

FASTAID

England & Wales - Charity number 1117114

Details

Other names FAST AID

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2006-12-01

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

Contact

Address Arden Self Storage
Friday Lane
Barston
Solihull
B92 0HY

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND PRESERVE THE GOOD HEALTH OF PERSONS IN SOLIHULL AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS BUT THE PROVISION OF TRAINED AND EQUIPPED VOLUNTEERS. IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY RESPONDING TO CATEGORY A MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, AS DIRECTED BY WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Activities: COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS ARE TRAINED VOLUNTEERS WHO ATTEND EMERGENCY CALLS FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, WHO CAN PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT TO PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY WHO ARE INJURED OR ILL, PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF AN EMERGENCY AMBULANCE. URGENT HELP IS VITALLY IMPORTANT IN LIFE-THREATENING CASES EG HEART ATTACKS, CARDIAC ARREST, CHOKING, BREATHING, LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS OR SEVERE BLOOD LOSS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOLIHULL
- Birmingham City
- Solihull
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£72,845	£36,869	-	-
2024-03-31	£19,818	£18,620	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,343	£44,560	-	-
2022-03-31	£18,320	£22,140	-	-
2021-03-31	£31,500	£13,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hiran Kiran Patel		2025-01-23
Mike Smith		2022-01-10

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2024** to **31st March 2025**

Charity name: FastAid

Charity registration number: 1117114

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objective of the Association is to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide the relief of injury, sickness and the preservation of good health to persons in Birmingham, Solihull and surrounding areas by providing trained and equipped volunteers to attend emergencies as directed by West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust.2. Provide training and education to further the object and engage with the local community in health promotion activities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<u>Activities</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Respond to 999 calls as directed by West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust2. Training and supporting organisations and the general public3. Increasing public awareness of heart and general health problems and prevention.4. Providing Awareness courses to educate groups and individuals within the community on lifesaving skills.5. Supporting other charities & community events with first aid cover.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have regarded the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	FastAid does not provide grants.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	FastAid does not make any social investments apart from training members of the public in life-saving skills.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	100% - FastAid is a charity entirely managed by volunteers, there are no employed or paid members; all members are volunteers who give their time to carry out the charity objectives of supporting public health, wellbeing, education & fundraising.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Training in lifesaving skills: An average of 2 Community Training session were run by our members per month, training well in excess of 700 members of the community in CPR and lifesaving skills through the year.</p> <p>West Midlands Ambulance and other Public Service initiatives were supported, as requested, including supporting WMAS Re-Start a Heart day in schools throughout the region.</p> <p>Our responders logged 2496 attendances to emergency calls, we arrived on scene first in around 90% of these.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	23 new recruits joined, were trained and received mentoring in the year.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising activities were set to cover the target number of new recruits in our area for West Midlands Ambulance Service. The fundraising team had a successful year with a clear objective which was met, funding was obtained to ensure our vehicles could remain operational and equipment be replaced when needed.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Financial position as at 31/03/25: £59,596
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have sufficient funds and therefore don't currently hold a separate reserve fund
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	n/a
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>We are able to support small community/charitable events with first-aid cover within our scope of practice, and we generally benefit with a donation from the totals raised.</p> <p>Donations are collected during Community Training sessions, after talks, during community fun-days, Public CPR demonstrations, supporting Public Service open days or from grants from public or private sector organisations.</p> <p>This period we have been extremely grateful to receive a large grant from the Arconic Foundation and a very generous donation from Eversfield prep school. We also received donations from the Heart of England CCSW fund, Solihull 41 club, Solihull Round table, Warwickshire Masonic foundation, Castle Strength and Crossfit, as well as grants from Costco and LoveBrum. Moseley and Kings Health Lions donated funds for us to purchase a new monitor for our Moseley responder car, and Knowle and Dorridge Lions donated us new kit bags for the cars.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Economic strain on individuals owing to worsening economic climate & increased pressure within healthcare & all public services.</p> <p>Lower volunteer availability, higher attrition & loss of interest in the role / less time to commit. This is a volunteering activity which makes great</p>

		<p>demands for its volunteers' time in terms of CPD, reaccreditation, evidenced learning, fundraising, community engagement and active service.</p> <p>There was a significant influx of new recruits needing volunteer support for mentoring, this further stretched available volunteer resources.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Incorporated Charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by the membership; posts have a 3 year rotation. Trustees have the right to appoint replacement for a mid-term vacancy until the next AGM when that post is up for election.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are referred to the Charity Commission's guidance. Trustee Declarations are signed.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is managed by an elected Committee including Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Equipment Manager, Events Coordinator, Training & Recruitment Manager; Clinical Governance & oversight is provided by West Midlands Ambulance Service. Area Coordinators maintain contact in their local area taking responsibility for mentoring and reporting.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Arrive Alive Charity fundraises to provide Emergency Responder Scheme Vehicles for use by Community Responder groups within the West Midlands Ambulance Service Area. Their vehicles are on loan but fully maintained by the user group. The charities are otherwise not affiliated.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	FastAid
Other name the charity uses	FastAid Birmingham & Solihull
Registered charity number	1117114
Charity's principal address	Arden Storage, Friday Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0HY

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	Hiran Patel	Trustee	From January 2025	Committee vote at AGM
2	Mike Smith	Secretary		Committee vote at AGM
4	Toby Saunders	Trustee	From January 2025	Committee vote at AGM

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Hiran Patel	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	24/11/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Fastaid

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1117114

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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 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
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

27/11/2025

Name:

Mike Slater

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

Address:

Avoncroft, Binton Road

Welford on Avon

Warwickshire, CV37 8PP

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters of concern noted.

Fastaid	1117114
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Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date 01 April 2024	To	Period end date 31 March 2025

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
CPAD Funding	4,130	-	-	4,129.54	1,858	
Funded Equipment	2,407	-	-	2,406.52	-	
Donations	59,783	-	-	59,782.62	13,591	
WMAS Fuel cost recovery	6,331	-	-	6,330.80	4,189	
Bank interest received	196	-	-	196.00	179	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	72,845			72,845.48	19,818	Check -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-			-	-	
Total receipts	72,845			72,845	19,818	
A3 Payments						
Consumables	1,005	-	-	1,005	1,328	
CPAD Purchase	3,871	-	-	3,871	2,683	
Equipment	1,077	-	-	1,077	412	
Funded Equipment purchase	9,988	-	-			
Fuel	7,102	-	-	7,102	4,166	
Insurance	4,349	-	-	4,349	4,242	
Other costs	1,533	-	-	1,533	337	
Storage facility	2,194	-	-	2,194	2,114	
Uniform	1,988	-	-	1,988	589	
Vehicle costs	3,763	-	-	3,763	2,749	
Sub total	36,869			36,869	18,620	Check -
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Training equipment	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	36,869			36,869	18,620	
Total payments	36,869			36,869	18,620	
Net of receipts/(payments)	35,976			35,976	1,197	
A5 Transfers between funds	-			-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,619			23,619	22,422	
Cash funds this year end	59,596			59,596	23,619	Check -

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Account 1	49,142	-	-
	Account 2	10,453	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,596		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

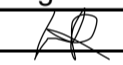
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
B5 Liabilities			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 Hiran Patel

Date of approval
 24/11/2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2022 To 31st March 2023

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Charity registration number: 1117114

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Additional information (optional)

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Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	100% - FastAid is a charity entirely managed by volunteers, there are no employed or paid members; all members are Volunteers who give their time to carry out the charity objectives of supporting public health, wellbeing, education & fundraising.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Training in lifesaving skills: An average of 1.5 Community Training session were run by our members per month, training well in excess of 420 members of the community in CPR and lifesaving skills through the year.</p> <p>West Midlands Ambulance and other Public Service initiatives were supported, as requested, including supporting WMAS Re-Start a Heart day in schools throughout the region;</p> <p>Our members supported the WMAS effort covering the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.</p> <p>Our responders logged 3060 attendances to emergency calls, we arrived on scene first in around 90% of these; so our volunteers gave over 7080 hours of on-call service.</p> <p>6 new Community Public Access Defibrillator sites were set up with our support.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	16 new recruits joined, were trained, received mentoring and 10 became operational in the year.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising activities were set to cover the target number of new recruits in our area for West Midlands Ambulance Service. The Fundraising team had a successful year with a clear objective which was met, funding was obtained to ensure our vehicles could remain operational and equipment be replaced when needed.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Financial position as at 31/03/23: £22,422 £12,343 current and £10,078 sub account
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held against restricted donations and to cover one year's expected financial obligations relating largely to maintaining and supplying scheme vehicles, a critical expense.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,078
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>We are grateful for the regular support of charitable organisations across our districts, including a number of Lions Groups, Rotary, Masonic Groups, Balsall Common Festival, Barston Charitable fund, and others; We receive ongoing support from many Residents' Associations, especially Knowle & Dorridge District, Burton Green, and from Community events and initiatives across the area. We are able to support small community/charitable events with first-aid cover within our scope of practice, enabling funds to be donated to more good causes, and we generally benefit with a donation from the totals raised.</p> <p>Donations are collected during Community Training sessions, after talks, during community fun-days, Public CPR demonstrations, supporting Public Service open days or from grants from public or private sector organisations.</p> <p>This period we have been grateful for £2000 from ASDA Community Fund and we have benefited from a £5,000 grant from the Heart of England Community Foundation, Solihull Wellbeing & Recovery Fund. This has covered all expenses relating to running our 3 Solihull area Scheme vehicles.</p> <p>Significant donations from the following donors funded 6 new Public Access Defibrillators: Belloball Charity fund x3, National Grid x1, Shirley Parish of St James x1, Dorridge District Residents Assoc x1.</p> <p>A c£3000 grant from Browne Jacobson Charitable Fund covered high quality training equipment.</p>
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Economic strain on individuals owing to worsening economic climate & increased pressure within healthcare & all public services.</p> <p>Lower volunteer availability, higher attrition & loss of interest in the role / less time to commit. This is a volunteering activity which makes great demands for its volunteers' time in terms of CPD, recreditation, evidenced learning, fundraising, community engagement and active service.</p> <p>Meetings were largely virtual, a large geographical coverage & high proportion of healthcare shift workers making face-to-face challenging.</p> <p>Frequent rotations in key positions in recent years has led to an overall loss of continuity and experience in some key roles. Governance and communication suffered. Unfortunately it has come to light that financial transactions were not scrutinised adequately, compounded by virtual meetings & lack of availability of key personnel. Overarching trust meant financial irregularities over the year were not identified, resulting in lack of auditability and possible financial losses. Control was re-established. A full SI disclosure was made to the CC & financial governance reinforced. The matter was reported to the Police. Professional oversight of finances is now in place.</p> <p>There was a significant influx of new recruits needing volunteer support for mentoring, this further stretched available volunteer resources.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Incorporated Charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by the membership; posts have a 3 year rotation. Trustees have the right to appoint replacement for a mid-term vacancy until the next AGM when that post is up for election.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are referred to the Charity Commission's guidance. Trustee Declarations are signed.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is managed by an elected Committee including Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Equipment Manager, Events Coordinator, Training & Recruitment Manager; Clinical Governance & oversight is provided by West Midlands Ambulance Service. Local Area Coordinators maintain contact in their local area taking responsibility for mentoring and reporting.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Arrive Alive Charity fundraises to provide Emergency Responder Scheme Vehicles for use by Community Responder groups within the West Midlands Ambulance Service Area. Their vehicles are on loan but fully maintained by the user group. The charities are otherwise not affiliated.
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Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	FastAid Birmingham & Solihull
Registered charity number	1117114
Charity's principal address	Arden Storage, Friday Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0HY

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 Moss	Chairman		Whole membership by election
2	Mike Smith	Secretary		
3	Matthew McNally	Events Coordinator	to 13 Feb 23	
4	Alfie Bartlett	Vice Chair	to 14 Nov 22	
5	Jon Harrison	Treasurer	to 13 March 23	
6	Alice Hawkins	Treasurer	from 13 March 2023	Committee vote until AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mike Smith	Alice Hawkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	28/01/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Fastaid

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1117114

Set out on pages

3 and 4 attached

(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 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Martine McAuliffe

Date: 31/01/2024

Name: Martine McAuliffe

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS)

Address: 62 Redhouse Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 8SP

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

I have completed my examination. As part of the preparation of these accounts, you as trustees identified and reported to me as independent examiner, and the charity commission (CC), material expenditure that had no audit trail by a previous treasurer. The trustees have reported a Serious Incident disclosure to the CC, with details of how financial control has been sufficiently re-established. I have reviewed both the submission and the outcome from the CC and am satisfied that this issue has been sufficiently dealt with.

I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention that are giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2022



To

Period end date
31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
CPAD Funding	-	8,195	-	8,195	-
Donations	7,478	-	-	7,478	-
Donations Equipment	-	3,624	-	3,624	-
Grant Equipment	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Grant Vehicle maintenance	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
WMAS Fuel cost recovery	-	4,002	-	4,002	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,478	25,821	-	33,299	18,321
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,478	25,821	-	33,299	18,321
A3 Payments					
Consumables	-	2,823	-	2,823	-
CPAD Purchase	-	8,195	-	8,195	-
Equipment	-	2,050	-	2,050	-
Fees	65	-	-	65	-
Fuel	2,203	4,002	-	6,205	-
Insurance	1,894	2,338	-	4,232	-
Other costs	236	-	-	236	-
Unauditable payments /losses	13,479	-	-	13,479	-
Storage facility	2,078	-	-	2,078	-
Uniform	-	495	-	495	-
Vehicle costs	-	2,164	-	2,164	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	19,955	22,067	-	42,022	22,143
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Training Equipment	-	2,535	-	2,535	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	2,535	-	2,535	-
Total payments	19,955	24,602	-	44,557	22,143
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,477	1,219	-	- 11,258	- 3,822
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,603	10,034	-	33,637	-
Cash funds this year end	11,126	11,253	-	22,379	- 3,822

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		11,126	11,253	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,126	11,253	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
	Text		-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Alice Hawkins	31/01/2024	
		Mike Smith	31/01/2024	

FASTAID

England & Wales - Charity number 1117114

Accounts



**Trustees' Annual
Report &
Financial Statement
For the year April 1
2020- March 31 2021**

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Trustees Annual Report
Year April 1 2020 - March 31 2021

1 Reference and Administrative details

Ben East
Chairman

Ben East - Chairman and Community First Responder
Richard Jay - Vice Chairman and Community First Responder
Jon Harrison - Treasurer and Community First Responder
Alice Hawkins - Secretary and Community First Responder
Matthew McNally - PR and Events Coordinator
Russell Warwick - Training & HeartStart Coordinator and Community First Responder
Simon Moss - Uniform & Equipment and Community First Responder

Bank
HSBC
3 Poplar Road Solihull
West Midlands B91 3AF

Summary

West Midland Ambulance Service started a large recruitment in 2021, along with a new national qualification that will be rolled out by WMAS training department. This has resulted in 20 new CFRs for Fastaid

Structure, Management and Governance

Governing Document

FastAid was formed in January 2006 and became a registered charity during the same year, constituted as an association. Its Charity Number is 1117114. It adopted a new constitution in December 2016 and made two additions in June 2018.

Organisation Structure

In December 2016 members unanimously voted in a new constitution. Until then, there had been an elected committee of members and a separate body of trustees. Under the new constitution, both roles are combined with all seven committee members accepting the role of trustee to the charity.

Committee Members and Trustees

Committee members and trustees are voted in by the membership at the AGM following a rolling three year term for posts. Any vacancy which occurs during the year is advertised to the membership and where appropriate, a ballot is held. Such appointments are reconfirmed at the next AGM. All trustee appointments

are subject to DBS disclosure, satisfaction of trustee's declaration, banking checks and other requirements. Trustees are supplied with, and agree to, full details of their roles and responsibilities.

Due to COVID-19 the AGM has been postponed and awaiting a date, all current committee members have remained in place during this time.

Membership

Full membership of The Association is available to all persons aged 18 years or over who are interested in furthering the objective, after completing the application process and meeting the criteria of the association membership policies and who have an active status as Community First Responder (CFR), or are appointed as trustee.

Associate, non-voting membership of The Association, is available for persons wishing to be involved with the charity, but do not have the active status as CFR. Such persons are acknowledged as Friends of FastAid and may assist with fundraising, training and PR. It may also be a pathway to later qualification as a CFR.

Governance

When acting in the capacity of Community First Responders, the overarching document for FastAid and its membership is the Community First Responder Framework developed by West Midlands Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust (WMAS) in conjunction with all CFR groups via the Regional Forum.

In matters regarding the charity, the day to day management of the charity is conducted by the committee and trustees in line with the constitution dated December 2016 and later amendments. The committee must meet at least six times per year, minutes of the meetings produced and made available to members. An AGM is held after the accounts are drafted, usually in June.

Risk Management

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility on risk management including risks related to

Governance - Community risk - Financial risk - Likelihood of occurrence - General Data Protection -

Conflict of Interest - Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children

These processes also check all governance and activities carried out by FastAid and its members to ensure there is no undue exposure to identifiable risks.

These risk profiles are continually reviewed. As a result of the processes, the trustees are satisfied that residual risks are minimal.

2. Objects & Activities

Objects

The objective of the Association is to:

1. Provide the relief of injury, sickness and the preservation of good health to persons in Birmingham, Solihull and surrounding areas by providing trained and equipped volunteers to attend emergencies as directed by West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.
2. Provide training and education to further the object and engage with the local community in health promotion activities.

Activities

1. Respond to 999 calls as directed by West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
2. Training and supporting other responder groups, organisations and the general public
3. Increasing awareness of heart and general health problems and prevention
4. Providing 'HeartStart' courses to educate individuals within the community on lifesaving skills.
5. Supporting other charities & community events with first aid cover.

Independent Review of Internal Activities and Relationships

In July 2017, together with West Midlands Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust, the committee and trustees asked an independent person to review recent activities within FastAid from March 2017, following the resignation of the then chairman and secretary. The appointed reviewer was chair of a CFR group, a WMAS FT Governor and a JP. He looked at relationships within FastAid, the adherence or otherwise to policy and procedures and the use of social media. All members and past members were given an opportunity to contribute. In total, 17 members participated.

The report came out in January 2018. Whilst the trustees were satisfied there had been no risks to the charity identified, actions were required. The principle finding was that relationships within FastAid had broken down beyond repair and that FastAid should split into two groups, the makeup being 'self-evident'. The current committee and trustees began work on the implementation of the recommendation and in July 2018 three CFRs transferred out of FastAid to Henley in Arden Community First Responders. They were assisted with kit, uniform and a monetary sum. Later, in November 2018, a fourth member, then the FastAid treasurer and trustee, also transferred to Henley in Arden Community First Responders.

3. Achievement & Performance Responders

CFRs are asked to complete a minimum of 20 hours on call monthly to maintain their skill sets.

Following recruitment and training, people who volunteer include a doctor, three nurses, paramedics as well as volunteers from all backgrounds.

FastAid CFRs are a constant and excellent source of recruitment for WMAS and many then keep in touch and assist in training.

During this reporting year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CFR activities were temporarily suspended and then some CFRs decided not to respond due to underlying health issues with them or their loved ones. Nevertheless FastAid CFRs provided over 6,000 voluntary hours on call to WMAS and were dispatched to 1141 999 calls. CFRs are first on scene in 91% of calls. CFRs normally cover up to 10 minutes traveling time from their home or work place. Because they are 'local', they can be on scene quickly to start lifesaving treatment, begin clinical care and provide reassurance to patient and relatives before the ambulance arrives. In life threatening emergencies, the time saved can be critical. CFRs are always backed up by an ambulance as soon as one is available.

Training and Qualifications

WMAS had reviewed its qualifying examining and introduced a new national qualification through their own training and development department, FRoS. The

new course which will run over 3 consecutive weekends will mean CFR's will be deployed to only category 1 and 2 calls within their local community

FastAid CFRs meet monthly at Touchwood Shopping Centre for training sessions in addition to annual mandatory updates to re-qualify. There is a requirement to maintain a record of calls and a Continuous Personal Development file. In addition, a WMAS workbook must be completed along with Post Qualification Updates. During the year specialist training included paediatric emergencies, management of burns, road traffic collisions and 3 modules in patient examination.

Queens Award for Voluntary Service

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in their communities. This is regarded as the MBE for voluntary organisations. In 2016 FastAid was the first West Midlands CFR group to receive the award and is entitled to use the logo on stationery, in publications, on banners, notice boards and its website. FastAid members are rightly proud of this official recognition of their life saving role.

West Midlands Ambulance Awards Excellence in the Community Awards
Once again FastAid CFRs featured prominently in recognition of exceptional service in The Excellence in the Community Awards presented by West Midlands Ambulance Chairman Sir Graham Meldrum and Chief Executive Anthony Marsh.

Event Cover

FastAid continues to support community events by providing first aid cover for which it receives donations. The members providing this service wear a distinctive red uniform. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, event cover has been virtually nil during this reporting year.

HeartStart

FastAid continues to engage with the community on two hour training sessions incorporating cardiopulmonary resuscitation, dealing with severe bleeding, heart attacks and choking. These courses are free but often the public do make donations.

Public Access Defibrillators

Members keep a watchful eye on many defibrillators around the area and work with groups in training on the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). As more defibrillators are placed within cabinets with public access, the demand for training is increasing and FastAid has made it an important part of its community engagement. A new National Data Base, The Circuit, has been established and WMAS has led the way in ensuring all defibrillators will be listed. FastAid has made an important contribution as guardians of local sites.

Scheme Cars

FastAid is committed to ensuring each CFR has access to a scheme car. . All 5 scheme cars are under 5 years old. .

FastAid is extremely grateful to Solihull Council Local Innovation Fund for the funding of a Jeep which we have purchased. We are also constantly being

updated with updated vehicle from a charity called Arrive Alive, we currently have two vehicle from them and looking at a third in the near future.

With WMAS looking at CFRs they are trying to bring all areas into one level, this means removing all blue emergency lights from all vehicles and having scheme cars with the same livery.

Although some CFRs still use their own vehicle, scheme cars carry much more equipment:-

An ambulance radio, a defibrillator with ECG and visual heart tracing capacity, electronic suction, a portable patient monitor with blood pressure, oxygen saturation and three lead ECG with printer, safety helmets, neck collars, sterile water, triage cards, major trauma dressings. Because of the high visibility markings and safety lighting, only scheme cars are sent to road traffic collisions and are part of the major incident plan. WMAS has provided an electronic patient report tablet for a more efficient and paperless handover.

Cycle Response Unit

FastAid is one of a limited number of responder groups to have a cycle scheme which is used at events and town centres.

Supporters

FastAid is grateful for the support it receives from the Community Response WMAS, local businesses such as Touchwood Solihull, Jaguar Land Rover and community groups such as Solihull Lions, Knowle and Dorridge Lions, Shirley Lions, Balsall Common Lions, Marston Green Lions, Shirley Round Table, Knowle and Dorridge Round Table, Freemasons, Solihull Rotary, Soroptimist Internationals Birmingham City Council and to the support given by other organisations such as West Midlands Fire Service who provide facilities for our cycles and scheme cars. There are many individuals and church groups who make donations, large and small, which both encourage us and provide valuable finance for our responding.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income and Expenditure Account 2019-2020	£
Opening Balances at Bank	27,914
<u>Income</u>	
Fuel Reimbursed	824
Donations	30,388
Equipment Sold	210
Bank interest	5
Total income	31,427
<u>Expenditure</u>	
CFR Expenses	1,121
Vehicle Leasing	1,479
Equipment	2,082
Vehicles	13,705
Governance/miscellaneous	384
Storage	2,078
Uniform	1,171
Total Expenditure	22,020
Net expenditure	9,407
Closing balances at bank	37,321
Current account	27,288
Deposit account	10,033

Ringfence Account - £10033



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Fast Aid

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2021

Charity no (if any)

1117114

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature box]

Date:

27 January 2022

Name:

John Eames-Petersen

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

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Address:

38 Hazel Grove, Hatfield, Hertfordshire. AL10 9DN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Fast Aid	No (if any) 1117114
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1-Apr-20	To	Period end date 31-Mar-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	30,388	-	-	30,388
Other income	1,034	-	-	1,034
Interest received	5	-	-	5
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,427	-	-	31,427
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,427	-	-	31,427
A3 Payments				
Vehicle & Equipment costs	12,536	-	-	12,536
Governance	384	-	-	384
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,920	-	-	12,920
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Formerly leased vehicle	9,100	-	-	9,100
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,100	-	-	9,100
Total payments	22,020	-	-	22,020
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,407	-	-	9,407
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,914	-	-	27,914
Cash funds this year end	37,321	-	-	37,321

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash with bank	27,321	10,000
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	27,321	10,000
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

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Last year
to the nearest £

13,591
3,824
20
-
-
-
-
-
17,435

-
-
-

17,435

22,351
284
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
22,635

-
-
-

22,635

-
5,200
-
33,114
27,914



**Endowment funds
to nearest £**

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-
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**Endowment funds
to nearest £**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of approval
