



The Charity Commission

29th May 2026

THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND REPORT OF THE SOMERSET COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TRUST: CHARITY NO. 11642381

INTRODUCTION - The Trust continues to be ready to serve the communities within Somerset and surrounding Counties with a voluntary service to assist anyone in need and to aid the civil authorities in the event of any emergency. The Trust is a recognised body known as the Somerset Community Volunteers (SCV) to be called on by the civil authorities if an emergency is such that voluntary organisations are called to assist.

THE ACCOUNT – We now manage with a single bank account and calculate Charity Holdings for both income and expenditure. The Charity account covers those monies raised for charitable purposes. Such monies are ring- fenced to be used only to assist individuals or communities who are most in need of help, whether by a donation from the Trust or by expenditure incurred (with an audit trail) while our volunteers are ready to render actual assistance.

TRUSTEE'S – Trustees of the charity have changed over the reporting period, with 3 individuals choosing to step away from the group, and 3 new individuals taking up new positions within the charity. Our 5 trustees have met on 6 separate occasions over the past twelve months, 5 of those have been via Zoom meetings, and these have all but replaced our face-to-face meetings, which are necessary for essential decisions when meeting in person is considered necessary. The Trustees historically have tried to increase membership with little success, however with new trustees and refreshed enthusiasm, the trust are looking for additional ways to engage the community and increase positive impact on those in need. There continues to be strong social ties with key individuals in the community, keeping them up to speed with current focus areas and should there be a serious incident, we are sure that the SCV formal membership would once again grow and the need for voluntary assistance escalates. I am sure that should the need arise; we would be able to engage with individuals who would like to help those in most urgent need.

LOGISTICS –Following a successful final drive, SCV have managed to reduce the physical holdings carried over from the flooding experienced in 2013/14, and therefore requirement to manage facilities and storage to zero. This was a suitable time for previous trustees, primarily responsible for managing this aspect of the charity to step away and enjoy their retirement. It will also allow focus to move to fund-raising and improving the ability to provide grants in the local area.

AID TO THE CIVIL COMMUNITY - Our SCV Trust members who were originally Spontaneous Volunteers, have provided aid to the Civil Community, for many years. Members support local charity and fundraising activities, by volunteering as stewards and coordinators. This has been seen as a worthwhile task for our club to perform and has been enjoyed by many – by doing their bit for our local community and further expanding awareness of the trust in the area.

Blossoms in Somerset	£1000
Josh Evans Trust	£500
Promise Works	£1000
Royal British Legion	£1000
Starburst Somerset	£500
Ups and Downs	£1000
Brain Tumour Charity	£800
Bridgwater Sea Cadets	£800
Devon & Somerset Air Ambulance	£1600

SUMMARY – Our 5 Trustees are continuing to keep the wheels of the Club turning. This has been another very good year for our Charity; we continue to raise funds for the good and benefit of the charities we support each year. New membership will ensure continued enthusiasm and engagement with our endeavours for the benefit of the community. Over the past 10 years we have formed strong bonds and friendships within our group and across local charitable organisations. We have continued to meet regularly and make all financial decisions for the good and benefit for the Trust. We have enjoyed our regular social activities together which is such a good thing about our friendship. Behind all our endeavours we have maintained our ability to react to any local emergency that we are asked to aid and support, wherever it is needed.

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