
Window Glass	234	270	504		---	
Vehicle Running Costs	236		236		184	
Vehicle Insurance	1,732		1,732		1,794	
Rescue Equipment	10		10		---	
Coastwatch	186		186		452	
Protective Clothing	987		987		117	
First Aid	10		10		330	
Training	---		---		540	
Fundraising Expenses	408		408		586	
Tea Bar / Shop	---		---		21	
Museum	20		20		20	
Miscellaneous	206		<u>206</u>	13,821	<u>25</u>	11,377
Depreciation & Write Off:-						
Motor Vehicle		266	266		355	
Rescue Equipment	281	987	1,268		1,268	
Coastwatch Equipment	91	172	263		263	
Office Equipment	146	17	163		163	
Watch House Fittings	270	77	347		347	
WDV of Assets W/ Off	151	10	161	2,468	---	3,075
	<u>12,490</u>	<u>3,799</u>	<u>16,289</u>	<u>16,289</u>	<u>32,578</u>	<u>14,452</u>
Net Movement of funds	27,000	1,201	28,201	28,201		(7,315)
Funds Brought Forward at 30.06.24				81,749		89,064
Funds Carried Forward at 30.06.25				<u>109,950</u>		<u>81,749</u>

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Independently Examined Balance Sheet

As at 30th June 2025

	2025	2025	2024	2024
Fixed Assets (Note 2)				
Vehicle	799		1,065	
Equipment (Rescue)	3,600		4,868	
Equipment (Coastwatch)	777		1,040	
Office Equipment	471		795	
Watch House Fittings	<u>1,025</u>	6,672	<u>1,293</u>	9,061
Current Assets				
Lease - Advance Payment	27		28	
Vehicle Insurance -Advance Payment	1,643		---	
Fundraising Stock	43		15	
Tea Bar Stock	39		66	
Cash in hand	12		444	
Lloyds Bank Current Account	5,893		991	
Lloyds Bank Donations Account	82		14	
Lloyds Bank Savings Account	51,972		27,236	
Lloyds Bank Vehicle Account	4		974	
General Reserve Account	<u>43,563</u>	<u>103,278</u>	<u>42,920</u>	72,688
Net Assets		<u>109,950</u>		<u>81,749</u>
Funds				
Funds Carried forward at 30.06.25 (see note 3)		<u>109,950</u>		<u>81,749</u>

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records for the preparation of the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small

The independently examined financial statements were approved by the Trustees for issue on 18.09.2025 and are signed on their behalf by:-

Trustee  Thomas E Reay

Trustee  John M Hunter

Company Number 04978640

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these Independently Examined Financial Statements

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Notes to the Independently Examined Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th June 2025

1) Accounting Policies

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- * These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:
Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (April 2008) and
* Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and
2 The Charities Act 2011

- 3 Some elements of income or expenditure for the year related to restricted projects, all such items are identified in the notes as restricted. All other items being of unrestricted nature. All items, restricted and unrestricted, relate to the funds of the Company / Charity.

- 4 The depreciation of the motor vehicle and rescue equipment etc., owned by the Company / Charity is calculated on a write down basis over the course of their expected lives. Depreciation is calculated at 25% of written down value per annum in respect of the vehicle and 25% in respect of other assets.

The Company / Charity owns memorabilia transferred from Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade Registered Charity 1041849 most of which was donated to that Charity and is not reflected in the accounts.

Dr McDonald £50, Mrs J Majer £800, Mr R Cogdon £120, Landsdown Darts Club £50,
In memory F Roberts, Stadium of Light £1,043 Legacy MS S Dunn £30,000

Fundraising Activities

Other income from various efforts is derived from a substantial number of sources and is the result of efforts made by members and supporters. The Trustees place on record their appreciation to all who have given their time, skills and efforts.

2. Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicle £	Rescue Equipment £	Coastwatch Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Watch House Fittings £	Total £
Brought forward at 1 st July 2024	22,170	21,378	9,436	5,737	8,918	67,639
Additions	-----	-----	-----	-----	79	79
Disposals	-----	-----	-----	-1664	-----	(1,664)
Cost at 30 th June 2025	<u>22,170</u>	<u>21,378</u>	<u>9,436</u>	<u>4,073</u>	<u>8,997</u>	<u>66,054</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 st July 2024	21,105	16,510	8,396	4,942	7,625	58,578
Charged for the Year	266	1,268	263	163	347	2,307
Disposals	-----	-----	-----	-1503	-----	(1,503)
At 30 th June 2025	<u>21,371</u>	<u>17,778</u>	<u>8,659</u>	<u>3,602</u>	<u>7,972</u>	<u>59,382</u>
Net Book Value						
At 30 th June 2025	<u>799</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>6,672</u>
At 30 th June 2024	<u>1,065</u>	<u>4,868</u>	<u>1,040</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>1,293</u>	<u>9,061</u>

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Notes to the Independently Examined Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 30th June 2025

3) Restricted Funds

	Restricted Funds	General Reserve Fund	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
Funds Brought Forward at 30th June 2024	1,300	40,000	40,449	81,749
Net movement of funds year to 30th June 2025	1,201	0	27,000	28,201
Funds carried forward at 30th June 2025	2,501	40,000	67,449	109,950

4) Company Limited by Guarantee

The Company is limited by Guarantee in that every member undertakes to contribute such amounts as may be required in event of the Company being wound-up, for payments of debts, liabilities and the cost of winding up not exceeding £1 per member.

HARPERLEY ASSOCIATES LIMITED

The Trustees
Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade
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25 March 2026

Dear Trustees

Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

I have completed a review of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 and I have found them to present a true and fair view of the operations of the Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Dodds BA (Hons) F.C.A
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