

York Rescue Boat Unaudited Accounts

For the Year Ended 5 April 2024
Charity no: 1155849



YORK RESCUE BOAT

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name: York Rescue Boat

Charity number: 1155849

REGISTERED ADDRESS

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David Grabowski
Joanne Lynch
Alistair McCleary
Robert Newport
Andrew Hart

(Resigned April 2024)

YORK RESCUE BOAT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Structure, governance and management

York Rescue Boat is a charitable incorporated organisation registered at the Charity Commission. It is governed by a foundation constitution registered 19 February 2014 amended on 11 July 2017.

Objectives and activities

The aim of the York Rescue Boat (YRB) is to provide water safety education, preventions and rescue with the aim of saving lives. It will achieve this through the following activities:

1. Provision of land and river-based water safety patrolling within the York area.
2. Provision of flood rescue in York and as part of the national contingency framework.
3. There are Memorandums of Understanding in place with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and North Yorkshire Police, who are able to call upon York Rescue Boat to assist with rescues, missing person searches and any other incidents where our expertise and equipment can be used on a 24/7 call out system.
4. As well as the high-profile prevention and rescue side of the charity, York Rescue Boat team members help with a program of education, going into schools, Scout groups, colleges, universities and other interested groups, educating them on the dangers of open water and how to stay safe around it.
5. Fundraising and communication to support the activities identified.

As trustees, we are confident that we have complied with the duty under section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The volunteers work centres, primarily, around the Rivers Ouse and Foss in York. Uniquely we work to make the City's rivers safer by carrying out combined patrols by boat and on foot every weekend and high-risk times throughout the year along with call outs by the emergency services, as opposed to just responding to emergency calls. We also cover other times as requested by North Yorkshire Police or other agencies. This approach brings team members into contact with many people along the rivers. Many of people we deal with during incidents are classed as vulnerable or with Mental Health issues and who are drawn to the river.

YRB has also seen an increase in the number of call outs from the Police and Fire and Rescue Service to assist in searches, securing of vessels and body recovery. YRB is also registered on the National Flood Asset Register and team members can be deployed nationally to assist with major flooding incidents.

YRB also provides educational inputs on water safety in schools and organisations within York and the surrounding area, on some occasions in conjunction with North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

The charity does not make any grants and has not made any financial investments since its inception.

The charity is entirely staffed by enthusiastic, motivated volunteers who receive no payment for their voluntary work. This is continued from senior management and trustees through to all operational crew and fundraisers. Between them they run operational duties, manage and undertake comprehensive in-house training and assessments, fundraise and complete the myriad of tasks required to maintain the high quality, skilled and well-regarded services that they provide to the people of and the visitors to York and the emergency services.

Achievements and performance

The volunteers of York Rescue Boat have faced another busy year, attending a number of call outs as well as incidents on shift. Planning and running fundraising events and education workshops.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024 (Continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

In total 6654 volunteer hours equated to 5207 – Operational Hours – 1447 hrs – Fundraising Hours.

Breakdown of incidents and callouts compared to (2022/2023)

- Call Outs 47 (33)
- Incidents on shift 33 (28)
- Concerns for Safety 23 (20)
- Casualties in water 27 (19)
- Missing from Home 16 (8)
- People Assisted 40 (37)
- Mental Health Related 48.78% (37.7%)
- Assistance to other Vessels 9 (1)

The actions of the volunteers of York Rescue Boat led to the saving of 7 lives.

Staffing, Training and Recruiting

Staffing – currently there are 27 operationally qualified volunteers, and 8 Fundraisers.

Financial review

The charity made a net receipt of £6,899 (2023: net payment of £35,066) thanks to all the donations and fundraising which took place in the year.

The free reserves on 5 April 2024 are £50,072 (2023: £48,522). Any reserves which have been generated in the year are carried forward to the next financial year and are used to provide additional training and equipment and used against operational costs – fuel, maintenance costs etc.

Further financial review details

YRB generates most of its running costs through self-generated fundraising. It applies for both government, business, and individual grants to fund training and major equipment purchases.

All purchase orders over £100 require Trustee approval:

£100 - £499 – 1 Trustee

£500 - £999 – 2 Trustees

Over £1,000 – all Trustees to approve.

Daily running costs involving sums less than £100 do not require trustee approval but are audited by the bookkeeper and treasurer on a regular basis and must be supported by receipts.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

David Grabowski

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Andrew Hart

A Hart

31 January 2025

YORK RESCUE BOAT
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
YORK RESCUE BOAT

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024 which comprises of the receipts and payments accounts, the assets and liabilities statement and the notes to the accounts.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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 have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Frances Howard

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4 February 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants		4,000	31,429	35,429	28,868
Donations		19,844	-	19,844	10,569
Fundraising		16,398	-	16,398	36,517
Charitable activities income		368	-	368	582
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Income		40,610	31,429	72,039	76,536
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Sale of assets		-	-	-	3,391
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Total receipts		40,610	31,429	72,039	79,927
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Fundraising costs		4,990	-	4,990	9,618
Charitable activities	2	31,797	5,253	37,050	34,647
Assets purchased	3	1,200	21,900	23,100	70,728
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Total payments		37,987	27,153	65,140	114,993
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Net receipts/(payments) for the year		2,623	4,276	6,899	(35,066)
Transfers between funds		(1,103)	1,103	-	-
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Net movement in the year		1,520	5,379	6,899	(35,066)
Cash at bank at 5 April 2023		48,552	38,784	87,336	122,402
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Cash at bank at 5 April 2024	4	50,072	44,163	94,235	87,336
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES – 5 APRIL 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
ASSETS HELD FOR CHARITY'S USE		
Vehicles	49,903	83,928
Equipment	20,020	11,196
Office equipment	2,694	-
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	72,617	95,124
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CASH AT BANK		
Current account	93,354	86,935
PayPal account	681	401
Petty Cash	200	-
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	94,235	87,336
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Approved on behalf of the trustees on 31 January 2025

David Grabowski

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D Grabowski – Trustee

Andrew Hart

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A Hart - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 5 APRIL 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £
Boat cost	3,673	1,099	4,772
Equipment	1,987	2,318	4,305
Motor cost	5,501	1,836	7,337
Insurance	4,256	-	4,256
Phone	54	-	54
IT costs and postage	326	-	326
Website	233	-	233
Subscriptions	2,687	-	2,687
Training	-	-	-
Storage	11,689	-	11,689
Independent examination	1,092	-	1,092
Sundry	299	-	299
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	31,797	5,253	37,050
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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £
Boat cost	2,814	3,755	6,569
Equipment	2,768	3,596	6,364
Motor cost	5,299	1,052	6,351
Insurance	3,949	-	3,949
Phone	98	-	98
IT costs and postage	424	-	424
Website	245	-	245
Subscriptions	934	-	934
Training	-	-	-
Storage	4,507	-	4,507
Independent examination	3,300	-	3,300
Sundry	1,906	-	1,906
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	26,244	8,403	34,647
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 5 APRIL 2024

3. ASSETS PURCHASED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total and Restricted 2023 £
Vehicles	-	-	-	63,512
Equipment	1,200	18,307	19,507	7,216
Office Equipment	-	3,593	3,593	-
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>21,900</u>	<u>23,100</u>	<u>70,728</u>

4. FUNDS

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer between funds £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted	48,552	40,610	(37,987)	(1,103)	50,072
Restricted					
Provisional ground Mark Lodge	278	-	-	-	278
D A Platt Scrappy Fund	80	-	-	-	80
Pontoon	7,951	-	(357)	-	7,594
North Yorkshire Police	551	8,121	(7,997)	-	675
Sunshine Campaign	131	500	(631)	-	-
George A Moore Foundation	1,965	-	(3,068)	1,103	-
Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust	2,858	-	-	-	2,858
Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust	6,079	100	(4,164)	-	2,015
BGC Main Grants	1,974	-	-	-	1,974
Fundraising/Educational Van	4,778	-	-	-	4,778
Tesco Bags of Help COVID- 19 Communities Fund	322	16,412	(2,537)	-	14,197
Aviva Fund	1,285	-	(1,285)	-	-
Crowdfunder Ltd	7,329	-	-	-	7,329
Donations defibrillator & Kit bag	306	-	-	-	306
Nestle	5	-	-	-	5
Clothing	428	1,000	(286)	-	1,142
Equipment	2,464	5,296	(6,828)	-	932
	<u>38,784</u>	<u>31,429</u>	<u>(27,153)</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>44,163</u>
Total restricted funds					
	<u>87,336</u>	<u>72,039</u>	<u>(65,140)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,235</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 5 APRIL 2024

4. FUNDS (continued)

Provisional ground Mark Lodge fund represents monies towards cardiac AED and training.

D A Platt Scrappy fund represents monies towards kayaks and drysuits.

Pontoon fund represents monies received from Masonic Relief Chest Fund, Minster Lions and Freemasons Charity towards a pontoon.

North Yorkshire Police represents monies towards resuscitation kits and search and rescue equipment.

Sunshine Campaign represents monies towards a new boat & boat trailer.

The George A Moore Foundation money towards repairs & renewals on equipment.

Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust monies towards repairs & renewals.

The Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust monies towards boat repairs & new equipment.

BGC Main Grants represents monies towards equipment.

Fundraising/Educational Van monies towards a new vehicle.

Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund represents monies towards fuel.

Aviva Fund represents monies towards equipment.

Crowdfunder Ltd represents monies towards kayaks.

Donations defibrillator & kit bag represents monies towards new equipment.

Nestle represents monies towards reach & search poles.

Clothing represents monies towards clothing and kit.

Equipment represents monies towards equipment.