

Warwickshire Search and Rescue
Registered Charity No. 1167079

Accounts and Independent Examiner report

For the year ended 31st March 2022

Warwickshire Search and Rescue
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended

12 Months to
31/03/2022

12 Months to
31/03/2021

Income

Grants (Non Specific)	14,547	2,450
Grants (Specific)	40,429	9,850
Donations	2,691	2,120
Fundraising	17,498	5,361
Equipment Deposits		
Equipment sales	7,497	
VAT Refund		
Course Fees Received	1,680	
Landlord Donation	2,979	
Subscriptions	1,505	1,388

Income	88,825	21,168
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Expenditure

Grants (Specific)	-	18,225	-
Building Costs	-	3,661	-
Equipment Purchases	-	854	-
Equipment Replace/Repair	-		121
Vehicle Costs	-	2,111	-
Insurance	-	5,643	-
Medical	-	1,037	-
Telecoms/Internet	-	1,039	-
Subscriptions (inc D4H)	-	765	-
Courses	-	1,705	-
Legal and Professional	-	35	-
Stationery	-	44	
Bank Charges			
Miscellaneous	-	181	-

Expenditure	-	35,300	-	19,073
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Surplus/Deficit Transferred to Funds	53,525	2,095
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Transferred to/From General Funds	31,321	-	7,755
Transferred To/From Restricted	22,204	-	9,850

Funds Statement for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Brought Forwards	In Year	Transfer Between Funds	Carried Forwards
General Funds	19,397	31,321		50,719
Restricted Funds	9,850	22,204		32,054

Warwickshire Search and Rescue
Balance Sheet
For the year ended

	12 Months to 31/03/2022	12 Months to 31/03/2021
Cash at Bank	<u>82,772</u>	<u>29,247</u>
General Funds	50,719	19,397
Restricted Funds	<u>32,054</u>	<u>9,850</u>
	<u>82,772</u>	<u>29,247</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Warwickshire Search and Rescue

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2022

Charity no
(if any) 1167079

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 31/03/2022.

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

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:

Date:

26/01/2023

Name:

Gavin Merrett

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

AAT

Address:

35 RIBBINGTON CLOSE, COVENTRY, CV5 9HT

Trustees' Annual Report – For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Reference & Administration Information

Charity Name
Warwickshire Search and Rescue
(WarkSAR)

Charity Number
1167079

Charity Address

Unit 121 Allander House
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Stoneleigh Park
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Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank PLC
PO Box 101
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Independent Examiner

Gavin Merrett AAT
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Current Trustees

Ian Malins Chair
Connor Patmore Vice Chair resigned 17th June 2022
Paul Middleton Treasurer
Steve Brown Secretary
Adrian Smith appointed Vice Chair 17th June 2022
Phil Hewish Appointed 17th June 2022

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

WarkSAR (the Charity) is an unincorporated association. It is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 18 May 2013 and last amended on 8 February 2016. WarkSAR is a Registered Charity, with charity number 1167079.

Trustees

The Trustees of Warwickshire Search and Rescue (WarkSAR) are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018.

WarkSAR's trustees comprise the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer and a trustee without portfolio. Any member is eligible to become a trustee. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, usually held in March each year. Under the constitution, there must be a minimum of three trustees (although there is no maximum number).

Management

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of WarkSAR, whilst the day-to-day running of the Charity's operational activities is delegated to a management group. Members of this group may be invited to attend trustee meetings to discuss progress and developments.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable Purposes

WarkSAR's charitable purposes are twofold:

to protect and preserve good health and safety of human life in an emergency by the provision of trained volunteers and search dogs to assist organisations involved in the search and rescue of missing persons; and
to advance the education of the public in all matters relating to lowland search and rescue.

Activities

WarkSAR works directly for the police, providing valuable search management services and physical resources to search on land and inland waterways. The Charity provides a team of qualified volunteers, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to support with searches for vulnerable missing persons in Warwickshire. WarkSAR also assists other search teams in the surrounding counties, and are available to assist the emergency services, County Council, and other agencies in the event of a major incident.

Volunteers regularly interact with the public during local events, visits to local schools and societies, and fundraising activities, and use this time to provide information about WarkSAR and search and rescue in general, and to answer any questions that members of the public have.

The Trustees have had due regard at all times to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements & Performance

The charity is in the process of moving its headquarters from its home of 6 years. It has agreed a lease with the Police college in Ryton for exclusive use of offices and regular use of training rooms. Ryton is the home of the national policing search college. They are also in negotiations with Stoneleigh Park for a different unit within the park, which will maintain their relationship with

Stoneleigh Park.

The Charity has an extremely committed team of volunteers, who continue to donate thousands of hours of their time each year, through fundraising, training, community events and, of course, searches. WarkSAR's volunteers have participated in missing person searches, not just in Warwickshire, but also Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, West Mercia and Oxfordshire.

WarkSAR also has specialist teams of search dogs and handlers, and a dedicated Kayak Search Team.

On top of qualified, operational search technicians, the Charity is continuing to develop the team's skills in other areas, including bank search and a newly formed drone team, as well as individuals qualified in Lowland Rescue Search Operations and Lowland Rescue Search Managers.

Financial Review

During the year the main source of income moved from donations to fundraising and grants received. This is due to the need to replace our control vehicle. Grants received in the year totalled £54,976

Members have been more involved in sponsored community events with the aim of raising funds for WarkSAR, raising £17,498 through activities such as marshalling events such as the Wolf Run. Other income includes membership fees and course contributions from our volunteers.

Any equipment that is found to be surplus to the charity's need is sold off and in the year £7,497 was raised by such sales.

Reserves Policy

Due to the uncertainties surrounding the levels of WarkSAR's future donations income, and the highly cyclical nature of WarkSAR's other income streams, the trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover the basic running costs of WarkSAR, along with any other foreseeable expenses, for approximately 12 months. In this way, trustees can be comfortable that the Charity can meet its commitments and cover any unexpected expenditure.

Available, unrestricted reserves at the end of the year (excluding any amounts already owed to suppliers) were £50,719 which is above the target range, however these excess funds are designated for the replacement of the control vehicle.

Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees and Management Team intend to continue to develop the team, both in terms of qualified Search Technicians, but also in terms of the Kayak and Search Dog teams, and increase our capability by training swift water response technicians and a drone search team. This has been made achievable with the receipt of specific grants. The Charity will also continue to work with local communities to raise awareness of, and the profile of, the team.

Approved by the trustees on 31 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Malins
Chair

Paul Middleton
Treasurer