

GAMBIA AND AVON FIRE SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1106650

Details

Other names GAFSIP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2004-11-09

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

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE GAMBIA ENABLING THEM TO PROVIDE A LIFE SAVING AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICE. (B) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN RELATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF PRESERVING AND PROTECTING HEALTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE GAMBIA.

Activities: The donation of redundant fire appliances, other rescue vehicles and equipment to The Gambia Fire & Rescue Service. Provision of fire and rescue training to The Gambia Fire & Rescue Service. Fire safety training to local communities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS
- The Gambia

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,014	£0	-	-
2024-03-31	£459	£25,415	-	-
2023-03-31	£459	£25,415	-	-
2022-03-31	£49,552	£35,771	-	-
2021-03-31	£11,083	£1,900	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Matthew Cook	Chair	2025-06-18
Cllr Paul Goggin		2024-07-08
Cllr Yassin Mohamud		2025-06-18
Richard Welch		2023-05-05
Russell Mitchell		2026-03-16
Verity Truscott		2025-06-19
William Rynholdt George		2017-03-09

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date		Period end date		
From	01	April	2021	To	31	March 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Gambia and Avon Fire Services in Partnership

Other names charity is known by GAFSIP

Registered charity number (if any) 1106650

Charity's principal address

Avon Fire & Rescue Service
 Police & Fire HQ, Valley Road
 Portishead, Bristol
Postcode BS20 8JJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Simon Shilton	Chair	From April 2018	
2	Dave Price		From April 2008	
3	Paul Kirk		From September 2017	
4	Ry George	Treasurer	From September 2017	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	By Deed -Declaration of Trust 15 October 2004
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	As a trust association administered by the trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees with reference to the Avon Fire Authority and the Avon Fire & Rescue Service Senior Management Board

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Other governance policies and procedures covered by the respective policies and procedures for :</p> <p>Avon Fire & Rescue Service Avon Fire Authority Bristol City Council (Fire Authority Members) North Somerset Council (Fire Authority Members) South Gloucestershire Council (Fire Authority Members) Bath and North Somerset Council (Fire Authority Members)</p> <p>These cover Safeguarding, Conflict of Interest, Managing Complaints and Dealing with Volunteers</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>GAFSIP endeavours to send end-of-life firefighting equipment and appliances to The Gambia such as personal protective equipment, old fire engines, rescue boats and ancillary operational equipment.</p> <p>GAFSIP also sends redundant office and educational equipment.</p> <p>In addition the GAFSIP helps arrange teams of trainers to visit The Gambia to provide vital training needed to keep their fire and ambulance services running.</p>
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The advancement of health or the saving of lives and the advancement of education.

The provision of fire-fighting equipment to the Gambia Fire & Rescue Service.

The provision of training in respect of fire-fighting –prevention, protection and response.

Cooperation with the Medical Research Council to provide fire safety training.

The provision of education equipment for Gambian schools and community groups.

The provision of fire safety training to local community groups.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Charity does not provide grants

The Charity does not have an investment programme. Funds are held in trust by Avon Fire & Rescue Service.

Volunteer teams for trainers regularly visit the Gambia to assist with the Gambian rescue services. These volunteers pay for their own flights to the Gambia.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We made a single shipment to The Gambia consisting of:-

- Seven fully operational appliances (fire engines)
- One Water Bowser

Team of 4 trainers went to The Gambia in November 2021 to

- provide specific training for the new water bowser and also
- basic business fire safety training
- fire safety education to schools package to Gambia FRS
- home fire safety education package to Gambia FRS

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not hold reserves. All current account balances are held in trust by Avon Fire & Rescue Service.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Avon Fire is not prepared to carry a deficit of funds.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Contributions from Gambia Fire & Rescue Service
Charity fund-raising events
Monthly direct-debit donations

Section F

Other optional information

Charitable activities in this country still continue through the active trustees. Further training trips are being actively planned. Fire engines which are nearing the end of their useful lives at Avon Fire have been identified for possible donation to The Gambia.


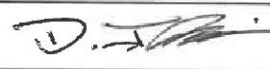
Avon Fire Authority and the Senior Management Board are still fully committed to the activities of the Charity.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ry George	David Price
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	27 January 2023	

Handwritten scribble or signature



Charity Commission Annual Return 2022

GAMBIA AND AVON FIRE SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP

Charity registration number: 1106650

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2022.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/04/2021

Financial period end date

31/03/2022

Income and spending

Income £

£ 49,552

Spending £

£ 35,771

Serious Incidents

For the period of this return, were there any serious incidents in your charity that have not been reported to the Charity Commission?

No

Fundraising - professional fundraiser

Did your charity raise funds from the public?

Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers?

No

Fundraising - commercial participator

Did your charity work with any commercial participators?

No

Government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities?

No

Government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK ?

Yes

The Gambia

Overseas government or quasi government bodies

£ 49,468

Overseas charities, NGO's or NPO's

Other overseas institutions

Individuals resident overseas (for example school fees and memberships)

Unknown /Do not know

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales?**Select countries/territories your charity operated in during the financial period covered by this annual return** The Gambia

The Gambia

Total Spending outside England & Wales

Spending outside England & Wales

When spending money or working outside England and Wales, did your charity transfer money other than using the regulated banking system?

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity have procedures and controls in place to monitor expenditure outside England and Wales?**Are the trustees satisfied that your charity's risk management policies and procedures adequately covered activities and spending outside England and Wales?**

Trading subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries?

No

Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses?

No

Did any of the trustees resign and then take up employment with the charity?

No

Employees' salaries

Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more? Select No if your charity does not have any staff or does not pay any staff.

No

For your highest paid member of staff only, what was the total value of their employee benefits?

(For example if your highest paid member of staff received £35,000 enter 35000). If you do not have any staff or did not pay any staff, enter 0 (zero)

£ 0

Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?

10

Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls?

Yes

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts 2021-22

Report to the trustees of: GAMBIA AND AVON FIRE SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP

Registered Charity number: 1106650
(optional)

On accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2022

Set out overleaf

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act) ;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act);
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Alistair Mills

Date: 31/01/23

Name: Alistair Mills

Relevant professional qualification or body (if any): ACA (ICAEW)

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