

MERSEYSIDE LOWLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1166213

Details

Other names MERSAR

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-03-24

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AMONGST PERSONS ENDANGERED BY ACCIDENTS OR NATURAL HAZARDS AND THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE BY PROVIDING SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES IN MERSEYSIDE IN CO-OPERATION WITH PARTNERS, GOVERNMENT BODIES AND OTHER RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS

Activities: We search for high risk vulnerable missing people

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Halton
- Knowsley
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- St Helens
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£21,770	£22,628	-	-
2024-06-30	£20,552	£12,038	-	-
2023-06-30	£21,403	£19,244	-	-
2022-06-30	£10,303	£10,855	-	-
2021-06-30	£12,943	£11,997	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Braithwaite		2023-05-15
David Alcock		2020-02-03
Eugene Chapman		2020-09-23
Lesley Jane Ashcroft		2020-02-03
Sheridan Green		2023-05-15

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.07.2024** Period start date To **30.06.2025** Period end date

Charity name: **Merseyside Lowland Search & Rescue**

Charity registration number: **1166213**

Objectives and Activities

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Throughout the 2024–2025 financial year, MerSAR has continued to go from strength to strength, building on last year's progress and further cementing our position as a key part of Merseyside's search and rescue capability. Our relationship with Merseyside Police remains exceptionally strong, demonstrated this year by formal recognition from the Chief Constable for the professionalism, commitment, and reliability shown by our volunteers. We have also continued to strengthen our standing within Lowland Rescue, with team members contributing to national training delivery, national working groups, and wider development initiatives across the UK.</p> <p>Following the successful procurement of our Incident Control Unit and drone assets in previous years, we have continued to enhance our operational capability. Our drones, both large thermal and smaller rapid-deployment units, are now becoming fully integrated into our search procedures and have supported several operations, significantly improving our ability to quickly locate high-risk missing people. Our continual investment in equipment, ensure that our teams are consistently well-prepared for searches across Merseyside's diverse environments.</p>

		<p>Over the past year, our operational readiness and professionalism have continued to grow. We have participated in a wide range of exercises, joint-agency training, and inter-team support, helping strengthen standardisation across Lowland Rescue while improving our own resilience and interoperability. Our volunteers have once again demonstrated extreme dedication, contributing hundreds of operational hours, not including time spent on training, events, administration, or essential behind-the-scenes responsibilities.</p> <p>A major development for 2024/25 has been the introduction of a new digital radio system with integrated GPS tracking and dual-usage functionality across organisations. These radios offer clearer and more reliable communication, live location tracking of deployed personnel, and the ability to operate seamlessly alongside partner agencies using compatible systems. This upgrade represents a significant step forward in both safety and efficiency during operations, supporting better coordination with police, fire, ambulance, and other resilience partners.</p> <p>Financially, we continue to be mindful of the impact that the cost of living crisis has on our donors. Despite this, we have seen steady support through collection pots and community fundraising, and we remain deeply grateful to everyone who chooses to support our work. Every contribution directly helps us save lives and maintain our operational capability.</p> <p>Community engagement continues to be a vital part of our mission. This year, we expanded our presence at events, schools, community groups, and awareness sessions, promoting the important work carried out by Lowland Rescue teams nationally. Our involvement in broader resilience planning has also increased, with MerSAR now an active and valued participant in both the Merseyside Search and Rescue Forum and the Merseyside Resilience Forum. Through these, we have strengthened relationships with local councils, HMCG, police, fire, ambulance services, and a wide range of other responder and voluntary organisations, ensuring better coordination during major incidents and emergencies.</p>
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		Through sustained dedication, professionalism, and community engagement, MerSAR continues to raise its profile, enhance its capabilities, and further the objectives set out in our constitution. Our volunteers remain committed to developing their skills, improving the service we provide, and supporting the people of Merseyside whenever we are needed, 24/7.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue (MerSAR) has continued to deliver significant impact throughout the year, providing vital support to UK Emergency Services and directly benefiting vulnerable individuals and their families. Our team's work has contributed to saving lives, locating high-risk missing people, and offering closure to families in difficult and emotional circumstances.</p> <p>MerSAR operates with substantial operational capability, including a fully equipped Incident Control Unit, a dedicated 4x4 response vehicle crewed by trained volunteers, and a specialist drone team</p>

		<p>capable of rapid aerial search and thermal imaging. These assets allow us to respond quickly and effectively to incidents across Merseyside and beyond, improving the chances of positive outcomes for those at risk.</p> <p>Collaboration remains central to our success. We continue to support neighbouring Lowland Rescue teams especially through our ongoing partnership with Cheshire Search and Rescue, which strengthens regional resilience and ensures that resources can be shared where most needed.</p> <p>The wider societal benefits of MerSAR's work are considerable. Our presence relieves pressure on frontline emergency services, offers reassurance to the public, and provides specialist expertise during critical incidents. The professionalism and commitment of our volunteers contribute to a safer, more resilient Merseyside, ensuring that vulnerable individuals receive rapid, skilled assistance when they need it most.</p> <p>Through operational deployments, training, and partnership development, MerSAR continues to make a difference to those we serve, supporting emergency services, protecting the public, and strengthening the region's overall emergency response capability.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The team's primary source of income continues to come from public donations and contributions from individual trusts, with additional financial support generated through sponsored events and the generosity of our own team members. We also occasionally receive donations
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		<p>specifically intended for the purchase of specialist equipment.</p> <p>Our expenditure covers a wide range of essential operational costs, including member training, insurance, vehicle and equipment maintenance, personal protective equipment, and other necessary consumables required to sustain a 24/7 emergency response capability.</p> <p>This year, we have successfully secured several significant grants to support our operational development. This includes our new digital radio system featuring GPS tracking, enhanced functionality, and interoperability with partner agencies. These grants have been generously provided by supportive trusts and companies, either through direct financial assistance or funding aimed at specific equipment needs.</p> <p>These contributions have made a substantial difference to the team's resilience and effectiveness, ensuring we can continue delivering a high standard of service to the public and our emergency service partners.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Last financial year, the charity aimed to maintain reserves of £4,500 by the end of this financial year which we can safely say was achieved. We again would like to maintain this amount of reserve for the upcoming financial year
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,500 at present
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity receives its income from the general public and from individual trusts, as well as from sponsored events and financial support from individual team members. The team's expenditure covers training, insurance and vehicle running costs and purchase of consumables.
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are voted in to post by full members of the team at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Merseyside Lowland Search & Rescue
Other name the charity uses	MerSAR / Merseyside Search & Rescue
Registered charity number	1166213
Charity's principal address	2 East Street Birkenhead CH41 1BY

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

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Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

Year Ended 30 June 2025

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11.11.25

Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

Charity Number 1166213

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
Income		
Donations and grants	21770	0
Contributions to PPE	0	0
	<u>21770</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditure		
Training and search deployments	19817	0
Depreciation	2811	0
	<u>22628</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	-858	0
Funds brought forward	22435	0
Funds carried forward	<u>21577</u>	<u>0</u>


Represented by:

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles
Cost	6286	11000
Depreciation	-4815	-6360
Drone Kit	7878	0
Depreciation	-2186	0
	<u>7163</u>	<u>4640</u>
Bank balance	9774	0
Total assets	<u>16937</u>	<u>4640</u>

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees/directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

L. ASTCROFT

11.11.25

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue for the year ended 30 June 2025.

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 Trustee'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the application requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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 being reached.



Andrew Chappell
FCA, MIMgt, FFTA

22nd October 2025

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Charity registration number: 1166213

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Throughout the 2023-2024 financial year, MerSAR has made significant progress, strengthening our relationships with both our Police Force and our governing body, Lowland Rescue. We have established ourselves as a dependable team within Lowland Rescue, with members contributing at a national level by participating in national courses. Additionally, we continue to support other Lowland Rescue teams with Bankside training and Team Leader development.</p> <p>Following last year's major milestone of acquiring an Incident Control Unit through local grant funding, we have now secured funding for a large thermal drone and a smaller drone. These assets enhance our ability to search for high-risk missing people from the air, allowing us to cover vast areas more quickly and effectively. We have also successfully procured new road search kits, essential for searches along roadways and highways. Our team members remain committed to ongoing skill development, continually enhancing our overall capabilities.</p> <p>We take pride in providing a highly professional and well-equipped volunteer team, available 24/7 to support Merseyside Police with high-risk missing person searches, as well as assisting other agencies during major incidents.</p>

		<p>MerSAR has experienced substantial growth, becoming more robust, efficient, and professional. Our team consistently acquires new skills and seizes every opportunity for development. In terms of search operations alone, our volunteers have dedicated approximately 300 hours—excluding additional time spent on events, training, administration, and other essential duties.</p> <p>Our commitment to continuous improvement remains strong, with plans to explore new resources and training opportunities as they become available and as funding allows. A key objective for 2024/25 is the adoption of new digital radios to enhance communication, integrate GPS technology, and keep pace with advancing technology.</p> <p>Since the pandemic, we have seen a slight increase in cash donations from charity collection pots; however, the ongoing cost of living crisis continues to impact overall contributions. We recognise that donations often come from individuals who may be facing financial hardship, and we are deeply grateful for every contribution, no matter how big or small.</p> <p>MerSAR remains actively engaged with the Merseyside community by attending events, schools, and clubs to raise awareness of our work. We are committed to promoting the Lowland Rescue name and increasing public understanding of the vital role Lowland Rescue teams play nationwide. Additionally, we are part of the Merseyside Search and Rescue Forum and the Merseyside Resilience Forum, working alongside HMCG, local councils, police, fire, ambulance services, and other resilience agencies.</p> <p>Through continued dedication and outreach, our team continues to raise its profile and advance the objectives set out in our constitution.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>The trustees have complied with guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue (MerSAR) possesses substantial resources to provide assistance to UK Emergency Services during times of crisis. MerSAR operates an Incident Control Unit, in addition to a 4x4 vehicle manned by its members, alongside a dedicated drone team. Furthermore, MerSAR is actively engaged in supporting neighbouring Lowland Rescue search teams, exemplified by its collaboration with Cheshire Search and Rescue, which is ongoing and fostering positive relationships.</p> <p>The team is proactively cultivating connections with other vital organisations, including Mountain Rescue, given Cheshire's proximity to North Wales and Greater Manchester alongside our neighbours in Lancashire who also have Mountain Rescue Teams. These collaborative efforts are instrumental in enhancing emergency response capabilities and fostering a network of support among regional search and rescue entities.</p> <p>MerSAR continues to save lives where possible but also to provide closure to families in some sad circumstances.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lesley Ashcroft	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee / Secretary	
Date	17.03.25	
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Alcock	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee / Chair	
Date	17.03.25	

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Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

YE 30 June 2024

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Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

Charity Number 1166213

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
Income		
Donations and grants	20552	0
Contributions to PPE	0	0
	<u>20552</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditure		
Training and search deployments	12038	0
Depreciation	3551	0
	<u>15589</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	4963	0
Funds brought forward	17472	0
Funds carried forward	<u>22435</u>	<u>0</u>
Represented by:		
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles
Cost	6286	11000
Depreciation	-4555	-4813
Addition	7878	0
Depreciation on addition	-1182	0
	<u>8427</u>	<u>6187</u>
Bank balance	7822	0
Total assets	<u>16249</u>	<u>6187</u>

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		<p>High Risk Missing People searches and also other agencies during events such as major incidents.</p> <p>Our team has experienced substantial growth, consistently becoming more robust, efficient, and professional. We continuously acquire new skills, seizing every opportunity that comes our way. In terms of ground efforts, the team has dedicated a total of 305 hours to search operations alone, excluding time spent on events, training, administration, and other duties.</p> <p>Our commitment to ongoing development remains steadfast, with plans to explore additional resources and training opportunities as they arise and as funds permit.</p> <p>A notable goal for 2023/24 is the initiation of a drone project, closely followed by the adoption of new digital radios to align with advancing technology. Additionally, we aim to acquire new road search kit, essential for searches along roadways and highways. Team members are dedicated to continuous skill development, enhancing the overall capabilities of the team.</p> <p>Seeing the back end of the pandemic disappearing, there is less of struggle with cash donations such as charity pots therefore are gaining a small amount more during each collection however, we still do notice a difference with regards to the current cost of living. We appreciate that public donations can come from people who are struggling, therefore are very appreciative of any funds donated no matter how great or small.</p> <p>MerSAR continues to liaise with the Merseyside community by attending events and schools/clubs to raise awareness of who we are and what we do. We thrive off getting the Lowland Rescue name out there enabling greater knowledge of what Lowland Rescue teams do across the country.</p> <p>The team have continued to raise its profile and enable the charity to achieve the objectives set out in the constitution.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

Commission on public benefit		
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Additional information (optional)

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Merseyside Search and Rescue (MerSAR) possesses substantial resources to provide assistance to UK Emergency Services during times of crisis. MerSAR operates an Incident Control Unit, in addition to a 4x4 vehicle manned by its members, alongside a dedicated command and control unit. Furthermore, MerSAR is actively engaged in supporting neighbouring Lowland Rescue search teams, exemplified by its collaboration with Cheshire Search and Rescue, which is ongoing and fostering positive relationships.</p> <p>The team is proactively cultivating connections with other vital organisations, including Mountain Rescue, given Cheshire's proximity to North Wales and Greater Manchester alongside our neighbours in Lancashire who also have Mountain Rescue Teams. These collaborative efforts are instrumental in enhancing emergency response capabilities and fostering a network of support among regional search and rescue entities.</p> <p>MerSAR continues to save lives where possible but also to provide closure to families in some sad circumstances.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The team's primary source of income predominantly originates from contributions by the general public and individual trusts. Additionally, financial support is garnered through sponsored events and the generosity of individual team members. Periodically, the team benefits from donations directed specifically towards the acquisition of specialised equipment.</p> <p>Expenditure incurred by the team encompasses various elements, including training expenses for members, insurance coverage, vehicle maintenance costs, procurement of personal protective equipment, and other consumables.</p> <p>Over the recent period, we have successfully secured several grants aimed at defraying costs associated with software, computers, and various individual items. These grants have been generously provided by specific trusts and companies that have demonstrated their commitment by either donating funds or offering grants specifically earmarked for particular items.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Last financial year, the charity aimed to maintain reserves of £4,500 by the end of this financial year which we can safely say was achieved. We again would like to maintain this amount of reserve for the upcoming financial year
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,500 at present
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity receives its income from the general public and from individual trusts, as well as from sponsored events and financial support from individual team members. The team's expenditure covers training, insurance and vehicle running costs and purchase of consumables.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are voted in to post by full members of the team at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Merseyside Lowland Search & Rescue
Other name the charity uses	MerSAR / Merseyside Search & Rescue
Registered charity number	1166213
Charity's principal address	2 East Street Birkenhead CH41 1BY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lesley Ashcroft	Treasurer	3 rd February 2020 to date	
2	David Alcock	Trustee	3 rd February 2020 to date	
3	Eugene Chapman	Trustee	23 rd September 2020 to date	
4	Sherry Green	Trustee	15 th May 2023 to date	
5	Alison Braithwaite	Trustee	15 th May 2023 to date	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

Charity Number 1166213

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
Income		
Donations and grants	21203	0
Contributions to PPE	200	0
	<u>21403</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditure		
Training and search deployments	11798	0
Depreciation	3110	0
Loss of sale of asset	4336	0
	<u>19244</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	2159	0
Funds brought forward	15313	0
Funds carried forward	<u>17472</u>	<u>0</u>
Represented by:		
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles
Cost	6286	28770
Disposal	0	-28770
Depreciation	-4249	-24215
Depreciation eliminated on disposal	0	24215
Addition	0	11000
Depreciation on addition	0	-2750
	<u>2037</u>	<u>8250</u>
Bank balance	7185	0
Total assets	<u>9222</u>	<u>8250</u>

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees/directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

MERSEYSIDE LOWLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1166213

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.07.2021 Period start date To 30.06.2022 Period end date

Charity name: Merseyside Lowland Search & Rescue

Charity registration number: 1166213

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve suffering and distress amongst persons endangered by accidents or natural hazards and the preservation of life by providing search & rescue services in Merseyside in co-operation partners, government bodies and other relevant organisations.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During this financial year, MerSAR has made another excellent development as a team, passing the full accreditation from the governing body Lowland Rescue and gaining further qualifications such as Team Leader, Bankside Searcher or Search Management. Again, we have witnessed a huge advancement within the team becoming stronger, more efficient and more professional on a regular basis developing more skills as the opportunities come along. The team are currently providing Merseyside communities with an excellent Search and Rescue team which is ever evolving and changing for the better. The team have also assisted Cheshire SAR on 22 of their call outs and 3 times assisting Staffordshire SAR, putting in a total of 320 hours of voluntary work on the ground, that is solely on callouts and does not include any admin, training, events, or other work.</p> <p>Team members have continued to and will continue to develop their skills bringing more capabilities into the team, they will be focussing on Team Leader training, Search Management, medical, water safety, drones and most importantly, aiming to purchase their own fully equipped command and control unit which would suit the team perfectly with all resources in one place and a central point for incident control.</p>

		<p>Coming out of the pandemic, we did still see a struggle raising funds, these reasons range from people not having cash available or foundations understandably focussing on recovery from the pandemic and directing funds to other areas and means. The team continue to liaise with the Merseyside Community by attending events to raise awareness or attending schools/clubs to make people aware of who we are and what we do.</p> <p>The team have continued to raise its profile and enable the charity to achieve the objectives set out in the constitution.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	MerSAR can offer considerable resources to support UK Emergency Services in times of crisis. MerSAR operates a command and control vehicle plus a 4x4 vehicle operated by its members alongside a command and control unit. MerSAR are also available to support neighbouring Lowland Rescue search teams such as Cheshire Search and Rescue which is continuing, and relationships are building well. The team are also building relationships with organisations such as Mountain Rescue, due to Cheshire bordering North Wales and Greater Manchester.

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The team's income is largely derived from donations from the general public and from individual trusts, as well as from sponsored events and financial support from individual team members. The team occasionally receives donations towards the purchase of specific pieces of equipment. Team expenditure covers members' training costs, insurance, vehicle running costs, purchase of personal protective equipment and other consumable items.</p> <p>During this period, we have managed to receive a few grants to help towards costs, software, computers, and various individual items throughout the year. This came from specific trusts and also companies who were willing to either donate funds or offer grants towards specific items</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Last financial year, the charity aimed to maintain reserves of £4,500 by the end of this financial year which we can safely say was achieved. We again would like to maintain this amount of reserve for the upcoming financial year
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,500 at present
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	MerSAR / Merseyside Search & Rescue
Registered charity number	1166213
Charity's principal address	2 East Street Birkenhead CH41 1BY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lesley Ashcroft	Treasurer	3 rd February 2020 to date	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lesley Ashcroft	David Alcock
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee
Date	15.02.23	
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Eugene Chapman	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	15.02.23	

Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

Charity Number 1166213

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
Income		
Donations and grants	10232	0
Contributions to PPE	71	0
	<u>10303</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditure		
Training and search deployments	10342	0
Depreciation	513	2277
	<u>10855</u>	<u>2277</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	-552	-2277
Funds brought forward	11310	6832
Funds carried forward	<u>10758</u>	<u>4555</u>
Represented by:		
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles
Cost	6286	28770
Depreciation	-3889	-24215
	<u>2397</u>	<u>4555</u>
Bank balance	8361	0
Total assets	<u>10758</u>	<u>4555</u>

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees/directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue for the year ended 30 June 2022.

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 Trustee'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the application requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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 being reached.



Andrew Chappell
FCA, MIMgt, FFTA

1 December 2022

Chappell Associates Limited
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Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

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MERSEYSIDE LOWLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1166213

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.07.2020 Period start date To 30.06.2021 Period end date

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Last financial year, the charity aimed to maintain reserves of £4,500 by the end of this financial year which we can safely say was achieved. We again would like to maintain this amount of reserves for the upcoming financial year
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,500 at present
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information


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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lesley Ashcroft	David Alcock
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee
Date	15.02.22	

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Eugene Chapman	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	15.02.22	

Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

YE 30 June 2021

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue for the year ended 30 June 2021.

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 Trustee'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
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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 being reached.



Andrew Chappell
FCA, MIMgt, FFTA

10th December 2021

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Merseyside Lowland Search and Rescue

Charity Number 1166213

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £
Income		
Donations and grants	12745	0
Contributions to PPE	198	0
	<u>12943</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditure		
Training and search deployments	11484	0
Depreciation	513	2277
	<u>11997</u>	<u>2277</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	946	-2277
Funds brought forward	10364	9109
Funds carried forward	<u>11310</u>	<u>6832</u>
Represented by:		
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles
Cost	6286	28770
Depreciation	-3376	-21938
	<u>2910</u>	<u>6832</u>
Bank balance	8400	0
Total assets	<u>11310</u>	<u>6832</u>

For the year in question, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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