



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2024 Period start date To 31/12/2024 Period end date

Charity name: Dorset Search and Rescue

Charity registration number: 1121658

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To preserve and protect the health of people who are missing or overdue by assisting the police and other agencies in the search
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	Search and rescue operations for missing and vulnerable people in Dorset
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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	47 call outs where personnel were deployed to search for vulnerable missing persons over the year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash and bank balances at the year-end were £57,786.69. Of these, £950.36 related to restricted funds and the remainder to unrestricted funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Sufficient reserves to maintain expenditure
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
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	Nil

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	
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	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
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	Elected by the membership voting at the AGM or appointed via a meeting of the other trustees

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dorset Search and Rescue
Other name the charity uses	DorSAR
Registered charity number	1121658
Charity's principal address	PO Box 5988 Dorchester Dorset DT1 9AF

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)
Stephen Slough	Unit Leader		
Paul Shelton	Secretary		
David Hixson-Ward	Membership Secretary	18/10/2024	
Adrian Goodhand	Operations Lead		
Chris Ramsey From 20/03/2024	Search Lead		
Caroline Sutton	Treasurer		
Sian Smail From 20/03/2024	Fundraising & Marketing Lead	18/07/2024	
Robert Mace	Additional Trustee		
Victoria Cannings From 20/03/2024	Members Representative		

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	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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)

	
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Full name(s)

Caroline Guinevere Sutton

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**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair,
etc)**

Treasurer

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Date

06/10/2025

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Charity Name Dorset Search and Rescue			No (if any) 1121658	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024	

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					
Donations, legacies and charity activities	28,556	-	-	28,556	41,438
Subscriptions 2024	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,090
Subscriptions 2025	550	-	-	550	800
Dorset Council Grant	-	-	-	-	2,000
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	-	596
Interest received	21	-	-	21	28
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,127	-	-	31,127	46,952

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	31,127	-	-	31,127	46,952
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A3 Payments

Vehicle expenses	9,436	90	-	9,526	5,413
Insurances	8,488	-	-	8,488	7,432
Communications	1,756	-	-	1,756	1,532
Equipment	1,819	1,112	-	2,931	962
Training courses	5,690	230	-	5,920	591
Rent	2,063	-	-	2,063	2,625
Other expenditure	3,889	-	-	3,889	3,124
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	33,141	1,432	-	34,573	21,679

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

ID Card Printer	972	-	-	972	-
Gazebo/Shelter	1,563	-	-	1,563	-
Sub total	2,535	-	-	2,535	-

Total payments	35,676	1,432	-	37,108	21,679
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Net of receipts/(payments)	(4,549)	(1,432)	-	(5,981)	25,273
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A5 Transfers between funds

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A6 Cash funds last year end	61,386	2,382	-	63,768	38,495
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Cash funds this year end	56,837	950	-	57,787	63,768
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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	Bank Accounts	56,669	950	-
	Cash	168	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	56,837	950	-

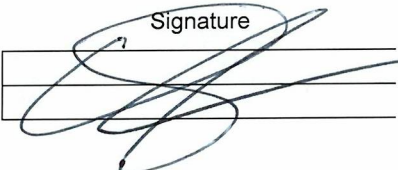
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	Control vehicle	Unrestricted	-	-
	Support vehicle (Land Rover)	Unrestricted	-	-
	Water vehicle crew cab	Unrestricted	-	-
	3 Rescue boats & 2 outboard motors	Unrestricted	-	-
	Radio equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	3 Generators	Unrestricted	-	-
	Drone	Unrestricted	-	-
	3 Mountain bikes	Unrestricted	-	-
	Vehicle shelter	Unrestricted	-	-
	ID Card Printer	Unrestricted	-	-
	Gazebo/Shelter	Unrestricted	-	-

	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	Date of approval
	Caroline Guinevere Sutton	06/10/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
DORSET SEARCH AND RESCUE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1121658

Set out on pages

CC16a Receipts and Payments Accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 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.

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:

Date:

6/10/2025

Name:

Kevin Wheldon BSc (Hons) ACA

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

ICAEW

Address:

Edwards & Keeping

Unity Chambers, 34 High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1HA

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.