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Charity Commission Annual Return 2024

AVON & SOMERSET SEARCH AND RESCUE
Charity registration number: 1168479

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2024.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/11/2023

Financial period end date

31/10/2024

Income and spending

Income £

£ 80,906

Spending £

£ 56,401

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 62,267

Charitable activities

£ 950

Other trading activities

£ 15,631

Investments

£ 1,672

Other

£ 386

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

☒ e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

Yes

United States

Governments or quasi government bodies outside of the United Kingdom (including European Union)

£ 0

Charities, Non-Government Organisations or Not for Profits outside of the United Kingdom

£ 0

Private Companies outside of the United Kingdom

£ 8,300

Individual donors resident outside of the United Kingdom

£ 0

Unknown

£ 0

Methods of overseas funding

How was income from outside of the United Kingdom received by your charity in the financial period of this return?

(Tick all that apply)

Other

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside of the United Kingdom

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom

£

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Charity contact details correct

Is the contact address displayed from the Register of Charities, correct?

Yes

Charity headquarters details correct

Is this the same address that you use as your charity's administrative headquarters?

Yes

Charity contact address

Address Line 1

15 Salisbury St

Address Line 2

St George

Address Line 3

BRISTOL

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

BS5 8EE

Country

Charity Headquarters address

Address Line 1

15 Salisbury St

Address Line 2

St George

Address Line 3

BRISTOL

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

BS5 8EE

Country

Membership type

Is your charity part of a wider group structure with a parent body and subsidiary bodies?

yes, the charity is a subsidiary body

Members entitle to vote

Other than trustees, does your charity have members who are entitled to vote under the charity’s governing documents?

Yes

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

No

Serious Incidents

Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?

There were no incidents to report

External risk and impact

Donations

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - grants

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - contracts

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - investment

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on overheads

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of volunteers

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of employees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of trustees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Fundraising activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Capacity to deliver services

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Total service demand

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

49

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

(a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;

(b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;

(c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/11/2023


To

Period end date
31/10/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	20,445	41,822	-	62,267	20,092
Income from Charitable Activities	950	-	-	950	1,000
2nd Hand Vehicle Sale	15,631	-	-	15,631	-
Refunded Spend	386	-	-	386	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,412	41,822	-	79,234	21,092
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank interest	1,672	-	-	1,672	1,237
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,672	-	-	1,672	1,237
Total receipts	39,084	41,822	-	80,906	22,329
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activity Payments	19,555	36,845	-	56,401	17,407
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	19,555	36,845	-	56,401	17,407
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,555	36,845	-	56,401	17,407
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,529	4,977	-	24,506	4,922
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	51,713	3,943	-	55,656	50,734
Cash funds this year end	71,242	8,920	-	80,162	55,656

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Current Account	41,552		-
	Restricted Funds Correction	- 8,920	8,920	
	SB Appeal Fund	5,011	-	-
	COIF Charities Deposit Fund	33,599	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	71,242	8,920	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Total Tangible Assets	Unrestricted	108,016	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Oliver Wale	12/08/2025	



Treasurer ASSAR <treasurer@assar.org.uk>

Re: FY23/24 Accounts - independent check

1 message

Lynsey Hatherall <lynseyhatherall@yahoo.com>

Tue, Aug 12, 2025 at 10:44 AM

To: Treasurer ASSAR <treasurer@assar.org.uk>

Hi Oliver

Thank you for the information. I am happy to sign off your accounts and say the information you have provided me, match the bank accounts.

Do I need to sign anything or is there a form I need to fill out?

Thanks

Lynsey

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Aug 2025, at 19:44, Treasurer ASSAR <treasurer@assar.org.uk> wrote:

Hi Lynsey,

For the £5k discrepancy, this is a result of us moving £5k from our current Barclays account to our then new Barclays investment account (a fund to replace our Search Bus) on 10 July 2024. I do not consider that this should be recorded as a payment, but please let me know if you disagree?

For the COIF fund, I actually do not have direct access to this account, as it was set up by our chairman, but I can see the account balance on Xero (screenshot attached). If you would prefer an actual bank statement, please let me know and I will arrange one.

Kind Regards,

Oliver

<image.png>

On Mon, Aug 11, 2025 at 6:06 PM Lynsey Hatherall <lynseyhatherall@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Oliver

Sorry for the delay I have had IT issues, however I have looked at the accounts now and I have a question

The bank account shows payments of £61,400 however your file only shows £56,400, could you please let me know why there is a difference.

Also could you please send me a copy of the bank statement for the COIF fund just so I can see the balance.

Thanks

Lynsey

On 8 Aug 2025, at 12:23, Treasurer ASSAR <treasurer@assar.org.uk> wrote:

Hi Lynsey,

I hope you are well.

Thanks for this response, glad that it's looking okay so far. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss at all?

The accounts need to be submitted by the end of August, just FYI in case there are changes that you think I should implement. I hope that's okay?

Kind Regards,

Oliver Wale

On 1 Aug 2025, at 14:13, Lynsey Hatherall <lynseyhatherall@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Oliver

I am just looking at it now will get back to you over the weekend if that is OK, but looks OK so far

Thanks

Lynsey

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 Jul 2025, at 16:21, Treasurer ASSAR <treasurer@assar.org.uk> wrote:

Hi Lynsey,

I hope you are well. I just wanted to see whether you had received my last email, and confirm that you were still happy to support with checking our accounts?

Kind Regards,

Oliver Wale

On 16 Jul 2025, at 17:50, Treasurer ASSAR <treasurer@assar.org.uk> wrote:

Thanks Neil.

Hi Lynsey,

Thank you so much for agreeing to check our accounts. We have not been through an external checking process since my time as Treasurer with the team (the last 2.5 years), so please let me know if there is a process you would like to follow.

As a starting point, I have attached our proposed accounts to this email. The "R&P Accounts" tab is the page that we would submit to the Charity Commission and the "Xero bank" tab are my workings. I have also attached a copy of our Barclays transactions for reference.

I hope this can help initiate the process, please let me know if any issues with anything, or any additional clarification required?

Kind Regards,
Oliver

P.S. My cell number is 07731571800 in case you want to get in touch directly.

On Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 10:13AM Neil Hatherall <neil.hatherall@assar.org.uk> wrote:

Sure, I've cc'd her into this email.

On 9 Jul 2025, at 09:54, Treasurer ASSAR <treasurer@assar.org.uk> wrote:

Hi Neil,

That would be fantastic mate - and even better that it's an extra step removed. Thank you both.

Would it make sense for you to put me in touch with Lynsey, and I can coordinate directly with her?

Kind Regards,
Oliver Wale

On 8 Jul 2025, at 07:38, Neil Hatherall <neil.hatherall@assar.org.uk> wrote:

Hi Oli,

My wife Lynsey has said she can check the accounts. She is an accountant and has checked other charities accounts in the past. Hope that's ok?

Cheers

Neil

On 7 Jul 2025, at 18:40, Treasurer ASSAR <treasurer@assar.org.uk> wrote:

Hi Neil,

I hope you are well?

Because we had a good year last year, with income over £25k, we are needing to have our annual accounts independently checked before submitting them to the Charity Commission (although not a full audit). We did have an ex-team member lined up for this, but they are now a bit reluctant.

I was wondering whether you would be willing to take on the task? It shouldn't be too arduous, and I have collated what I think is the required evidence. I have also

checked the Charity Commission requirements (see attached) which seems to permit members of the charity to carry out the check, provided they are/were not trustees at the time.

Please let me know once you've had some time to consider. FYI they need to be uploaded by the end of August.

Kind Regards,
Oliver

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