

**Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team**  
(Registered charity, number 1152175)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**Full name** Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team

**Other names by which the charity is known** NSART

**Registered charity number** 1152175

**Principal address**

Ransom Hall South, Ransom Wood Business Park, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire,  
NG21 0HJ

**Trustees**

Paul Heslop, from 13/07/2023  
Kerry Newcombe, from 13/07/2023  
Joanna Scott, from 15/06/2023  
Paul Maloney, from 12/06/2023  
Stewart Philpott, from 12/06/2023  
Duncan McCondach, Community Officer, until 15/06/2023  
Terence Smith  
Caroline McCondach, Training Officer, until 08/02/2024  
Dianne Smith, until 15/06/2023

**Committee members**

Jo Scott, Chairman  
Paul Heslop, Vice Chairman  
Stewart Philpott, Secretary  
Paul Maloney, Treasurer  
Phillip Abbiss, Membership Officer  
Kerry Newcombe, Training Officer  
Philip Gadd, Team Representative  
Mel Ryan – Team Representative

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2, North West,  
41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL.

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 26 March 2013 and most recently amended 4 August 2016.

**Objectives and activities**

- To protect and preserve good health and life by the provision of volunteers and volunteer search dogs to assist organisations involved in the search and rescue of missing persons.
- To advance the education of the public in all matters relating to lowland search and rescue.

## Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team

Our highly trained volunteers work alongside Nottinghamshire Police to search for, locate and rescue missing vulnerable people in the community.

### Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

We are available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. We search for vulnerable missing people such as the elderly, dementia sufferers, despondent, children and anyone deemed to be at risk.

### Summary of the main achievements during the period

We have attended several callouts to search for vulnerable missing people - both in Nottinghamshire and surrounding counties.

Our members have also participated in fundraising activities including the provision of event first aid cover.

### Financial review

During the financial year we focussed on increasing our reserves following the impact of covid on fundraising. The financial risks we face are replacement costs of vehicles and key equipment, should they require decommissioning.

### The charity's policy on reserves

We hold a separate account for reserves. Periodically, funds over this balance are transferred to the separate reserves account. Reserves are required for the following four main reasons:

- (a) saving for a permanent premises;
- (b) vehicle replacement costs;
- (c) covering day to day expenses to meet cashflow challenges and;
- (d) to cover unexpected charitable income loss.

In addition in 2022 we introduced a 3 year operational costs reserve to ensure that should an event like Covid hit again we have reserves to remain operational at a minimum level.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Jo Scott  
Jo Scott, Trustee

Date 29.01.25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

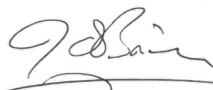
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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 29/01/2025  
John O'Brien MSc, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

2023			Unrestricted	Restricted	2024
Total			Funds	Funds	Total
Funds		Note	Funds	Funds	Funds
£			£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
63	Bank interest		409	-	409
15246	Grants & donations	2	13511	-	13511
884	Fundraising		1337	-	1337
-	First aid event		210	-	210
1104	Sundry receipts		307	-	307
1254	Uniform & kit		1851	-	1851
-	VAT refund		2449	-	2449
-	Sale of donated vehicle		8000	-	8000
<u>18551</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>28074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28074</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
62	Bank charges		64	-	64
35	Computer expenses		10	-	10
92	Delivery		20	-	20
8644	Equipment		72	-	72
420	Fees		440	-	440
-	Fundraising costs		167	-	167
1727	Insurance		1754	-	1754
1570	Keela & general clothing		2897	-	2897
834	Memberships & subscriptions		2838	-	2838
1478	Motor & travel		13531	-	13531
1414	Rent		1414	-	1414
682	Sundries		286	-	286
377	Telephone		365	-	365
350	Training		105	1865	1970
2439	VAT		1614	-	1614
<u>20124</u>	<b>Total payments</b>		<u>25577</u>	<u>1865</u>	<u>27442</u>
(1573)	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		2497	(1865)	632
25820	Cash funds at start of this period		22382	1865	24247
<u>24247</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>		<u>24879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24879</u>

**Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 31 March 2024**

2023			2024
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	Note	£
24247	Bank accounts		24879
<u>24247</u>			<u>24879</u>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>	4	
2439	Debtors - VAT recoverable		-
1694	Prepayments		3746
<u>4133</u>			<u>3746</u>
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
(528)	Creditors - Independent examination fee		(588)
<u>(528)</u>			<u>(588)</u>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		
	(At Cost)		
	Mitsubishi Outlander BU16VWC, March 2024		11128
	Equipment and tools		8490
	Radios and associated accessories		3374
	Drones x 4		9211
	Laptops		3265
	Radios x 4		1613
	iPads x 3		1317
	Thermal imaging cameras		1057
	Generator		1019
	Mountain Bikes x 4		1000
	Training manikin		851
	Mascot		500
	Mercedes Sprinter gifted to NSART by AllTruck 2012		-
	Trailer gifted by Nottinghamshire Police		-
	Portacabin gifted by Nottingham City Transport		-
			<u>42825</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Jo Scott Dated 29.01.25  
Jo Scott, Trustee

**Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

**2. Grants & donations**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Groundwork UK (Tesco Grant)	702	-	702
Robin Hood Lottery	387	-	387
CAF	230	-	230
Masons	225	-	225
Moxie Business Space	200	-	200
Barrat Homes	3000	-	3000
Papplewick Village Hall	100	-	100
Beeston AC	540	-	540
Rasselbock First Aid	1125	-	1125
National Trust First Aid	1050	-	1050
Kirkby In Ashfield Riding Club First Aid	600	-	600
Jason Randall	60	-	60
Nottinghamshire Anaconda First Aid	180	-	180
Nottingham University Hospital First Aid	360	-	360
Rasselbock Running	4175	-	4175
Chetwynd Barracks	158	-	158
National Trust	420	-	420
	<b>13511</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13511</b>

**3. Funds analysis**

	Opening balance	Receipts (Payments)		Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
CO-OP - Training	210	-	(210)	-
CO-OP Local Community Fund - Mental Wellbeing	1654	-	(1654)	-
	<b>1864</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1864)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	22383	28073	(25577)	24879
	<b>22383</b>	<b>28073</b>	<b>(25577)</b>	<b>24879</b>

## Nottinghamshire Search and Rescue Team

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

- CO-OP – Training: To support the building of a Drone Team within NSART, by purchasing equipment, training personnel. To support the training of volunteers to national standards.
- CO-OP Local Community Fund – Mental Wellbeing - In order to continue our vital work searching for vulnerable missing people, we want to be able to invest in maintaining and advancing our team's skills and the equipment we use. We rely on life saving specialist equipment to search for, rescue and recover vulnerable missing people including drones, mountain bikes, radios, thermal imaging cameras, stretchers and other first aid and medical kit. This all needs to be maintained, insured and repaired/replaced or upgraded. We need to train our volunteers to nationally recognised standards in the specialist skills needed.

### 4. Prepayments

	£
Membership fee	177
Motor & travel expenses	803
Insurance	966
Annual licence	1800
	<u>3746</u>

### 5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

### 6. Glossary of terms

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

**Debtors:** These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

**Prepayments:** These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.