



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period Start Date				Period End Date			
From:	01	01	2024	To:	31	12	2024

Charity name: Wessex 4x4 Response

Charity registration number: 1159765

Registered office: 3 Velley Hill, Gastard, CORSHAM, Wiltshire, SN13 9PU

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	Dean Charles	Chair	01-01-2024 08-08-2024	
2	Peter Wells	Treasurer	Whole year	
3	Matthew Chaloner	Membership Secretary	20-04-2024 08-08-2024	
	Matthew Chaloner	Chair + Membership	09-08-2024 31-12-2024	
4	Annabel Mackendrick	Membership Secretary	01-01-2024 20-04-2024	
5	Chris Feltham		20-04-2024 13-09-2024	
6	Melita Jeffries		20-04-2024 31-12-2024	
7	Joanna Shailes	Secretary	01-01-2024 05-05-2024	
8	David Edwards		20-04-2024 31-12-2024	
9	David Roberts	Co-opted Secretary	01-06-2024 31-12-2024	
10	Norman Dagger	Co-opted	01-01-2024 20-04-2024	
	Norman Dagger	Elected	20-04-2024 31-12-2024	
11	Roy Marriott		01-01-2024 21-01-2024	
12	Matthew Vincent		01-01-2024 20-04-2024	
13	James Welch		20-04-2024 31-12-2024	

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

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the CIO is to preserve and protect human life, in particular but not exclusively, by supplementing and supporting emergency services in Wiltshire, Dorset, Avon and Somerset and the adjacent counties in particular but not exclusively by providing equipment and vehicles
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	The core activities of the CIO are supporting Cat 1 agencies i.e. "emergency services", Local Authorities and utility companies
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 had regard to the guidance 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	The Charity does not make grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment does not form a material part of its charitable and investment activities.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity relies exclusively on unpaid volunteers in carrying out its aims.
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>The Charity's main achievements during the year and the beneficiaries of these achievements were</p> <p>Assisting Dorset Search & Rescue ("DorSAR") in their searches for missing persons who were often vulnerable elderly or mentally disturbed;</p> <p>Other Charities, such as Cancer Research and Weston HospiceCare also benefit from our logistics support at their fund raising events;</p> <p>Logistical support to Local Authorities/Cat 1 Agencies during weather events.</p> <p><u>In March</u>, the Charity also provided significant support at a Multi-Agency Training Exercise organised by Avon & Somerset Police at Wimbleball Lake, West Somerset.</p> <p><u>In April</u>, the Charity supported a Multi-Agency Training Exercise organised by Bristol City Council Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Team.</p>

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	The Charity does not organise fundraising activities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/a – the Charity has no investments
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash at bank at year end (31/12/2024) was £74 k. One relevant invoice (£41) was received after year end. £440 payment was received after year end for all outstanding sales invoices. Nil creditors at year end.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover the eventuality of the two major risks that we face – the cost of defending ourselves from unjustified litigation and the failure of a client to settle invoices where the Charity has already paid outgoings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£60,000 appx.
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	None

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	The Charity's principle funding derives from Member's annual subscriptions, invoicing for our assistance at events or callouts (e.g. flood events) and some donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principle risks facing our Charity are: Litigation costs not covered by our insurance; Failure of a client body to settle invoices.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 1 st September 2014
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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 at the AGM, normally in April, for a period of three (3) years. The Board of Trustees has the power to co-opt Members of the Charity to serve during the current year.

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	New Trustees are provided with a copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Our structure is of 11 geographically based teams, all of which have a Team Manager and a Deputy Team Manager. We belong to a national umbrella organisation - 4x4 Response UK which represents all 33 "local" 4x4 response groups in the UK.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/a
Other		N/a

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/a

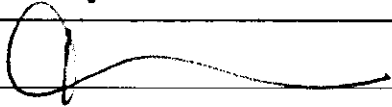
Other optional information

N/a

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)	Peter Wells	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	20/10/2025	



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Charity Name
Wessex 4x4 Response

No (if any)
1159765

Receipts and payments accounts

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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					
Subscriptions	2,835	-	-	2,835	3,265
Donations	7,809	-	-	7,809	8,538
Income from activities	7,574	-	-	7,574	13,046
Income from Insurance claim	6,034	-	-	6,034	-
sundry sales	35	-	-	35	-
other income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,288	-	-	24,288	24,849
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
sale of caravan	-	-	-	-	1,825
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,825
Total receipts	24,288	-	-	24,288	26,674
A3 Payments					
Governance	1,636	-	-	1,636	1,480
Insurance	1,446	-	-	1,446	1,160
Repairs associated with insurance claim	4,421	-	-	4,421	-
Asset upkeep + equipment purchase	1,625	-	-	1,625	4,094
Purchase ledger IT, Comms, Marketing	3,024	-	-	3,024	3,138
Operational expenses	3,937	-	-	3,937	5,770
Misc. overheads	776	-	-	776	1,663
DBS costs	700	-	-	700	345
Training	847	-	-	847	-
Sub total	18,412	-	-	18,412	17,650
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Asset purchases	-	-	-	-	444
Sub total	-	-	-	-	444
Total payments	18,412	-	-	18,412	18,094
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,876	-	-	5,876	8,580
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,187	-	-	68,187	59,609
Cash funds this year end	74,063	-	-	74,063	68,189

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 balance	74,063	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	74,063	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	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
	Peter Wells / Treasurer	25/05/2025