

GLOUCESTERSHIRE & WORCESTERSHIRE 4x4 RESPONSE

Committee Chairman's Report to members AGM – Sat 26th October 2024

We continue to undertake events to raise funds. These are essential to ensure we have sufficient funds to cover our outgoings which include equipment, back-office costs such as ARM, Internet Radios and other regular ongoing costs.

We were invited to attend all the events we had previously undertaken, Cotswold Show, Triathlons, Gloucestershire Vintage Extravaganza, Astwood Bank Carnival and others, but we continued to struggle to get members to carry out these tasks. A lot of last-minute pleading was necessary to ensure we fully covered the event with the numbers our clients required. Regrettably, again, we fell short on a few occasions. Once again it was necessary to enlist the help of members from Hereford 4x4 Response at the Gloucestershire Extravaganza to whom we thank.

It will be necessary this year to review which events we can cover in the coming year and which ones we could drop but still maintain sufficient income to cover our outgoings.

We operated with a committee of 8 members, 4 of those being our Trustees. The remainder were elected from the general membership.

We are all volunteers, most have full-time jobs and family commitments. We have 12 committee positions available which means with 4 Trustees 8 seats are available to be filled from the general membership.

We have again been operating without some key officers which has placed additional workload on the rest to cover the tasks necessary. Your committee met on 11 occasions, mostly via Teams, to continue the business of GW4x4R most of which is unnoticed by the members. But Committee Meeting Minutes are available for members to see in Sharepoint. Have you looked to see what goes on behind the scenes?

Please ensure you participate in any training events and exercises that are organised. We all need to know that each one of us is fully prepared as we may have to rely on one another in adverse conditions and on events. Could you put your trust in someone you may not have even met yet?

Do you know how to access ARM, preferably via your mobile phone?

Can you operate your Internet Radio and understand all its functions?

We are represented at National Level (4x4R UK), me being our Group Rep and we also sit on two Sub-groups of the Gloucestershire Local Resilience Forum and are represented on Worcestershire CVEC. If we are not doing something you think we should be or not doing something right, please let us know. Seriously consider putting your name forward for a committee and/or officer role!

You do not have to be on the Committee to be an Officer and vice versa, but it is obviously advantageous to be both.

We have lost a few long-serving members recently but have been successful in recruiting some new ones. Please welcome them into our team.

Please read our Documents, carry out dynamic Risk Assessments whenever you are on GW4x4R business

and we hope to have a busy but safe winter helping our local communities and doing what we joined GW4x4R to do.

Jerry Greenhalgh

GW43

Committee Chairman 2023/2024.

Committee meeting attendance 2023/2024: -

Name	ID	Role	Meetings held	Attended
Jerry Greenhalgh	GW043	Committee Chair & Group Rep	11	11
Doug Oliver	GW028	Trustee Chair, Membership Officer, Events Officer	11	11
Mike Good	GW040	Health, Safety & Welfare Officer	11	10
Tristan Benjamin	GW122	Training Officer	11	11
Fred Carruthers	GW110	Lead Controller	11	9
Gareth Davies	GW104	Trustee	11	5
Andy Morgan	GW073	Trustee & Equipment Officer	11	8
Alistair Hayward-Wright	GW011	Trustee & Treasurer	11	4

Accounts Summary

Gloucestershire & Worcestershire 4x4 Response For the year ended 31 July 2024

Income

Overall our income is down over 2023 slightly, there is no one stand out reason except maybe online commissions which is largely driven by Amazon ceasing their rewards program for charities.

Expenditure

Expenditure over the year has increased however this is mainly down to investment in the team and its equipment.

Overall

Although we show a small deficit for the year this comes from a conscious decision to invest in the team

My apologies for not being able to be at the AGM however I am more than happy as always to answer any queries by email in the first instance.

Profit and Loss

Gloucestershire & Worcestershire 4x4 Response For the year ended 31 July 2024

	2024	2023	VARIANCE
Turnover			
Call Out Services	478.80	692.10	(213.30) ↓
Donations - Online Commissions	69.88	488.87	(418.99) ↓
Equipment	71.75	111.95	(40.20) ↓
Events	10,720.00	10,940.00	(220.00) ↓
Subs	650.00	920.00	(270.00) ↓
Gift Aid Claims ¹	439.24	-	439.24 ↑
Total Turnover	12,429.67	13,152.92	(723.25)
Cost of Sales			
Call out Services Expenses	134.55	325.13	(190.58) ↓
Equipment for resale	-	149.93	(149.93) ↓
Equipment purchases	505.65	1,196.75	(691.10) ↓
Event Expenses	1,234.36	1,075.91	158.45 ↑
Training ²	5,629.96	1,872.15	3,757.81 ↑
Total Cost of Sales	7,504.52	4,619.87	2,884.65
Gross Profit	4,925.15	8,533.05	(3,607.90)
Administrative Costs			
Advertising & Marketing	40.00	-	40.00 ↑
Depreciation Expense	423.05	436.30	(13.25) ↓
Insurance	163.30	168.79	(5.49) ↓
IT Software and Consumables	711.53	805.89	(94.36) ↓
Printing & Stationery	126.72	-	126.72 ↑
Radio Network ³	2,717.00	1,297.60	1,419.40 ↑
Rent	499.50	373.00	126.50 ↑
Repairs & Maintenance ⁴	1,658.46	455.15	1,203.31 ↑
Subscriptions	100.00	111.00	(11.00) ↓
Telephone, Internet & SMS	71.88	71.88	- —
Total Administrative Costs	6,511.44	3,719.61	2,791.83

	2024	2023	VARIANCE
Operating Profit	(1,586.29)	4,813.44	(6,399.73)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(1,586.29)	4,813.44	(6,399.73)
Profit after Taxation	(1,586.29)	4,813.44	(6,399.73)

1. Gift Aid Refunds

These are the amounts we claim back from HMRC for donations made under the Gift Aid Scheme

2. Training

The increase in training costs this year is down to skid pan training (£2,310) and three lots of Whitecliff training (£1,250)

3. Radio Network

The increase here is due to the switch from Zevvle to Deployable Solutions, this should settle down in the current year to circa £200 per month

4. Repairs and Maintenance

Included here are the costs of maintaining and improving the trailer

Balance Sheet

Gloucestershire & Worcestershire 4x4 Response As at 31 July 2024

	31 JUL 2024	31 JUL 2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Plant & Machinery	3,420.75	3,420.75
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant and Machinery	(1,400.10)	(977.05)
Total Tangible Assets	2,020.65	2,443.70
Total Fixed Assets	2,020.65	2,443.70
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Lloyds Current Account	19,756.25	18,632.17
Total Cash at bank and in hand	19,756.25	18,632.17
Inventory	2,091.80	2,204.91
Accounts Receivable	868.10	2,544.70
Prepayments	181.94	543.30
Cash in Hand	135.65	181.90
Total Current Assets	23,033.74	24,106.98
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accounts Payable	-	230.00
Income in Advance	800.00	480.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	800.00	710.00
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	22,233.74	23,396.98
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	24,254.39	25,840.68
Net Assets	24,254.39	25,840.68
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	(1,586.29)	4,813.44
Retained Earnings	25,840.68	21,027.24
Total Capital and Reserves	24,254.39	25,840.68