

OPERATION SABRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1163222

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-08-20

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF OPERATION SABRE (THE CIO) ARE: A) THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA, ENABLING THEM TO PROVIDE A LIFE SAVING AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICE. B) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN RELATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF PRESERVING AND PROTECTING HEALTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA. c) To provide humanitarian aid and welfare support to vulnerable individuals and communities in Romania, with the aim of alleviating poverty, improving health and well-being, and promoting the advancement of human rights, in accordance with the principles of public benefit.

Activities: To create and promote partnerships that support the advancement of Operation Sabre's objectives in Romania. To establish a medium/long term partnership strategy for the protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies. To promote and foster the spirit of volunteering and render humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Romania

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£21,519	£21,667	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,504	£19,475	-	-
2023-03-31	£38,117	£44,547	-	-
2022-03-31	£27,690	£31,247	-	-
2021-03-31	£15,229	£10,072	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STEVE WORRALL	Chair	2015-07-28
JEAN MARGARET JONES		2015-07-28
JOHN PAUL HARRISON		2016-04-13
KATHLEEN ANN HALL		2018-04-03
Lesley Ann Rennie		2018-04-03
MALCOLM THOMAS PRICE		2015-07-28
MARK ANTONY BRISCOE		2018-04-03
STEPHEN JAMES PURSLOW		2015-07-28

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**Operation Sabre
Trustees' Annual
Report
2024/25**



Message from the President

I am pleased to present the Trustees' Annual Report for Operation Sabre for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The past year has once again demonstrated the strength, resilience, and compassion that define Operation Sabre. Through sustained humanitarian effort, strong international partnerships, and an unwavering commitment to public safety and human dignity, the charity has continued to deliver meaningful and practical support to vulnerable individuals and communities, particularly in Romania. This work has been achieved despite ongoing economic pressures and logistical challenges, and reflects the determination, professionalism, and shared values of everyone involved.

Operation Sabre remains a wholly volunteer-led charity, and I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to our volunteers, who have generously given their time, skills, and energy throughout the year. Many have attended and delivered fundraising talks and presentations across the Shropshire and Mid-Wales, represented the charity at community events, and travelled overseas in their own time to support humanitarian activity. Their commitment lies at the very heart of our impact.

I would also like to thank my fellow trustees for their professionalism, integrity, and careful stewardship throughout the year. Their collective experience and oversight continue to ensure that Operation Sabre operates ethically, transparently, and in full alignment with its charitable purposes and public benefit obligations.

Finally, I extend my sincere gratitude to our donors, supporters, partner organisations, and the wider community whose generosity and trust make our work possible. Together, we continue to demonstrate the power of voluntary action, international cooperation, and humanitarian values to deliver lasting and meaningful public benefit.



Stephen G Worrall BEM, PhD, MBA
President



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1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Operation Sabre

Charity registration number: 1163222 as registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales

Principal address:

C/O Millwright Barn
Stoney Stretton
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
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Operation Sabre is a UK registered charity established to deliver humanitarian aid, support emergency services, and promote community resilience through practical assistance, partnership working, and the application of humanitarian values. The charity operates both within the United Kingdom and internationally, with a particular focus on supporting vulnerable communities and emergency service organisations in Romania.

Trustees during the period:

The charity was governed throughout the year by a Board of Trustees as recorded on the Charity Commission register. Trustees collectively bring extensive experience in emergency services leadership, humanitarian response, logistics, safeguarding, governance, risk management, and community engagement.

The trustees are responsible for setting the charity's strategic direction, ensuring that activities remain aligned with its charitable purposes, safeguarding beneficiaries and volunteers, overseeing financial management, and ensuring compliance with charity law and regulatory requirements.

Financial Arrangements:

Operation Sabre banks with Lloyds Bank, Shrewsbury. Details of the charity's income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025 are included within the financial accounts appended (Appendix A) to this report.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Operation Sabre is governed by a Board of Trustees who hold collective responsibility for the charity's strategic leadership, governance, and financial oversight. The trustees ensure that the charity operates in accordance with its governing document, the Charities Act 2011, and relevant guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees met regularly during the year to review operational activity, financial performance, safeguarding matters, risk management, and forward planning. Decisions were taken collectively and recorded appropriately, with due consideration given to proportionality, risk, sustainability, and the delivery of demonstrable public benefit.

The trustees draw upon their professional expertise where relevant, while maintaining a clear distinction between governance responsibilities and operational delivery. This approach supports effective oversight while ensuring that the charity remains volunteer-led, accountable, and values-driven.

No trustee received any remuneration for acting as a trustee during the reporting period. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, such as travel and accommodation incurred wholly and exclusively in furtherance of the charity's charitable activities, including overseas humanitarian missions, were reimbursed in accordance with the charity's expenses policy.

3. Objectives and Public Benefit

The charitable objectives of Operation Sabre are focused on the relief of need, the advancement of public safety, and the promotion of community resilience and wellbeing. In particular, the charity seeks to:

- Relieve poverty, distress, and hardship through the provision of humanitarian aid and practical assistance.
- Support emergency services and civil protection organisations through the donation of equipment, safety improvements, and partnership working.
- Promote community resilience, dignity, safety, and wellbeing through humanitarian action, cooperation, and shared values.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the reporting period. Public benefit considerations are embedded within trustee decision-making, activity planning, delivery, and review processes.

Operation Sabre's work delivers clear and identifiable public benefit to vulnerable individuals, emergency services organisations, and wider communities. Further detail on how public benefit is identified, delivered, and reviewed is set out in Appendix B – Public Benefit Statement (CC16 Alignment).



4. Review of Activities and Achievements

(April 2024 – March 2025)

Throughout the reporting period, Operation Sabre delivered a sustained programme of humanitarian and charitable activity. Evidence of this work was regularly shared through written updates and photographic records published on the charity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/operationsabre>), supporting transparency, accountability, and public confidence.

Humanitarian Aid and Overseas Activity

During the year, Operation Sabre coordinated and delivered multiple consignments of humanitarian aid to Romania. Aid included electric wheelchairs, clothing, footwear, toys, bedding, hygiene products, and essential household items for vulnerable families, children, and adults. Seasonal support was also provided, including Christmas gifts and winter clothing.

Trustees and volunteers were actively involved in sourcing, sorting, packing, transporting, and distributing aid. The majority of donated goods were generously provided by churches, social clubs, knitting groups, and community organisations across Shropshire and Mid-Wales.

One overseas visit was undertaken during 2024/25 to ensure accountability, strengthen partnerships, and support local organisations. Activities included minor building works, painting and decorating, the installation of outdoor sports and recreational facilities, and inclusive sporting activities with residents of the Capus de Campie Special Needs Home.



Emergency Services Support

Operation Sabre continued to maintain strong and trusted working relationships with emergency services partners. A particular focus during the year was on fire safety and risk reduction, including the assessment and



improvement of fire alarms, smoke detectors, emergency lighting, and fire extinguishers within supported institutions.

Partnership Working

The charity worked closely with Romanian emergency services, care homes, Red Cross organisations, and local community partners. These partnerships ensured that aid was targeted, ethical, culturally appropriate, and delivered in accordance with safeguarding requirements and identified local need.



Public Engagement and Transparency

Operation Sabre used social media and other communication channels to provide regular updates on activity, acknowledge donors and volunteers, and demonstrate charitable impact. This approach supports public trust, accountability, and engagement.

5. Volunteers and Delivery Model

Operation Sabre operates entirely as a volunteer-led charity and proudly declares that it has never employed any paid staff. All charitable activities are delivered by trustees and volunteers who give their time, skills, and expertise freely in support of the charity's objectives.

Volunteers support the charity by delivering fundraising talks and presentations across the United Kingdom, attending community events, sourcing and preparing humanitarian aid, and representing Operation Sabre to supporters and partner organisations.

Volunteers also give significant personal time to attend overseas visits to Romania, often using annual leave or unpaid leave. This



approach ensures that donated funds are directed as far as possible towards direct charitable benefit.

Further detail on the scale, nature, and estimated public value of volunteer contribution is provided in Appendix C – Volunteer Impact and Contribution Statement.

6. Financial Review



The trustees present the financial review for the year ended 31 March 2025, as detailed in the appended accounts (Appendix A).

Income

Total income for the year amounted to **£21,518.77**, derived primarily from public donations, fundraising activities, regular giving, and Gift Aid reclaimed on eligible donations.

Expenditure

All expenditure was incurred wholly in furtherance of the charity's objectives. Key areas included humanitarian aid procurement, transport and logistics, insurance, safety equipment, and essential governance and administrative costs.

Reserves Policy

The trustees maintain a prudent reserves policy to ensure financial resilience and the ability to respond to unforeseen humanitarian need. Reserves are reviewed regularly and remain appropriate to the charity's size and risk profile.

7. Risk Management

The trustees have reviewed the principal risks facing Operation Sabre and consider the charity's risk profile to be appropriate for its size and activities.

Key risks include financial risk, operational risk associated with overseas aid delivery, safeguarding risk, and reputational risk. These risks are mitigated through trustee oversight, robust financial controls, safeguarding policies and procedures, regular risk assessments, trusted partnerships, and appropriate insurance cover.

8. Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, the trustees intend to build upon the charity's strong foundations and sustained impact. Planned priorities include:

- Continuing and, where feasible, expanding humanitarian aid deliveries
- Strengthening international emergency services and civil protection partnerships
- Broadening the charity's supporter base and diversifying funding streams
- Maintaining high standards of governance, safeguarding, transparency, and accountability

The trustees remain committed to ensuring that Operation Sabre operates sustainably, ethically, and in full alignment with its charitable purposes and public benefit obligations.



9. Trustee Declaration

The trustees declare that this Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance on Trustees' Annual Reports and Public Benefit.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf:

Steve Worrall

Name: Stephen G Worrall

Position: Trustee / Chair

Date: 26 January 2026

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Appendix C – Public Benefit Statement (Charity Commission CC16 Alignment)

Appendix A – Financial Accounts 2024/25

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
RECEIPTS	£	£
Specialist Fire training	0.00	3,408.37
Donations	15,460.28	16,339.62
Fundraising - talks	2,432.27	3,369.59
Members subscriptions	340.00	240.00
Gift Aid	3,286.22	2,146.52
	21,518.77	25,504.10
PAYMENTS	£	£
Specialist Fire training May 2023	0.00	2,420.33
Humanitarian aid mission costs May 2023	0.00	952.19
Humanitarian trip expenses November 2024	3,766.35	3,186.97
- health & welfare, admin, corp	95.93	301.01
overheads		
Insurance	1,224.09	1,163.44
Handover ceremonies	105.46	25.00
Humanitarian aid Romania	7,021.96	3,694.97
Humanitarian capital spend	9,144.12	2,520.53
Humanitarian Aid Ukrainian Refugees	0.00	3,613.04
Fundraising – donation gift sacks & pens	40.00	1,436.12
Gift for hosts	179.39	116.04
Miscellaneous	90.00	45.00
	21,667.30	19,474.64
BANK BALANCE	£	£
Lloyds Opening balance as at 1 April	17,674.04	11,644.58
Plus receipts	21,518.77	
Less payments	-21,667.30	
Surplus/Deficit	-148.53	6,029.46
Bank balance as at 31 March	17,525.51	17,674.04
REPRESENTED BY		
Lloyds account balance at 31 March	17,525.51	17,674.04
	17,525.51	11,644.58

Appendix B – Volunteer Impact and Contribution Statement

Volunteer-Led Delivery Model

Operation Sabre operates entirely as a volunteer-led charity and is proud to declare that it has never employed any paid staff since its establishment. All charitable activities are delivered by trustees and volunteers who freely give their time, skills, professional expertise, and personal commitment in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

This delivery model is a deliberate and values-led choice by the trustees. It ensures that the maximum possible proportion of donated funds, goods, and resources are directed towards beneficiaries and charitable activity, rather than administrative overheads or staffing costs.

Nature of Volunteer Contribution

Volunteers contribute to Operation Sabre across a wide range of activities, including but not limited to:

- Planning, coordinating, and delivering humanitarian aid missions.
- Sourcing, sorting, packing, and transporting donated goods.
- Undertaking safety assessments and installing life-saving equipment such as fire alarms, smoke detectors, emergency lighting, and fire extinguishers
- Delivering fundraising talks and presentations to community groups, churches, schools, clubs, and organisations across Shropshire and Mid-Wales
- Representing the charity at public and community events
- Maintaining partnerships with overseas emergency services, care institutions, and humanitarian organisations
- Supporting refurbishment and improvement projects within beneficiary institutions

Volunteers frequently give up evenings, weekends, and annual leave to support these activities. Overseas visits to Romania are undertaken in volunteers' own time, an approach that ensures that charitable funds are preserved for direct charitable benefit.

Valuation of Volunteer Contribution and Public Benefit

The trustees recognise that volunteer time, skills, and personal sacrifices represent a significant and sustained public benefit. While volunteer time is not recorded as income within the charity's financial accounts, the trustees consider it important to acknowledge its scale and impact.

Since Operation Sabre members first undertook humanitarian visits to Romania in 2012, the trustees estimate that the cumulative value of volunteer time, professional expertise, foregone earnings exceeds £1 million.

This estimate is based on:

- The number of overseas missions undertaken since 2012.
- The average number of volunteers involved per mission.

- The duration of missions, including preparation, travel, and on-site activity.
- The professional and technical skills contributed, particularly in relation to emergency services safety and risk management.

The trustees believe this figure provides a conservative indication of the scale of public benefit delivered through volunteer commitment over more than a decade.

Impact on Public Benefit

The contribution of volunteers directly enhances public benefit by:

- Increasing the volume and reach of humanitarian aid delivered.
- Improving safety standards within institutions supporting vulnerable people
- Strengthening emergency response capability through equipment and expertise
- Reducing operational costs and maximising the impact of donations
- Building long-term, trusted partnerships that support sustainable outcomes.

The trustees consider volunteer contribution to be fundamental to the charity's identity, effectiveness, and impact.

Appendix C – Public Benefit Statement (Charity Commission CC16 Alignment)

This appendix sets out how Operation Sabre meets the Charity Commission’s public benefit requirements, in line with guidance contained in CC16: Public benefit – running a charity.

Identifiable Benefit

Operation Sabre’s activities provide clear and identifiable benefits, including:

- Relief of poverty, distress, and hardship through the provision of humanitarian aid
- Improved safety and protection of life through the installation of fire safety and emergency equipment
- Enhanced wellbeing, dignity, and inclusion for vulnerable individuals
- Strengthened emergency service capability and preparedness.

These benefits are tangible, measurable, and evidenced through delivery records, photographic documentation, partner feedback, and sustained engagement with beneficiary organisations.

Identifiable Beneficiaries

The charity’s beneficiaries are clearly identifiable and include:

- Vulnerable children, adults, and families experiencing poverty, disability, or social exclusion.
- Residents and staff of care homes and specialist institutions
- Emergency services and civil protection organisations
- Wider communities that benefit indirectly from improved safety and resilience

Access to charitable benefit is based on need and vulnerability, with no unreasonable restrictions placed on who can benefit.

Wider Public Benefit

In addition to direct beneficiaries, Operation Sabre’s work delivers wider public benefit by:

- Reducing risk to life and property through improved safety standards
- Supporting social cohesion and inclusion within communities
- Promoting humanitarian values, volunteering, and civic responsibility
- Enhancing international cooperation and goodwill

The trustees consider these wider benefits to be significant and aligned with the charity’s purposes.

Private Benefit

Any private benefit arising from the charity's activities is incidental and necessary to the delivery of charitable purposes. Volunteers and partner organisations do not receive personal financial gain from the charity's work. Trustees receive no remuneration for their role.

Trustee Oversight and Decision-Making

The trustees actively consider public benefit when planning and reviewing activities. Decisions are guided by:

- The charity's stated objectives
- Identified need.
- Proportionality of cost and impact
- Safeguarding and risk considerations

The trustees are satisfied that Operation Sabre operates exclusively for public benefit and in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.



OPERATION SABRE

Registered Charity Number 1163222

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PAYMENTS		
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Humanitarian aid mission costs May 2023	0.00	350.00
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REPRESENTED BY		
Lloyds account balance at 31 March		17,525.51
		<u>17,525.51</u>

Examined and found correct in accordance with the books and vouchers presented to me.

Signed: *C. A. Kalinowski*

Date: 18/1/26

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
OPERATION SABRE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no (if
any)

1163222

Set out on pages

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(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) 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.

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

Signed:

C.A. Kalinowski

Date:

18/01/26

Name:

C A KALINOWSKI

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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OPERATION SABRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163222

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24



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Welcome



Steve Worrall

Steve Worrall BEM PhD MBA
President
Operation Sabre

Welcome to the 2023/24 Annual Report of Operation Sabre, a report that records the activities of our small charity, doing its best, to support the most vulnerable of Romania.

As a small and yet agile charity, Operation Sabre continues to work alongside trusted partners to operate in a flexible and pragmatic manner to support the most vulnerable in Romania. Unfortunately, those we support, have increased in numbers to include some of the many millions of displaced Ukrainian refugees who now seek sanctuary in Romania. Our efforts, designed to create public benefit, are now two-fold, by providing the means for our Romanian partners to support the refugees in the short-term, but at the same time, creating a legacy that benefits Romania in the long-term, be this through enhanced fire safety arrangements, humanitarian aid or transport.

We are indebted to the generosity of our benefactors and partners for their much-appreciated support.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Operation Sabre takes its name from the predominant type of fire engine the charity has delivered to Romania, the *DENNIS SABRE*. The charity's emblem depicts two crossed sabres denoting '*readiness to protect*' surmounted by a Victorian fire helmet, representing the '*traditions and values*' of the fire and rescue service. The crossed sabres and helmet are encircled by an eight pointed star that signifies the cross of Saint John. The eight points or '*tenets*' represent the knightly virtues of - *Tact, Gallantry, Dexterity, Observation, Perseverance, Loyalty, Explicitness and Sympathy*.





Charity Particulars

CHARITY DETAILS

- UK Charity Commission Registration Number: 1163222
- UK HMRC Charities Reference: EW38284
- Registered Address: Millwright Barn, Stoney Stretton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9PZ
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/operationsabre
- Email: operationsabre@btinternet.com

(This report was submitted to the Charity Commission on 30 January 2025)

TRUSTEES

- Dr Steve Worrall (President)
- Mr Malcolm Price (Vice-President)
- Cllr Lesley Rennie
- Ms Jean Jones
- Mrs Kathy Hall
- Mr Steve Purslow
- Mr John Harrison
- Mr Mark Briscoe
- Mr Andy Price

Operation Sabre is a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* with voting rights for members and Trustees. Trustees are required to stand down after twelve months, with new elections taken at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are required to sign the Charity Commission's *Trustee Eligibility Declaration* and abide by the Commission's prescribed responsibilities for Trustees.

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Overview...

Operation Sabre's vision is to assist in shaping the future of Transylvania, by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies. In doing so, public benefit is achieved through the sharing of knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of fire protection, prevention and emergency response arrangements.

Two missions to Romania were conducted during 2023/24, in addition many remote projects that were funded across the range of partners supported by Operation Sabre. The primary focus of the visits was to install fire and smoke alarms within the many residential care homes now supported by the charity, deliver humanitarian aid to Romanian partner agencies supporting Ukrainian refugees, and provide further specialist training.

Our fleet of donated minibuses was increased further during 2023/24, which have been provided to the Romanian Orthodox Church operating in Argeş and Mures Counties and the Catholic Church in Bihor County. The short-term purpose for these vehicles is to assist in the transportation of humanitarian aid and refugees. Long-term, the minibuses will be retained and used by Romanian orphanages and the Targu Mures Red Cross.



UKRAINE

WE STAND TOGETHER



Our Vision and Mission...

OUR VISION: Helping to shape the future of Transylvania, Romania by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies.



OUR OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ The preservation and protection of health by the provision of fire and rescue vehicles and equipment to Transylvania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service.
- ✓ To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Transylvania.



OUR MISSION: To share knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies.



MAKING IT HAPPEN:

The strategy for turning our vision into reality is set out in our Business Plan 2023/24 (see attached Appendix A), a Plan underpinned by Good Governance arrangements and a genuine passion to help others. A summary of our *income* and *expenditure* is provided at page 15.





Trustee Declaration of Compliance with Public Benefit Requirements

The charitable *objects* of Operation Sabre, as registered with the Charity Commission, are:

- a) *The preservation and protection of health by the provision of fire and rescue vehicles and equipment to Romania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service.*
- b) *To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Romania.*

We, the Trustees of Operation Sabre, hereby declare that, in accordance with our responsibilities as Trustees of the charity, we confirm the following:

Commitment to Public Benefit

We acknowledge that, as Trustees, we have a duty to ensure that the charity operates in a manner that provides public benefit, in accordance with the requirements set out by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Compliance with Charity Law

We affirm that the charity's purposes are clearly defined and operate for the public benefit. We confirm that we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have ensured that the charity's activities and services are accessible to and beneficial for the public.

Review of Public Benefit

We have reviewed the charity's activities, governance, and operations to ensure that the public benefit requirement is met in practice. This includes considering whether:

- The charity's purposes are beneficial to the public or a section of the public.
- The charity does not unduly restrict access to its services or benefits, unless reasonable and justified by its purposes.
- The charity's activities are carried out for the benefit of the public and serve the needs of those for whom they are intended.

Ongoing Monitoring

We commit to continuing to monitor the charity's compliance with the public benefit requirement, ensuring that the charity's activities remain focused on the public benefit and adapt to any changes in needs or circumstances.

Accountability and Transparency

We are committed to ensuring that the charity's activities, finances, and decisions are transparent and communicated clearly to the public, in line with Charity Commission guidance.

We, the Trustees of Operation Sabre, confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, we have adhered to the principles and requirements of the Charity Commission regarding public benefit, and will continue to do so in the future.

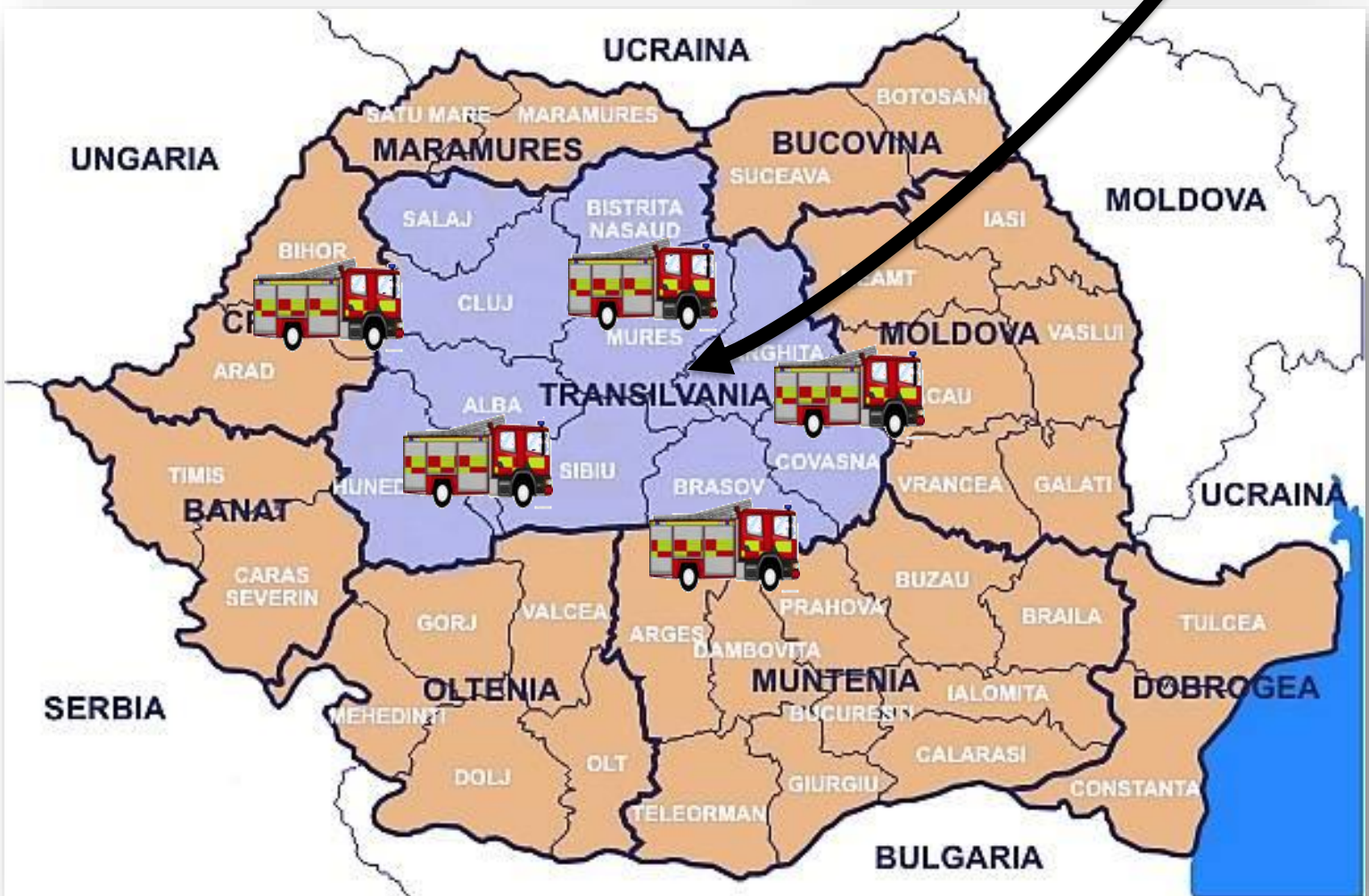
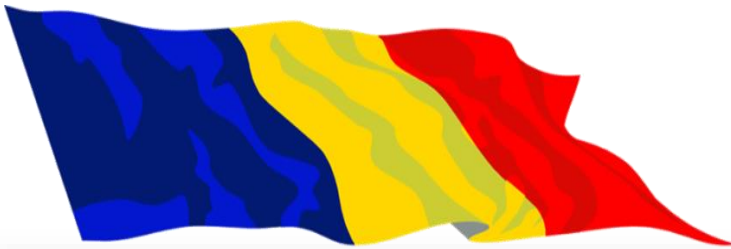
The Trustees of Operation Sabre
27 January 2025





Where we operate...

Since 2012, Operation Sabre has operated in Transylvania, supporting both professional (*Inspectoratul pentru Situații de Urgență (ISU) – Emergency Situations Inspectorate*) and community volunteer fire services in the counties of Alba, Bihor, Brasov, Harghita and Mures. The total number of vehicles delivered by the charity since 2012 now stands at 58.





Summary of our activities...

Our Strategy for 2023/24 ↗

To operate with professionalism, integrity and honesty, demonstrating at all times respect and dignity towards each other and the communities we strive to support

To create and promote partnerships that support the advancement of Operation Sabre's objectives in Romania. Specifically, this will include awareness raising, fundraising, grant applications and vehicle/equipment/uniform acquisitions

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Summary of our activities during 2023/24 ↗

Operation Sabre continually strives to deliver humanitarian assistance as a professional proactive initiative to enhance the fire protection, prevention and response arrangements provided by Transylvania's fire and rescue services. In delivering such assistance, we are proud to declare that we continue to be formally recognised as signatories to the Code of Conduct¹ of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Operation Sabre has reviewed and enhanced its arrangements for the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Persons and also Data Protection. The charity is compliant to the Data Protection Regulations 2018 and registered with the UK Information Commissioner's Office.

Operation Sabre has created partnerships with a number of UK fire and rescue services and CAFFRA² that assist in the provision of equipment and training resources. In addition, Operation Sabre is a formal member of the UK's overarching fire related charity - FireAid.³

Within Romania, Operation Sabre is grateful for the continuing assistance, support and friendship received from key partners responsible for professional fire service provision in Bihor and Mures Counties.

During 2023/24 Operation Sabre has endeavoured to deliver information events to community groups in the UK with the objective of raising awareness and fundraising. The events have generated significant donations in support of Romanian partners who are caring for the refugees, with Operation Sabre viewed as a 'can-do' charity that responds quickly, turning donations into outcomes with minimal delay.

Operation Sabre continues to have constructive and productive professional partnerships, particularly with ISU Bihor and ISU Mures, partnerships that enable the protection of communities and prevention of fire. Operation Sabre's focus is now on *prevention* and *protection* activities (through the provision of smoke/fire alarms and training/advice) as opposed to *response* (donation of firefighting vehicles). We are grateful to the Romanian fire services for hosting and providing internal transportation during our visits. UK best practice fire and rescue documentation is shared regularly with Romanian partners, including home fire safety literature printed in Ukrainian.⁴

Community wellbeing and goodwill was further enhanced during 2022-24 through the donation of humanitarian aid and minibuses to partners dealing with the Ukrainian refugee crisis in Romania.



A summary of our activities cont.

2023/24 represents another successful year of fundraising that has enabled Operation Sabre to continue its ongoing programme of creating public benefit through enhancing fire safety arrangements, creating smiles and bringing hope to some of the most vulnerable in Romania.

Our initiatives have led to the donation and installation of hundreds of battery operated fire and smoke alarms, emergency lighting units and exit signage at several locations in Mures and Bihor Counties supported by Operation Sabre, including premises providing support to displaced Ukrainian refugees.

These vital life-saving apparatus have increased the ability to detect the outbreak of fire at its incipient stages, provide an early audio warning and thereafter, ensure an illuminated and signed escape route to a place of safety.

In the UK, over 93% of private dwellings are fitted with working smoke alarms. Sadly, for cultural and economic reasons, the uptake of smoke alarms in Romania is incredibly low. Operation Sabre will continue to use its influence to promote their use amongst partners.



We have been overwhelmed by the continuing generosity of our supporters from across Shropshire and Mid-Wales, which has resulted in the donation of thousands of items of beautiful knitwear, babywear, costume jewellery and spectacles. 100% of all donated items received during 2023/24 has been transported and presented to hundreds of recipients, be these babies, their mothers, the elderly, vulnerable and refugees.

Other activities have also included the funding of:

- bedroom refurbishments at the Sighisoara Old Persons Home,
- the enhancement of outdoor recreational facilities for residents of the Capusu de Campie Special Needs Home,
- the donation of defibrillators and paramedic crash bags to partners supporting refugees.

We regularly review and prioritise partner requests for assistance, endeavouring to effectively manage and support expectations where possible.





A summary of our activities cont.



In May 2023, Operation Sabre returned once more to Bihor County to provide specialist training to professional Romanian fire officers. The training creates public benefit, shares best practice and knowledge from the UK's fire and rescue services in subjects such as fire investigation, incident command and leadership. The Inspectorate for Emergency Situations in Bihor County is now pioneering and leading the way in Romania, adopting and implementing UK approaches to methods of forensic fire investigation and inter-agency incident command arrangements. To date, Operation Sabre has provided five, one-week specialist training courses.





A summary of our activities cont.

As a charity that prides itself on being compassionate towards the vulnerable, we are delighted once more to be able to provide several hundred Christmas gifts sacks. The gift sacks give recognition to our UK sponsors (*sponsor names are included on the sacks*) and contain a wide range of personalised gifts.

Gifts are delivered from the UK, and include hand written Christmas cards, knitwear, teddies and costume jewellery, all supplemented with locally purchased Romanian gifts (toiletries, chocolates and fruit etc) funded by Operation Sabre.

A little goes a long way to creating smiles and bringing hope...





A summary of our activities cont.



As the late Queen Elizabeth II once said:

“Sport has a wonderful way of bringing together people and nations”

Our annual sporting challenge creates lasting memories on the Operation Sabre sponsored all-weather five-a-side football pitch at the Capusu de Campie Special Needs Home.





A summary of our activities cont.

In November 2023, several members of Operation Sabre were honoured to receive an audience with his Holiness Father Irineu Pop, who serves as Archbishop of the diocese of Alba Iulia and is a member of the Holy Synod of the Romanian Orthodox Church.

The Archbishop bestowed upon members of Operation Sabre commendations for their charitable activities in Romania and awarded the *Holy Noble Order of Faith and Unity* to the charity's president Steve Worrall.





Good Governance....

We, the Trustees of Operation Sabre, hereby confirm our compliance, as far as is reasonably practicable given the charity's scale of operations, with all applicable UK laws and the requirements set out by the Charity Commission in relation to good governance. We are committed to ensuring the creation of public benefit through adherence of the highest standards of governance in the management of the charity's activities, including the following key areas:

1. **Charity Reserves:** We maintain an appropriate level of reserves to ensure the charity's financial sustainability and to protect against unforeseen financial difficulties. Reserves are carefully reviewed and adjusted in line with our financial policies and operational needs.
2. **Internal Financial Controls:** We have implemented robust internal financial controls to safeguard the charity's funds, ensuring transparency and accountability in all financial transactions. Regular audits and reviews are conducted to verify the integrity of our financial systems.
3. **Safeguarding:** We take the safeguarding of vulnerable individuals seriously and have established clear safeguarding policies with partners to ensure compliance with safeguarding requirements and to maintain a safe environment for all Romanian/Ukrainian beneficiaries.
4. **Conflicts of Interest:** We adhere to a strict policy on conflicts of interest, requiring all trustees to declare any potential conflicts, which are then appropriately managed and documented to maintain the charity's integrity.
5. **Risk Management:** We actively assess and manage risks associated with our activities, ensuring that measures are in place to mitigate any risks to the charity, its beneficiaries, or its reputation.
6. **Due Diligence and Monitoring of Charitable Funds:** We carry out thorough due diligence to ensure that charitable funds are used effectively and for their intended purposes. Regular monitoring processes are in place to verify the end use of funds.
7. **Data Protection:** We comply fully with data protection regulations, ensuring that personal data is securely stored and handled in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We remain committed to upholding the highest standards of governance, transparency, and accountability in all aspects of our work.

The Trustees of Operation Sabre

27 January 2025





Our Accounts 2023-2024...

OPERATION SABRE							
Registered Charity Number 1163222							
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024							
	Note	2023/24		2022/23			
		£	p	£	p	£	p
RECEIPTS							
Specialist Fire training		3,408.37				3,440.00	
Donations Romania	1	16,339.62				13,630.27	
Donations Ukrainian Refugees	1	0.00				17,670.12	
Fundraising - talks (See note 1)		3,369.59				0.00	
Members subscriptions		240.00				250.00	
Gift Aid - Romania	2	2,146.52				1,246.40	
Gift Aid - Ukrainian Refugees	2	0.00				1,879.83	
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PAYMENTS							
		£	p	£	p	£	p
Specialist Fire training March 2022				0.00			3,186.63
Specialist Fire training May 2023				2,420.33			988.04
Humanitarian aid mission costs May 2023				952.19			
Humanitarian trip expenses November 2023				3,186.97			2,076.23
- health & welfare, admin, corp overheads				301.01			83.12
Insurance				1,163.44			1,020.34
Handover ceremonies				25.00			100.00
Humanitarian aid Romania				3,694.97			3,876.01
Humanitarian capital spend				2,520.53			9,200.37
Humanitarian Aid Ukrainian Refugees				3,613.04			22,805.82
Fundraising – donation gift sacks & pens				1,436.12			432.39
Gift for hosts				116.04			126.95
Storage				0.00			315.00
Miscellaneous				45.00			213.14
Capital spend (Projector)				0.00			122.99
				<u>19,474.64</u>			<u>44,547.03</u>
BANK BALANCE							
		£	p	£	p	£	p
Lloyds Opening balance as at 1 April				11,644.58			17,699.99
Paypal pending donations at 1 April							375.00
Plus receipts		25,504.10				38,116.62	
Less payments		-19,474.64				-44,547.03	
Surplus/Deficit				6,029.46			-6,430.41
Bank balance as at 31 March				<u>17,674.04</u>			<u>11,644.58</u>
REPRESENTED BY							
Lloyds account balance at 31 March				17,674.04			11,439.58
Paypal donations pending at 31 March							205.00
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Acknowledgements...

The trustees and members of Operation Sabre wish to record their appreciation to their families and friends, for their continued support, tolerance and perseverance.

To our many friends and hosts in Romania and in particular, to the numerous benefactors, be these individuals, clubs, associations or corporate organisations, for their financial support and donated aid (*from knitwear to defibrillators...*) we thank you.



**We stand with
Ukraine**



OPERATION SABRE

Business Plan 2023/24

Our Vision

Helping to shape the future of Romania by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies

Our Mission

To share knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies

Our Objectives

- ▶ *The preservation and protection of health by the provision of vehicles and equipment to Romania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service*
- ▶ *To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Romania*

Our Strategy

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- ▶ *To establish, in collaboration with Romanian Professional Fire and Rescue Services, a medium and long term partnership strategy for the protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies*
- ▶ *To promote and foster the spirit of 'volunteering' for the benefit of public goodwill, community wellbeing and health in Romania*



Appendix B – Code of Conduct

Operation Sabre, as a charity, is rooted in the traditions and values of the fire service and founded on mutual respect and trust between its membership and the communities it serves. To ensure the continuing integrity of Operation Sabre, the highest standards of ethical conduct must be maintained at all times. Incorporated within the *code of conduct* are the 'Standards of Conduct' issued by the United Nations.⁵

All participants involved in the activities of Operation Sabre (*be these at the planning, preparation or execution stages*) are bound by the following rules:

1. Always conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on yourself, Operation Sabre, your employing Service/Organisation, your hosts, the United Kingdom and the fire service in general.
2. Dress, think, talk, act and behave in a manner befitting the dignity of a disciplined, caring, considerate, mature, respected and trusted member of Operation Sabre, displaying the highest integrity and impartiality.
3. Have pride in your position as a member of Operation Sabre and do not abuse or misuse your authority.
4. Respect the law of the land of the host country, their local culture, traditions, customs and practices.
5. Treat the inhabitants of the host country with respect, courtesy and consideration. You are there as a guest to help them and in so doing will be welcomed with admiration.
6. Do not indulge in immoral acts of sexual, physical or psychological abuse or exploitation of the local population or fellow members of Operation Sabre.
7. Respect and regard the human rights of all. Support and aid the infirm, sick and weak.
8. Show respect for and promote the environment, including the flora and fauna, of the host country.
9. Exercise the utmost discretion in handling confidential information and matters of official business which can compromise security or individual confidentiality.
10. Accept responsibility for your actions and for the consequences of your actions.
11. Support the concept of fairness and the value of diverse thoughts and opinions.
12. Avoid situations that would adversely affect the credibility or public perception of the fire service profession and that of Operation Sabre.
13. Be truthful and honest at all times and report instances of cheating or other dishonest acts that compromise the integrity of the fire service and that of Operation Sabre.
14. Conduct your personal affairs in a manner that does not improperly influence the performance of your duties or bring discredit to the fire service profession and that of Operation Sabre.
15. Be respectful and conscious of your hosts and each member's safety and welfare.
16. Recognise that you serve in a position of public trust that requires stewardship in the honest and efficient use of resources, which are funded through donations (including uniforms, vehicles and equipment), and that these are protected from misuse and theft.
17. Exercise professionalism, competence, respect and loyalty in the performance of your duties and use information, confidential or otherwise, gained by virtue of your position, only to benefit those you are entrusted to serve.
18. Avoid financial investments, business interests or activities that conflict with or are enhanced by your position in Operation Sabre or have the potential to create the perception of impropriety.
19. Never propose or accept personal rewards, special privileges, benefits, advancement, honours or gifts that may create a conflict of interest, or the appearance thereof.
20. Never engage in activities involving alcohol or other substance use or abuse that can impair your mental state or the performance of your duties and compromise safety.
21. Never discriminate on the basis of race, religion, colour, creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual preference, medical condition or handicap.
22. Never harass, intimidate or threaten fellow members of Operation Sabre, your hosts or the public and stop or report the actions of other team members or hosts who engage in such behaviours.
23. Never take photographs and/or video of children, young adults, vulnerable persons, military personnel and military installations without the express permission of both the relevant host and a Trustee from Operation Sabre.
24. Responsibly use social networking/media, electronic communications, or other media technology opportunities in a manner that does not discredit, dishonour or embarrass Operation Sabre, your hosts, the fire service and the public.

¹ <http://www.ifrc.org/en/publications-and-reports/code-of-conduct/>

² <http://www.caffra.org/>

³ <http://www.fire-aid.org/>

⁴ <https://www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Ukrainian-Fire-Safety-in-the-Home-Web.pdf>

⁵ <https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/standards-of-conduct>



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Examined and found correct in accordance with the books and vouchers presented to me.

Signed:

C. A. Mahon

Date:

5/1/25

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OPERATION SABRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163222

Accounts

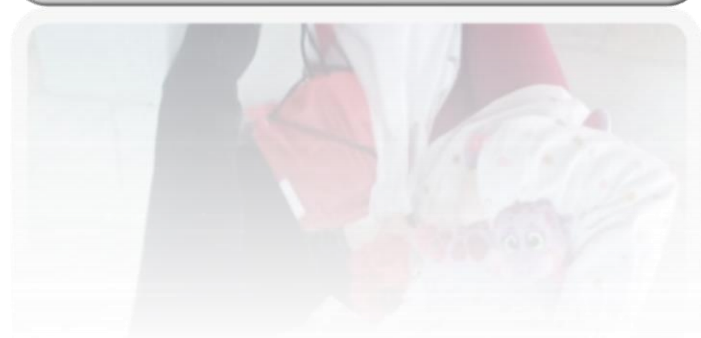


ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23



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Welcome



Steve Worrall

Steve Worrall BEM PhD MBA
President
Operation Sabre

Welcome to the 2022/23 Annual Report of Operation Sabre, a report that records the activities of our small charity, doing its best, to support the most vulnerable of Romania.

As a small and yet agile charity, Operation Sabre, working with existing trusted partners continues to operate in a flexible and pragmatic manner to support the most vulnerable in Romania. Unfortunately, and due to circumstances beyond our control, those we support has expanded to include some of the many millions of Ukrainian refugees who now seek sanctuary in Romania. Our efforts are now two-fold, by providing the means for our Romanian partners to support the refugees in the short-term, but at the same time, creating a legacy that benefits Romania in the long-term.

We are indebted to the generosity of our benefactors and partners for their much-appreciated support.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Operation Sabre takes its name from the predominant type of fire engine the charity has delivered to Romania, the *DENNIS SABRE*. The charity's emblem depicts two crossed sabres denoting '*readiness to protect*' surmounted by a Victorian fire helmet, representing the '*traditions and values*' of the fire and rescue service. The crossed sabres and helmet are encircled by an eight pointed star that signifies the cross of Saint John. The eight points or '*tenets*' represent the knightly virtues of - *Tact, Gallantry, Dexterity, Observation, Perseverance, Loyalty, Explicitness and Sympathy*.





Charity Particulars

CHARITY DETAILS

- UK Charity Commission Registration Number: 1163222
- UK HMRC Charities Reference: EW38284
- Registered Address: Millwright Barn, Stoney Stretton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9PZ
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/operationsabre
- Email: operationsabre@btinternet.com

(This report was submitted to the Charity Commission on 30 January 2024)

TRUSTEES

- Dr Steve Worrall (President)
- Mr Malcolm Price (Vice-President)
- Cllr Leslie Rennie
- Ms Jean Jones
- Mrs Kathy Hall
- Mr Steve Purslow
- Mr John Harrison
- Mr Mark Briscoe
- Mr Andy Price

Operation Sabre is a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* with voting rights for members and Trustees. Trustees are required to stand down after twelve months, with new elections taken at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are required to sign the Charity Commission's *Trustee Eligibility Declaration* and abide by the Commission's prescribed responsibilities for Trustees.

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Overview...

Operation Sabre's vision is to assist in shaping the future of Transylvania, by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies. In doing so, public benefit is achieved through the sharing of knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of fire protection, prevention and emergency response arrangements.

Whilst only one visit to Romania was conducted during 2022/23, many projects were funded across the range of partners supported by Operation Sabre. The primary focus of the single visit was to install fire and smoke alarms within the many residential care homes now supported the charity. In addition, humanitarian aid was delivered and distributed to Romanian partner agencies supporting Ukrainian refugees.

This has led to the purchase and donation of five minibuses, which have been provided to the Romanian Orthodox Church operating in Argeş and Mures Counties. The short-term purpose for these vehicles is to assist in the transportation of humanitarian aid and refugees. Long-term, the minibuses will be retained and used by Romanian orphanages and the Targu Mures Red Cross.





Our Vision and Mission...

OUR VISION: Helping to shape the future of Transylvania, Romania by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies.



OUR OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ The preservation and protection of health by the provision of fire and rescue vehicles and equipment to Transylvania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service.
- ✓ To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Transylvania.



OUR MISSION: To share knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies.



MAKING IT HAPPEN:

The strategy for turning our vision into reality is set out in our Business Plan 2022/23 (see attached Appendix A), a Plan underpinned by Good Governance arrangements and a genuine passion to help others. A summary of our *income* and *expenditure* is provided at page 13.





Where we operate...

Since 2012, Operation Sabre has operated in Transylvania, supporting both professional (*Inspectoratul pentru Situații de Urgență (ISU) – Emergency Situations Inspectorate*) and community volunteer fire services in the counties of Alba, Bihor, Brasov, Harghita and Mures. The total number of vehicles delivered by the charity since 2012 now stands at 58.





Summary of our activities...

Our Strategy for 2022/23 ↗

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Operation Sabre continually strives to deliver humanitarian assistance as a professional proactive initiative to enhance the fire protection, prevention and response arrangements provided by Transylvania's fire and rescue services. In delivering such assistance, we are proud to declare that we continue to be formally recognised as signatories to the Code of Conduct¹ of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Operation Sabre has reviewed and enhanced its arrangements for the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Persons and also Data Protection. The charity is compliant to the Data Protection Regulations 2018 and registered with the UK Information Commissioner's Office.

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What some of our partners say...



My name is Father Nicolae Robert, I am the coordinating priest at the Settlement of the Holy Emperors, Pitesti, Romania.

As part of my role, I support orphaned children from Pitesti in addition to Ukrainian refugee children who have settled in our area. I also carry out numerous social projects for children admitted to the Oncology Department, Bucharest.

The assistance of Operation Sabre during 2022/23 has been wonderful and very helpful. We were able to continue our work through the charity's donation of a Mercedes Vito minibus that enables the transportation of refugees and aid workers. The financial donations from Operation Sabre have allowed us to buy food, hygiene products, clothes, beds and supplies, supporting the vulnerable in the counties of Arges, Mures, Alba and Maramures.

Thanks to Operation Sabre for all the help!
Father Robert Nicholas
The settlement of the Holy Emperor
Pitesti Romania

With passion and enthusiasm members of Operation Sabre were by our side in 2022/23 and they made a considerable contribution to the well-being of the residents of Special Needs Home from Capusu de Campie. We are deeply grateful to our distinguished UK partners for their help in improving the living conditions for our residents. We benefited from the installation over 30 smoke alarms, emergency lighting and evacuation alarms so necessary in our institution.

A fenced football pitch, initially funded in 2022 and finished in 2023, was sponsored by Operation Sabre. The joy was so great that it cannot be expressed in words.

Thank you to all of our supporters for making this happen.

The residents, with the staff, thank you for the ray of joy and hope that you have brought into our souls through all this aid and most of all for your unconditional friendship.

Best wishes
Viorica Sand, Director
Capusu de Campie Special Needs Home





What some of our partners say...



Operation Sabre has helped us to improve Saint Stephen's Orphanage with modern fire protection devices such as smoke detectors, fire alarms, fire extinguishers so that we meet the new standards of fire safety regulations and have safety throughout the premises. Whenever Operation Sabre had the opportunity, they always made a surprise for the children, such as sending packages with clothes, shoes, toys, sweets or Easter greetings from school children from England.

But the biggest surprise was the support for the purchase of a minibus for the foundation. Thanks to the generous donation from Operation Sabre, the foundation could buy a Mercedes Vito (9 seater), a car with which to transport all the children and go on nice trips. The children were really looking forward to this gift and they enjoy taking rides in the car.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Operation Sabre for its great achievements and support, which has been part of the life of the Caritas Centru Social Foundation for several years.

Soos Attila, Director

Caritas Centru Social Foundation. Saint Stephen's Orphanage, Saniob



What some of our partners say...



The benefits of the help received from Operation Sabre to the children of Saulia Kindergarten are significant. Operation Sabre brought smiles on the faces of many needy children, whom Santa Claus never reached previously. Without Operation Sabre we would not have been able to help the children in the kindergarten at Christmas for the past few years.

**Violeta Oltean, Teaching Assistant
Saulia Kindergarten**

Operation Sabe was active again in 2022/23, like in every other year, with their collaboration activities in support of the Targu Mures Maternal Centre (*Child Protection Unit*).

In 2022/23 our Maternal Centre cared for 42 young mothers and children who benefited from their support and services. The Maternal Centre offers mothers and their children a home, that is a place of safety where to stay, grow, learn and give hope and a plan for a better future.

Operation Sabre has been present at Maternal Centre carried out risk-assessments, and installed fire alarms, smoke detectors and emergency lighting units to improve the fire prevention and escape arrangements. And as with previous years, they were also very generous with offering gifts to the residents at Christmas.

Their support is hugely appreciated and we are very happy to have them as a member of our Maternal Centre Family.

**Georgeta Podar, Director
Maternal Centre**





What some of our partners say...



Partnership for eternity!

We live in a world where we no longer find respect and love for our neighbours. The constant struggle for survival makes us stop looking, stop empathizing with those around us. But in this context of selfishness, through a strong and stable partnership over time, between the Sighisoara Elderly Persons Care Home and Operation Sabre, proved that our "neighbour" is the meaning of our earthly and heavenly life. The partnership with Operation Sabre makes us believe that no one and nothing prevents us from being with vulnerable people, not even the distance between Romania and the UK. Thanks to the distinguished members of Operation Sabre, and we bow our heads to the ground for all the help given since 2012.

With great respect and appreciation,

Father Avram Florin (Director), staff and residents

The collaboration between the Şinca Foundation and Operation Sabre was one of the best choices we could have made. Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Operation Sabre has shown empathy and dedication to the 4,300 Ukrainian refugees we assisted in Bihor County, Romania. We praise the initiative of the Operation Sabre team to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds in Holod commune where we have a number of 400 beneficiaries. The Operation Sabre always responds to our needs of those in need, be it medical, logistical or financial support.

We are honoured to have the Operation Sabre team with us in our humanitarian and social mission, here in Romania!

**George Marius Şinca, Director
Şinca Foundation**





What some of our partners say...



To assist our Red Cross humanitarian activities in supporting the Ukrainian refugees, we purchased a Ford Transit Van with the money you sent to us. It is more useful than you can ever imagine. In 2023 we helped the refugees and also the poor people of Mures county (*which are more and more*). We also purchased a lot of food, clothes, shoes, school supplies, hygiene products and other items through your generous donations. Now we are more efficient, we make one journey with the Transit Van instead of 4-5 with my personal car. Also, we succeeded in transporting furniture and domestic appliances. So, please send our thoughts of gratitude to all the donors who made this possible.

Madga Bercea (Director)
Red Cross, Targu Mures





What society says about our activities...



Non-Profit Organisation Awards

It is great pleasure and pride that Operation Sabre is able to announce that during 2023, the charity was nominated, and duly won, the *AI Non-Profit Organisation Award* for best:

Romanian Fire and Rescue Support Charity of the Year Award 2023

Further details regarding the awarding body and the award can viewed at:

https://www.acquisition-international.com/winners/operation-sabre/?fbclid=IwAR0jx4mFHVsOu128fQpyRoL_KtAP8Tnvt1o6gF_gnnOAABGmxdhHh6xKmKM



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Our Accounts for 2022/23...

OPERATION SABRE						
Registered Charity Number 1163222						
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023						
			2022/23		2021/22	
RECEIPTS			£	p	£	p
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Donations Romania			13,630.27			11,976.47
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Gift Aid - Ukrainian Refugees			1,879.83			817.13
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PAYMENTS			£	p	£	p
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Specialist Fire training March 2022			3,186.63			1,745.57
Specialist Fire training May 2023			988.04			0.00
Humanitarian trip expenses November 2022			2,076.23			1,412.38
- health & welfare, admin			83.12			0.00
Insurance			1,020.34			712.73
Handover ceremonies			100.00			0.00
Humanitarian aid Romania			3,876.01			868.01
Humanitarian capital spend			9,200.37			21,120.21
Humanitarian Aid Ukrainian Refugees			22,805.82			3,793.01
Fundraising – donation gift sacks & pens			432.39			65.00
Gift for hosts			126.95			170.40
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Capital spend (Projector)			122.99			0.00
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BANK BALANCE			£	p	£	p
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Acknowledgements...

The trustees and members of Operation Sabre wish to record their appreciation to their families and friends, for their continued support, tolerance and perseverance.

To our many friends and hosts in Romania and in particular, to the numerous benefactors, be these individuals, clubs, associations or corporate organisations, for their financial support and donated aid (*from knitwear to defibrillators...*) we thank you.



Multumesc, Diolch, Danke & Thank you

**We stand with
Ukraine**



OPERATION SABRE

Business Plan 2022/23

Our Vision

Helping to shape the future of Romania by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies

Our Mission

To share knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies

Our Objectives

- ▶ *The preservation and protection of health by the provision of vehicles and equipment to Romania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service*
- ▶ *To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Romania*

Our Strategy

- ▶ *To operate with professionalism, integrity and honesty, demonstrating at all times respect and dignity towards each other and the communities we strive to support*
- ▶ *To create and promote partnerships that support the advancement of Operation Sabre's objectives in Romania. Specifically, this will include awareness raising, fundraising, grant applications and vehicle/equipment/uniform acquisitions*
- ▶ *To establish, in collaboration with Romanian Professional Fire and Rescue Services, a medium and long term partnership strategy for the protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies*
- ▶ *To promote and foster the spirit of 'volunteering' for the benefit of public goodwill, community wellbeing and health in Romania*

Registered Charity Number: 1163222 FINAL



Appendix B – Code of Conduct

Operation Sabre, as a charity, is rooted in the traditions and values of the fire service and founded on mutual respect and trust between its membership and the communities it serves. To ensure the continuing integrity of Operation Sabre, the highest standards of ethical conduct must be maintained at all times. Incorporated within the *code of conduct* are the 'Standards of Conduct' issued by the United Nations.⁵

All participants involved in the activities of Operation Sabre (*be these at the planning, preparation or execution stages*) are bound by the following rules:

1. Always conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on yourself, Operation Sabre, your employing Service/Organisation, your hosts, the United Kingdom and the fire service in general.
2. Dress, think, talk, act and behave in a manner befitting the dignity of a disciplined, caring, considerate, mature, respected and trusted member of Operation Sabre, displaying the highest integrity and impartiality.
3. Have pride in your position as a member of Operation Sabre and do not abuse or misuse your authority.
4. Respect the law of the land of the host country, their local culture, traditions, customs and practices.
5. Treat the inhabitants of the host country with respect, courtesy and consideration. You are there as a guest to help them and in so doing will be welcomed with admiration.
6. Do not indulge in immoral acts of sexual, physical or psychological abuse or exploitation of the local population or fellow members of Operation Sabre.
7. Respect and regard the human rights of all. Support and aid the infirm, sick and weak.
8. Show respect for and promote the environment, including the flora and fauna, of the host country.
9. Exercise the utmost discretion in handling confidential information and matters of official business which can compromise security or individual confidentiality.
10. Accept responsibility for your actions and for the consequences of your actions.
11. Support the concept of fairness and the value of diverse thoughts and opinions.
12. Avoid situations that would adversely affect the credibility or public perception of the fire service profession and that of Operation Sabre.
13. Be truthful and honest at all times and report instances of cheating or other dishonest acts that compromise the integrity of the fire service and that of Operation Sabre.
14. Conduct your personal affairs in a manner that does not improperly influence the performance of your duties, or bring discredit to the fire service profession and that of Operation Sabre.
15. Be respectful and conscious of your hosts and each member's safety and welfare.
16. Recognise that you serve in a position of public trust that requires stewardship in the honest and efficient use of resources, which are funded through donations (including uniforms, vehicles and equipment), and that these are protected from misuse and theft.
17. Exercise professionalism, competence, respect and loyalty in the performance of your duties and use information, confidential or otherwise, gained by virtue of your position, only to benefit those you are entrusted to serve.
18. Avoid financial investments, business interests or activities that conflict with or are enhanced by your position in Operation Sabre or have the potential to create the perception of impropriety.
19. Never propose or accept personal rewards, special privileges, benefits, advancement, honours or gifts that may create a conflict of interest, or the appearance thereof.
20. Never engage in activities involving alcohol or other substance use or abuse that can impair your mental state or the performance of your duties and compromise safety.
21. Never discriminate on the basis of race, religion, colour, creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual preference, medical condition or handicap.
22. Never harass, intimidate or threaten fellow members of Operation Sabre, your hosts or the public and stop or report the actions of other team members or hosts who engage in such behaviours.
23. Never take photographs and/or video of children, young adults, vulnerable persons, military personnel and military installations without the express permission of both the relevant host and a Trustee from Operation Sabre.
24. Responsibly use social networking/media, electronic communications, or other media technology opportunities in a manner that does not discredit, dishonour or embarrass Operation Sabre, your hosts, the fire service and the public.



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Examined and found correct in accordance with the books and vouchers presented to me.

Signed:

A. Kalinowski

Date:

22/5/23

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

OPERATION SABRE

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2023

Charity no (if any)

1163222

Set out on pages

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

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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.

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

Signed:

C.A. Kalinowski

Date:

22/05/23

Name:

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OPERATION SABRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163222

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22



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Welcome



Steve Worrall

Steve Worrall BEM PhD MBA
President
Operation Sabre

Welcome to the 2021/22 Annual Report of Operation Sabre, a report that records the activities of our small charity, doing its best, to support the most vulnerable of Romania.

As 2021 drew to a close, nations across the globe must have thought that life could finally get back to normal, as collectively, we had seen off the worst of the pandemic. Little could any of us truly have foreseen that at the beginning of 2022, the horrors of war that were to fall upon Ukraine, Romania's immediate neighbour to the north.

As a small and yet agile charity, Operation Sabre, working with existing and trusted Romanian partners, has re-prioritised its efforts to assist and provide immediate aid to those who are supporting the thousands of Ukrainian refugees that now seek sanctuary in Romania

We are indebted to the generosity of our benefactors and partners for their much appreciated support.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Operation Sabre takes its name from the predominant type of fire engine the charity has delivered to Romania, the *DENNIS SABRE*. The charity's emblem depicts two crossed sabres denoting 'readiness to protect' surmounted by a Victorian fire helmet, representing the 'traditions and values' of the fire and rescue service. The crossed sabres and helmet are encircled by an eight pointed star that signifies the cross of Saint John. The eight points or 'tenets' represent the knightly virtues of - *Tact, Gallantry, Dexterity, Observation, Perseverance, Loyalty, Explicitness and Sympathy*.





Charity Particulars

CHARITY DETAILS

- UK Charity Commission Registration Number: 1163222
- UK HMRC Charities Reference: EW38284
- Registered Address: Millwright Barn, Stoney Stretton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9PZ
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/operationsabre
- Email: operationsabre@btinternet.com

(This report was submitted to the Charity Commission on 30 January 2023)

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- Mr Malcolm Price (Vice-President)
- Cllr Leslie Rennie
- Ms Jean Jones
- Mrs Kathy Hall
- Mr Steve Purslow
- Mr John Harrison
- Mr Mark Briscoe
- Mr Andy Price

Operation Sabre is a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* with voting rights for members and Trustees. All Trustees are required to stand down after twelve months, with new elections taken at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are required to sign the Charity Commission's *Trustee Eligibility Declaration* and abide by the Commission's prescribed responsibilities for Trustees.





Overview...

Operation Sabre's vision is to assist in shaping the future of Transylvania, by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies. In doing so, public benefit is achieved through the sharing of knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of fire protection, prevention and emergency response arrangements.

Two visits to Romania were conducted during 2021/22. The primary focus of these visits was to share knowledge and expertise, and to this end, specialist training courses in Fire Investigation and Incident Command arrangements were delivered to professional fire officers. In addition, further work was undertaken to install fire and smoke alarms within the many residential care homes now supported by Operation Sabre.

Our humanitarian aid programme was expanded to assist not only the vulnerable of Romania, but also those taking sanctuary in Romania from the bullets and bombs falling upon Ukraine. This has led to the purchase of two minibuses, which have been donated to the Romanian Orthodox Church operating in Argeş and Mures Counties. The short-term purpose for these vehicles is to assist in the transportation of humanitarian aid and refugees. Long-term, the minibuses will be retained and used by Romanian orphanages.





Our Vision and Mission...

OUR VISION: Helping to shape the future of Transylvania, Romania by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies



OUR OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ The preservation and protection of health by the provision of fire and rescue vehicles and equipment to Transylvania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service
- ✓ To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Transylvania



OUR MISSION: To share knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies



MAKING IT HAPPEN:

The strategy for turning our vision into reality is set out in our Business Plan 2021/22 (see attached Appendix A), a Plan underpinned by Good Governance arrangements and a genuine passion to help others. A summary of our *income* and *expenditure* is provided at pages 12 and 13





Where we operate...

Since 2012, Operation Sabre has operated in Transylvania, supporting both professional (*Inspectoratul pentru Situații de Urgență (ISU) – Emergency Situations Inspectorate*) and community volunteer fire services in the counties of Alba, Bihor, Brasov, Harghita and Mures. During 2021/22, the total number of vehicles delivered by the charity since 2012 now stands at 55.





Summary of our activities...

Our Strategy for 2021/22 ↗

To operate with professionalism, integrity and honesty, demonstrating at all times respect and dignity towards each other and the communities we strive to support

To create and promote partnerships that support the advancement of Operation Sabre's objectives in Romania. Specifically, this will include awareness raising, fundraising, grant applications and vehicle/equipment/uniform acquisitions

To establish, in collaboration with professional Romanian Fire & Rescue Services a medium and long term partnership strategy for the protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies in Transylvania

To promote and foster the spirit of 'volunteering' for the benefit of public goodwill, community wellbeing and health in Transylvania

To undertake an impact assessment of the implications of 'BREXIT' upon the achievement of Operation Sabre's Objectives

Summary of our activities during 2021/22 ↗

Operation Sabre continually strives to deliver humanitarian assistance as a professional proactive initiative to enhance the fire protection, prevention and response arrangements provided by Transylvania's fire and rescue services. In delivering such assistance, we are proud to declare that we continue to be formally recognised as signatories to the Code of Conduct¹ of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Operation Sabre has reviewed and enhanced its arrangements for the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Persons and also Data Protection. The charity is compliant to the Data Protection Regulations 2018 and registered with the UK Information Commissioner's Office.

Operation Sabre has created partnerships with a number of UK fire and rescue services and CAFFRA² that assist in the provision of uniform, equipment and vehicles. In addition, Operation Sabre is a formal member of the UK's overarching fire related charity - FireAid.³

Within Romania, Operation Sabre is grateful for the continuing assistance, support and friendship received from key partners responsible for professional fire service provision.

During 2021/22 Operation Sabre has endeavoured to deliver information events to community groups in the UK via online Zoom presentations and in person, with the objective of raising awareness. Sadly, the number of events during 2021 was limited due to the ongoing safety concerns regarding Covid at mass gatherings. As a consequence, fundraising through these events has diminished considerably. Notwithstanding the latter, the events in Ukraine have generated significant donations in support of Romanian partners who are caring for the refugees.

Operation Sabre continues to have constructive and productive professional partnerships, particularly with ISU Bihor and ISU Mures, partnerships that enable the protection of communities and prevention of fire. This has led to the delivery of Fire Investigation and Incident Command training courses during 2022.

Community wellbeing and goodwill was further enhanced during 2021/22 through the donation several tonnes of Operation Sabre humanitarian aid stock to international efforts and agencies dealing with the Ukrainian refugee crisis, together with the donation of two minibuses.

Operation Sabre continues to monitor the impact of BREXIT. The long-term impact is the prevention of the import of non-EU right-hand drive vehicles into Romania effective from 1st January 2021.



Sharing knowledge and Expertise...

In March 2022, two specialist teams of instructors from Operation Sabre visited ISU Bihor to deliver two five-day training courses, covering Fire Investigation and Incident Command.



Adopting the most up to date methods of instruction, the Fire Investigation course provided students with an in-depth knowledge regarding the science of fire behaviour and its causes, both natural and intentional. Students were subjected to a number of live fire exercises and challenged with establishing, though forensic investigation, the cause and source of ignition and subsequent spread of fire.

Aimed at Level 2/Silver fire commanders, the Incident Command training course provided students with an introduction to the internationally recognised UK Incident Command System. Students participated in several role-play floor-plan exercises designed to test their leadership, command and communication skills.

It is pleasing to report that ISU Bihor has now adopted elements of the UK approach to incident command, and has requested Operation Sabre to provide further training courses during 2023.





Protection from fire...

Building upon an initiative originally launched in 2019, Operation Sabre has continued to provide fire safety equipment to the many residential care homes it now supports in both Bihor and Mures Counties. The initiative aims to improve the early detection and warning of fire, and aid evacuation. The programme includes the donation and installation of:

- ✓ Standalone battery operated fire alarm call points throughout common areas.
- ✓ 3 hour battery back-up emergency lighting units on escape routes.
- ✓ New smoke detector alarms.
- ✓ FIRE EXIT signage (*with running man symbols and directional arrows*).
- ✓ Fire Extinguishers.

During 2022, the programme was expanded to include various venues in Bihor County used to provide support and accommodation to Ukrainian refugees and also a large kindergarten for vulnerable children in the village of Șăulia, Mures County.





Supporting the vulnerable...



Members of Operation Sabre continue to hold a deep and meaningful passion to support the most vulnerable in Romanian society. To this end, and with the assistance of partners in ISU Bihor and ISU Mures, the following projects were funded during 2021/22:

- ✓ The donation of outdoor play furniture for children at the Sângeru De Pădure Day-care Orphanage.
- ✓ The funding of an outdoor all-weather recreation sports pitch at the Căpușu de Câmpie Special Needs Home.
- ✓ The refurbishment of further bedrooms at the Sighișoara Old Peoples Home.
- ✓ The donation of outdoor play furniture for children at the Sâniob Orphanage.
- ✓ The delivery, by hand, of Christmas gifts during 2021 to all of the vulnerable residents supported by Operation Sabre.





Supporting Ukraine...

Members of Operation Sabre, but moreover our supporters, have been shocked and saddened by the events taking place in Ukraine.

Within a few days of the war breaking out on 24th February 2022, Operation Sabre launched a fund raising appeal, which by the close of this reporting year (31st March 2022), had achieved the following:

- ✓ The purchase of two minibuses for use by the Romanian Orthodox Church, who have been central to the taking of aid to the Ukraine/Romanian border, and thereafter, the transportation of refugees to places of safety.
- ✓ The donation of over three tonnes of food, clothing, toiletries and medical aid to UK aid agencies for onward transfer to various European refugee relief centres.
- ✓ The donation of fifty full sets of firefighting uniforms and over twenty defibrillators to Ukrainian fire services.
- ✓ The direct funding of medical and essential aid items for refugees in Romania.
- ✓ The carrying out of risk assessments and fitting of fire alarms in some of the venues used by refugees in Romania.
- ✓ The delivery, in person, of humanitarian aid to refugee centres in Romania.





Our income and expenditure...

We remain extremely grateful to our sponsors, in particular Holcim (Romania) and our many local benefactors, for their continued support and generosity. Operation Sabre is not in receipt of any UK Government or European Commission/Union funding, nor does it hold any assets or investments.



All members of Operation Sabre are unpaid volunteers and undertake all fundraising, preparation and visit activities in their own time and choose not to receive any personal expenses for their actions.

100% of all donations received are reinvested into humanitarian aid projects supporting the most vulnerable in Romania. Sponsorship, from organisations such as Holcim, contributes to travel, accommodation and insurance overheads, etc to meet the charity's objectives.



Holcim

România



Our audited accounts for 2021/22...

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The trustees and members of Operation Sabre wish to record their appreciation to their families and friends, for their continued support, tolerance and perseverance.

To the numerous benefactors, be these individuals or corporate organisations, for their financial support and donated aid (*from knitwear to defibrillators...*) we thank you.

To Holcim (Romania), thanks you for sponsoring the specialist training courses, your investment in Operation Sabre, is an investment in Romania.

To Colonel Rares Petre of ISU Mures, we wish you well in your recent retirement and thank you for your friendship, generosity and support received over the last ten years.

And finally, to our Romanian friends without whose friendship, support and Romanian hospitality our own lives would not have been so enriched through unique and life-changing experiences. In particular, we wish to thank Chief Inspectors - Handrea Călin, Coba Sorin and all of their officers and staff from their respective ISUs, the staff and residents of the care homes we support in Căpușu de Câmpie, Saniob, Sângeru De Pădure Sighisoara, Targu Mureș, and to all the local Mayors and their communities in Bihor and Mureș Counties.



Multumesc, Diolch, Danke & Thank you



**We stand with
Ukraine**



Business Plan 2021/22

OPERATION SABRE



Our Vision

Helping to shape the future of Romania by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies

Our Mission

To share knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies

Our Objectives

- *The preservation and protection of health by the provision of vehicles and equipment to Romania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service*
- *To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Romania*

Our Strategy

- *To operate with professionalism, integrity and honesty, demonstrating at all times respect and dignity towards each other and the communities we strive to support*
- *To create and promote partnerships that support the advancement of Operation Sabre's objectives in Romania. Specifically, this will include awareness raising, fundraising, grant applications and vehicle/equipment/uniform acquisitions*
- *To establish, in collaboration with Romanian Professional Fire and Rescue Services, a medium and long term partnership strategy for the protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies*
- *To promote and foster the spirit of 'volunteering' for the benefit of public goodwill, community wellbeing and health in Romania*
- *To undertake an ongoing impact assessment of the implications of BREXIT and Covid 19 upon the achievement of Operation Sabre's Objectives*

Registered Charity Number: 1163222



Appendix B – Code of Conduct

Operation Sabre, as a charity, is rooted in the traditions and values of the fire service and founded on mutual respect and trust between its membership and the communities it serves. To ensure the continuing integrity of Operation Sabre, the highest standards of ethical conduct must be maintained at all times. Incorporated within the *code of conduct* are the 'Standards of Conduct' issued by the United Nations.⁴

All participants involved in the activities of Operation Sabre (*be these at the planning, preparation or execution stages*) are bound by the following rules:

1. Always conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on yourself, Operation Sabre, your employing Service/Organisation, your hosts, the United Kingdom and the fire service in general.
2. Dress, think, talk, act and behave in a manner befitting the dignity of a disciplined, caring, considerate, mature, respected and trusted member of Operation Sabre, displaying the highest integrity and impartiality.
3. Have pride in your position as a member of Operation Sabre and do not abuse or misuse your authority.
4. Respect the law of the land of the host country, their local culture, traditions, customs and practices.
5. Treat the inhabitants of the host country with respect, courtesy and consideration. You are there as a guest to help them and in so doing will be welcomed with admiration.
6. Do not indulge in immoral acts of sexual, physical or psychological abuse or exploitation of the local population or fellow members of Operation Sabre.
7. Respect and regard the human rights of all. Support and aid the infirm, sick and weak.
8. Show respect for and promote the environment, including the flora and fauna, of the host country.
9. Exercise the utmost discretion in handling confidential information and matters of official business which can compromise security or individual confidentiality.
10. Accept responsibility for your actions and for the consequences of your actions.
11. Support the concept of fairness and the value of diverse thoughts and opinions.
12. Avoid situations that would adversely affect the credibility or public perception of the fire service profession and that of Operation Sabre.
13. Be truthful and honest at all times and report instances of cheating or other dishonest acts that compromise the integrity of the fire service and that of Operation Sabre.
14. Conduct your personal affairs in a manner that does not improperly influence the performance of your duties, or bring discredit to the fire service profession and that of Operation Sabre.
15. Be respectful and conscious of your hosts and each member's safety and welfare.
16. Recognise that you serve in a position of public trust that requires stewardship in the honest and efficient use of resources, which are funded through donations (including uniforms, vehicles and equipment), and that these are protected from misuse and theft.
17. Exercise professionalism, competence, respect and loyalty in the performance of your duties and use information, confidential or otherwise, gained by virtue of your position, only to benefit those you are entrusted to serve.
18. Avoid financial investments, business interests or activities that conflict with or are enhanced by your position in Operation Sabre or have the potential to create the perception of impropriety.
19. Never propose or accept personal rewards, special privileges, benefits, advancement, honours or gifts that may create a conflict of interest, or the appearance thereof.
20. Never engage in activities involving alcohol or other substance use or abuse that can impair your mental state or the performance of your duties and compromise safety.
21. Never discriminate on the basis of race, religion, colour, creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual preference, medical condition or handicap.
22. Never harass, intimidate or threaten fellow members of Operation Sabre, your hosts or the public and stop or report the actions of other team members or hosts who engage in such behaviours.
23. Never take photographs and/or video of children, young adults, vulnerable persons, military personnel and military installations without the express permission of both the relevant host and a Trustee from Operation Sabre.
24. Responsibly use social networking/media, electronic communications, or other media technology opportunities in a manner that does not discredit, dishonour or embarrass Operation Sabre, your hosts, the fire service and the public.

- ¹ <http://www.ifrc.org/en/publications-and-reports/code-of-conduct/>
- ² <http://www.caffra.org/>
- ³ <http://www.fire-aid.org/>
- ⁴ <https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/standards-of-conduct>





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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

OPERATION SABRE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1163222

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

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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:

C.A. Kalinowski

Date:

14/7/22

Name:

C.A. KALINOWSKI

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

CIPFA (RETIRED)

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Examined and found correct in accordance with the books and vouchers presented to me.

Signed: *P.A. Katiwinski*

Date: *3/7/22*

(if any): _____
Address: 1A SUTTON LANE
SHREWSBURY
SY3 7QQ

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.

OPERATION SABRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163222

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21



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Welcome



Steve Worrall

Steve Worrall BEM PhD MBA
President
Operation Sabre

Welcome to the 2020/21 Annual Report of Operation Sabre, a report presented in truly unprecedented times as nations around the world battle an invisible enemy – coronavirus. And in addition, we in the UK come to terms with being independent of the European Union.

However, despite these challenges, Operation Sabre has endeavoured to continue its efforts to support remote rural communities in Romania through the provision of fire engines, humanitarian aid and Covid 10 personal protective equipment.

As a charity we remain indebted to the generosity of our benefactors and partners for their much appreciated support. And as our charity's president, I am extremely grateful to the Trustees and members of Operation Sabre for their tireless efforts and enthusiasm that continues to change so many lives in Romania.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Operation Sabre takes its name from the predominant type of fire engine the charity has delivered to Romania, the *DENNIS SABRE*. The charity's emblem depicts two crossed sabres denoting '*readiness to protect*' surmounted by a Victorian fire helmet, representing the '*traditions and values*' of the fire and rescue service. The crossed sabres and helmet are encircled by an eight pointed star that signifies the cross of Saint John. The eight points or '*tenets*' represent the knightly virtues of - *Tact, Gallantry, Dexterity, Observation, Perseverance, Loyalty, Explicitness and Sympathy*.





Charity Particulars

CHARITY DETAILS

- UK Charity Commission Registration Number: 1163222
- UK HMRC Charities Reference: EW38284
- Registered Address: Millwright Barn, Stoney Stretton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 9PZ
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/operationsabre
- Email: operationsabre@btinternet.com

(This report was submitted to the Charity Commission on 13 December 2021)

TRUSTEES

- Dr Steve Worrall (President)
- Mr Malcolm Price (Vice-President)
- Cllr Leslie Rennie
- Ms Jean Jones
- Mrs Kathy Hall
- Mr Steve Purslow
- Mr John Harrison
- Mr Mark Briscoe

Operation Sabre is a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* with voting rights for members and Trustees. All Trustees are required to stand down after twelve months, with new elections taken at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are required to sign the Charity Commission's *Trustee Eligibility Declaration* and abide by the Commission's prescribed responsibilities for Trustees.

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Overview...

Operation Sabre's vision is to assist in shaping the future of Transylvania, by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies. In doing so, public benefit is achieved through the sharing of knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of fire protection, prevention and emergency response arrangements.

During 2020/21 two fully equipped fire engines together with firefighting uniforms and specialist equipment were provided to professional and volunteer firefighters operating in Transylvania.

In addition, and working within the constraints imposed through the pandemic, Operation Sabre successfully managed to:

- ✓ Provide Covid 19 personal protective equipment to all of the residential care homes supported by the charity.
- ✓ Provide fire alarms, extinguishers, emergency lighting and exit signage to the care homes.
- ✓ Provide several tonnes of humanitarian aid (clothing, toys, blankets, shoes, toiletries etc).
- ✓ Provide specialist thermal imaging cameras to professional firefighters.
- ✓ Fund a number of care home refurbishment and outdoor recreational projects.

All of the above activities were achieved from the UK, with no travel possible to Romania as a direct consequence of Covid 19 restrictions.





Our Vision and Mission...

OUR VISION: Helping to shape the future of Transylvania, Romania by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies



OUR MISSION: To share knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies

OUR OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ The preservation and protection of health by the provision of fire and rescue vehicles and equipment to Transylvania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service
- ✓ To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Transylvania



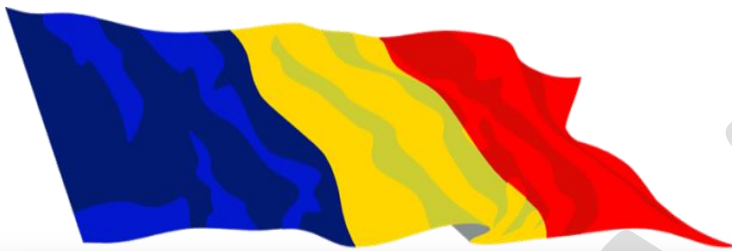
MAKING IT HAPPEN:

The strategy for turning our vision into reality is set out in our Business Plan 2020/21 (see attached Appendix A), a Plan underpinned by Good Governance arrangements and a genuine passion to help others. A summary of our *income* and *expenditure* is provided at pages 11 and 12.



Where we operate...

Since 2012, Operation Sabre has operated in Transylvania, supporting both professional (*Inspectoratul pentru Situații de Urgență (ISU) – Emergency Situations Inspectorate*) and community volunteer fire services in the counties of Alba, Bihor, Brasov, Harghita and Mures. During 2020/21, the total number of vehicles delivered by the charity since 2012 now stands at 53.





Summary of our activities...

Our Strategy for 2020/21 ↗

To operate with professionalism, integrity and honesty, demonstrating at all times respect and dignity towards each other and the communities we strive to support

To create and promote partnerships that supports the advancement of Operation Sabre's objectives in Romania. Specifically, this will include awareness raising, fundraising, grant applications and vehicle/equipment/uniform acquisitions

To establish, in collaboration with professional Romanian Fire & Rescue Services a medium and long term partnership strategy for the protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies in Transylvania

To promote and foster the spirit of 'volunteering' for the benefit of public goodwill, community wellbeing and health in Transylvania

To undertake an impact assessment of the implications of 'BREXIT' upon the achievement of Operation Sabre's Objectives

Summary of our activities during 2020/21 ↗

Operation Sabre continually strives to deliver humanitarian assistance as a professional *proactive* initiative to enhance the fire protection, prevention and response arrangements provided by Transylvania's fire and rescue services. In delivering such assistance, we are proud to declare that we continue to be formally recognised as signatories to the *Code of Conduct*¹ of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Operation Sabre has reviewed and enhanced its arrangements for the *Safeguarding of Vulnerable Persons* and also *Data Protection*. The charity is compliant to the Data Protection Regulations 2018 and registered with the UK Information Commissioner's Office.

Operation Sabre has created partnerships with a number of UK fire and rescue services and CAFFRA² that assist in the provision of uniform, equipment and vehicles. In addition, Operation Sabre is a formal member of the UK's overarching fire related charity - FireAid.³

Within Romania, Operation Sabre is grateful for the continuing assistance, support and friendship received from key partners responsible for professional fire service provision in Alba, Bihor and Mureş counties together with the many local mayors who act as our hosts.

During 2020/21 Operation Sabre endeavoured to deliver information events to community groups in the UK via online Zoom presentations with the objective of raising awareness. Sadly, the number of events has been limited, and as a consequence, fundraising through these events has diminished considerably.

Operation Sabre continues to have constructive and productive professional partnerships, particularly with ISU Bihor and ISU Mures, partnerships that enable the protection of communities and prevention of fire.

Community wellbeing and goodwill was further enhanced during 2020/21 through the donation several tonnes of humanitarian aid to care homes supported by Operation Sabre. The aid was shipped out in large palletted boxes and distributed by personnel from ISU Bihor and ISU Mures.

Operation Sabre continues to monitor the impact of BREXIT. The immediate impact is the prevention of the import of non-EU right-hand drive vehicles into Romania effective from 1st January 2021.



Protecting Communities...



During 2020/21 two fully equipped fire engines, sourced from Merseyside and Shropshire Fire and Rescue Services, were provided to ISU Bihor.

Operation Sabre is particularly grateful to Romanian firefighters - Cristian, Daniel, Claudiu and Adrian (above) of ISU Bihor who flew to Rotterdam in November 2020 to collect the vehicles, having been shipped earlier from Hull.

The vehicles were heavily laden with firefighting uniform and also specialist thermal imaging cameras donated by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Following a swift re-registration process, the vehicles entered operational service in Oradea County in December 2020, serving and protecting local communities.





Protection from fire...

Expanding upon a new initiative launched in 2019, Operation Sabre has continued to provide fire safety equipment to the residential care homes it supports. The initiative aims to improve the early detection and warning of fire, and aid evacuation.

During 2020, Saint Stephen's Orphanage in Saniob, Bihor County, benefited from the following donated items:

- ✓ Installation of modern UK fire extinguishers, tailored to the identified hazards.
- ✓ Installation of standalone battery operated fire alarm points throughout common areas.
- ✓ Installation of 3 hour battery back-up emergency lighting units on all escape routes.
- ✓ Installation of new smoke detector alarms.
- ✓ Installation of FIRE EXIT signage (with running man symbols and directional arrows) throughout the Home.

Similar actions will be rolled out to the remaining homes supported by Operation Sabre during 2021/22.





Supporting the vulnerable...



Members of Operation Sabre continue to hold a deep and meaningful passion to support the most vulnerable in Romanian society. To this end, and despite not being able to visit in person due to the pandemic, the charity successfully arranged the shipment of several one cubic metre palletted crates of humanitarian aid to Romania in 2020. With the assistance of partners in ISU Bihor and ISU Mures, the crates were distributed to the various residential care homes supported by the charity, with residents receiving clothing, blankets, toys, toiletries, watches, jewellery and mobile phones etc.

In addition, a number of capital projects were also funded which includes:

- ✓ The provision of outdoor play furniture at the Sângeru De Pădure day-care orphanage.
- ✓ The provision of play furniture and the construction of an outdoor play area at the Targu Mures Child Protection Unit.
- ✓ The refurbishment of further bedrooms at the Sighisoura Old Peoples Home



Operation Sabre has also funded and shipped Covid 19 personal protective equipment to support the care home staff and residents in their attempts to protect against the coronavirus.



Our income and expenditure...

We remain extremely grateful to those Romanian communities who have received fire engines during 2020/21, and have contributed towards the cost of these vehicles and their preparation. Their contributions account for a significant proportion of our annual income. The remaining balance of our funds is received through public donations, sponsorship, local grants and membership subscriptions. Operation Sabre is not in receipt of any UK Government or European Commission/Union funding, nor does it hold any assets or investments.

Special thanks must go to the numerous UK associations, groups and institutions that collectively donate each year several tonnes of humanitarian aid for distribution to the most vulnerable in Romanian society.



All members of Operation Sabre are unpaid volunteers and undertake all fundraising, preparation and visit activities in their own time and chose not to receive any personal expenses for their actions.





Our audited accounts for 2020/21...

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2020/21		2019/20			
	£	p	£	p	£	p
RECEIPTS						
Mayors contribution for appliances	12,000.00		21,000.00			
Sale of equipment	0.00		1,500.00			
Incident Command System Training	0.00		4,653.04			
Donations	2,390.75		7,766.23			
Fundraising - events	150.00		100.60			
Sale of donated goods	0.00		118.37			
Sponsored events	0.00		389.20			
Fundraising - talks	0.00		4,786.47			
Members subscriptions	240.00		140.00			
Gift for hosts	46.00		217.50			
Wizzair refund (paid 2019/20)	96.00					
Uniform sales	0.00		191.44			
Gift Aid	306.48		1,814.32			
	15,229.23		42,677.17			
PAYMENTS						
Appliance and equipment costs - purchase 2019		0.00		15,830.00		
- repairs and preparation						
2020	551.13		551.13	887.79	16,717.79	
Appliance and equipment costs - purchase			0.00		2,400.00	
Transportation costs - fuel, tolls etc	1,414.95			3,332.34		
- ferries/flights	378.00			2,485.11		
- additional drivers, transport & accomm	611.39			1,010.12		
- aid transportation costs	272.86			0.00		
- health & welfare, admin	80.20	2,757.40		511.70	7,339.27	
Additional drivers, transport & accomm May 2020		0.00			637.75	
Incident Command System Training		0.00			1,653.04	
Insurance		726.85			3,908.96	
Handover ceremonies		32.77			1,103.69	
Humanitarian aid		2,535.02			1,626.96	
Humanitarian capital spend		2,467.49			9,700.43	
Fundraising – donation gift sacks & pens		133.90			889.00	
Gift for hosts		155.10			150.59	
Storage		468.99			0.00	
Miscellaneous		243.00			238.94	
		10,071.65			46,366.42	
BANK BALANCE						
Opening balance as at 1 April			16,475.16		20,164.41	
Plus receipts	15,229.23			42,677.17		
Less payments	-10,071.65			-46,366.42		
Surplus		5,157.58			-3,689.25	
Bank balance as at 31 March		21,632.74			16,475.16	



Acknowledgements...

The trustees and members of Operation Sabre wish to record their appreciation to their families and friends, for their continued support, tolerance and perseverance.

To the numerous benefactors, be these individuals or corporate organisations, for their financial support and donated aid (*from knitwear to rescue equipment...*) we thank you.

To Severn Transport Services (Welshpool) and Pallex (Romania) we are truly indebted to you for freely transporting several cubic metres of humanitarian aid to Romania.

To Herr Bernhard Würsch of Regensburg Fire Service, we wish you well in your recent retirement and thank you for your friendship, generosity and support received over the last fifteen years.

And finally, to our Romanian friends without whose friendship, support and Romanian hospitality our own lives would not have been so enriched through unique and life-changing experiences. In particular, we wish to thank Chief Inspectors - Handrea Călin, Coba Sorin and all of their officers and staff from their respective ISUs, the staff and residents of the care homes we support in Căpușu de Câmpie, Saniob, Sângeru De Pădure Sighisoara, Targu Mureș, and to all the local Mayors and their communities in Bihor and Mureș Counties.



Multumesc, Diolch, Danke & Thank you







Business Plan 2020/21

OPERATION SABRE

Our Vision
Helping to shape the future of Romania by preserving and protecting its communities and heritage from the effects of fire and other emergencies

Our Mission
To share knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources to advance the understanding of protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies

Our Objectives

- *The preservation and protection of health by the provision of fire and rescue vehicles and equipment to Romania, enabling them to provide a lifesaving and humanitarian service*
- *To advance education in relation to all aspects of preserving and protecting health for the benefit of the public in Romania*

Our Strategy

- *To operate with professionalism, integrity and honesty, demonstrating at all times respect and dignity towards each other and the communities we strive to support*
- *To create and promote partnerships that support the advancement of Operation Sabre's objectives in Romania. Specifically, this will include awareness raising, fundraising, grant applications and vehicle/equipment/uniform acquisitions*
- *To establish, in collaboration with Romanian Professional Fire and Rescue Services, a medium and long term partnership strategy for the protection, prevention and response to fire and other emergencies*
- *To promote and foster the spirit of 'volunteering' for the benefit of public goodwill, community wellbeing and health in Romania*
- *To undertake an impact assessment of the implications of 'BREXIT' upon the achievement of Operation Sabre's Objectives*

Registered Charity Number: 1163222 FINAL



Appendix B – Code of Conduct

Operation Sabre, as a charity, is rooted in the traditions and values of the fire service and founded on mutual respect and trust between its membership and the communities it serves. To ensure the continuing integrity of Operation Sabre, the highest standards of ethical conduct must be maintained at all times. Incorporated within the *code of conduct* are the 'Standards of Conduct' issued by the United Nations.⁴

All participants involved in the activities of Operation Sabre (*be these at the planning, preparation or execution stages*) are bound by the following rules:

1. Always conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on yourself, Operation Sabre, your employing Service/Organisation, your hosts, the United Kingdom and the fire service in general.
2. Dress, think, talk, act and behave in a manner befitting the dignity of a disciplined, caring, considerate, mature, respected and trusted member of Operation Sabre, displaying the highest integrity and impartiality.
3. Have pride in your position as a member of Operation Sabre and do not abuse or misuse your authority.
4. Respect the law of the land of the host country, their local culture, traditions, customs and practices.
5. Treat the inhabitants of the host country with respect, courtesy and consideration. You are there as a guest to help them and in so doing will be welcomed with admiration.
6. Do not indulge in immoral acts of sexual, physical or psychological abuse or exploitation of the local population or fellow members of Operation Sabre.
7. Respect and regard the human rights of all. Support and aid the infirm, sick and weak.
8. Show respect for and promote the environment, including the flora and fauna, of the host country.
9. Exercise the utmost discretion in handling confidential information and matters of official business which can compromise security or individual confidentiality.
10. Accept responsibility for your actions and for the consequences of your actions.
11. Support the concept of fairness and the value of diverse thoughts and opinions.
12. Avoid situations that would adversely affect the credibility or public perception of the fire service profession and that of Operation Sabre.
13. Be truthful and honest at all times and report instances of cheating or other dishonest acts that compromise the integrity of the fire service and that of Operation Sabre.
14. Conduct your personal affairs in a manner that does not improperly influence the performance of your duties, or bring discredit to the fire service profession and that of Operation Sabre.
15. Be respectful and conscious of your hosts and each member's safety and welfare.
16. Recognise that you serve in a position of public trust that requires stewardship in the honest and efficient use of resources, which are funded through donations (including uniforms, vehicles and equipment), and that these are protected from misuse and theft.
17. Exercise professionalism, competence, respect and loyalty in the performance of your duties and use information, confidential or otherwise, gained by virtue of your position, only to benefit those you are entrusted to serve.
18. Avoid financial investments, business interests or activities that conflict with or are enhanced by your position in Operation Sabre or have the potential to create the perception of impropriety.
19. Never propose or accept personal rewards, special privileges, benefits, advancement, honours or gifts that may create a conflict of interest, or the appearance thereof.
20. Never engage in activities involving alcohol or other substance use or abuse that can impair your mental state or the performance of your duties and compromise safety.
21. Never discriminate on the basis of race, religion, colour, creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual preference, medical condition or handicap.
22. Never harass, intimidate or threaten fellow members of Operation Sabre, your hosts or the public and stop or report the actions of other team members or hosts who engage in such behaviours.
23. Never take photographs and/or video of children, young adults, vulnerable persons, military personnel and military installations without the express permission of both the relevant host and a Trustee from Operation Sabre.
24. Responsibly use social networking/media, electronic communications, or other media technology opportunities in a manner that does not discredit, dishonour or embarrass Operation Sabre, your hosts, the fire service and the public.

- 1 <http://www.ifrc.org/en/publications-and-reports/code-of-conduct/>
- 2 <http://www.caffra.org/>
- 3 <http://www.fire-aid.org/>
- 4 <https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/standards-of-conduct>





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

OPERATION SABRE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1163222

Set out on pages

ONE & TWO

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

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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.

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

Signed:

C.A. Kalinowski

Date:

02/08/21

Name:

C.A. KALINOWSKI

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

CIPFA (RETIRED)

Address:

19 SUTTON LANE

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Examined and found correct in accordance with the books and vouchers presented to me.

Signed: *C. A. Kalinowski*
Date: *2 August 2021*

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 DISCLOSURES