



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	01	01	2024	To 31 12 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Hampshire Search and Rescue

Other names charity is known by HANTSAR

Registered charity number (if any) 1174085

Charity's principal address Unit 5, Manor Farm Buildings

Church Lane

Exton, Southampton

Postcode SO32 3NU

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	Phil Harvey	Chair		
2	Karen Smedley	Treasurer		
3	Stephen Baker	Secretary		
4	Alison Chestnutt	Trustee Membership Officer	From 01/07/2024 From 19/07/2024	
5	Ben Goddard	Training Officer		
6	Frances Hardy	Fundraising Officer	From 14/03/2024	
7	Luke Stonestreet	Operations Officer	Until 14/03/2024	
8	Stephen Cook	Operations Officer	From 14/03/2024	
9	Steve Cole	Membership Officer	Until 19/07/2024	
10	Trevor Vidler	Public Profile Officer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity is a member of the Association of Lowland Search and Rescue (ALSAR).

We operate under a MOU with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary which covers the Charity's work in assisting the Police with searches for and recovery of high risk, vulnerable, missing people.

We also support DEFRA and our local authority for major incidents such as bad weather, flooding etc.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide suitably trained and qualified volunteers who will be knowledgeable and dedicated individuals. To train and equip them to assist Police or others in search, rescue or other emergencies when required. To maintain a high level of skill and proficiency to enable these objectives to be achieved.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During 2024 Hampshire Search and Rescue (HANTSAR) volunteers responded to every request for assistance with missing person searches made by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary and neighbouring SAR teams.

All operational members received on-going training throughout 2024 to ensure their competencies were maintained to the high level required to achieve the Charity objectives.

The Trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and we are satisfied the provision of volunteer search and rescue services to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary in the search for vulnerable missing persons, and volunteer assistance to local authorities during emergency situations, constitutes a public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

HANTSAR developed a 5 year plan in 2019 to allow it to meet the changing demands of the police and other agencies that we work with.

This plan identified the need to increase the overall size of the team and a corresponding increase in specialist areas such as water and river bank search, working on steep or unstable ground, the use of drones and the provision of advanced pre-hospital care.

The 5 year plan also aimed to raise significant funds for multi-year strategic projects such as relocation to a dedicated site for storage of equipment and training and the replacement of end-of-life vehicles, as well as for ever-increasing annual operational costs.

Funding for these strategic projects would mostly come from grants and major fundraising initiatives.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

HANTSAR were called out on 72 occasions in 2024 providing 18,835 hours gross volunteer time. This includes live searches, flood assistance, training, fundraising and management tasks.

HANTSAR provided a comprehensive training programme throughout the year for both trainee and qualified Licensed Search Technicians, as well as other key roles, thus ensuring that our volunteers continue to provide a "professional standard" search and rescue service throughout Hampshire.

The level of training, combined with the dedication of members, has enabled HANTSAR to assist Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary in searching for vulnerable persons by having that expertise on scene quickly, and to respond quickly to assist local authorities with flood-related emergencies and other civic incidents.

To promote public awareness the Charity provided displays at local events. The team also assisted in the administration of public events by providing marshals at firework displays and running races.

With a concern for the welfare of the elderly, contact continues with care homes, the area Alzheimer's Society and other dementia groups to emphasise measures that carers can take which would assist police and search teams if a vulnerable person went missing. Talks were also given to a variety of community groups throughout the year to continue to promote and raise awareness of HANTSAR and the issues of vulnerable missing persons in Hampshire.

In March 2024 the team's long-term use of a dedicated property for training and storage was secured, with the relocation of equipment completing shortly afterwards.

Throughout 2024, and prior years, the specialist teams (medical, high-risk search and drone) continued to grow by adding trained members and obtaining additional equipment. Through additional training during 2024 the team now has the capability for safely searching on, and recovering from, sloped ground.

Also throughout 2024, HANTSAR's relationship with local authorities continued to grow and we are now a trusted partner for assisting with civil emergency situations when required. Relationships with emergency services were also enhanced this year resulting in opportunities for collaboration for the mutual benefit of all parties.

The vehicle replacement programme is expected to complete in early 2025, culminating in the accomplishment of the main objectives of the original 5 year plan.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees deem it necessary to retain a certain level of finances from its normal fundraising activities to maintain a reserve fund that ensures the future continuation of services should a shortfall in funds arise. The monies in the Reserve Fund are only drawn from unrestricted income.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

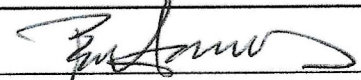

The principal source of funds is derived from cash and card collections at community events and stores, talks, marshalling, donations as well as grants received from generous companies and organisations for specific equipment projects. The charity also continued to benefit from funds donated by a textile recycling company.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Phil Harvey	Karen Smedley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 25 MARCH 2025

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-24	To	Period end 31-Dec-24
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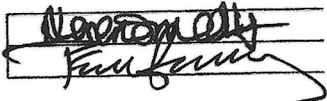
Section A Receipts and payments

	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	59,681	-	-	59,681	48,390
Subscriptions	2,722	-	-	2,722	510
Fundraising	44,436	-	-	44,436	42,534
Sales and Training	760	-	-	760	220
Interest Received	2,965	-	-	2,965	2,349
Grants	-	36,277	-	36,277	33,672
VAT Reclaim	17,663	-	-	17,663	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	128,227	36,277	-	164,504	127,675
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of sat navs	511	-	-	511	162
Sale of vehicle	1,250	-	-	1,250	-
Sub total	1,761	-	-	1,761	162
Total receipts	129,988	36,277	-	166,265	127,837
A3 Payments					
Search & Rescue Activities	21,946	18,571	-	40,517	32,589
Training	13,783	-	-	13,783	10,312
Fundraising	3,724	-	-	3,724	2,382
Overheads and Administration	44,677	-	-	44,677	3,044
Insurance	9,874	-	-	9,874	8,282
Bank Charges	15	-	-	15	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	94,019	18,571	-	112,590	56,609
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Asset Purchases	7,440	20,050	-	27,490	57,002
Sub total	7,440	20,050	-	27,490	57,002
Total payments	101,459	38,621	-	140,080	113,611
Net of receipts/(payments)	28,529	-	-	26,185	14,226
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	267,250	36,120	-	303,370	289,144
Cash funds this year end	295,779	33,776	-	329,555	303,370

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	Bank	295,779	33,776	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	295,779	33,776	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Navigational and Comms Equipment	Partly restricted	-	-
	Generators, Heaters	Unrestricted	-	-
	Control Vehicle	Restricted	-	-
	Laptops and printers	Restricted	-	-
	Radios	Restricted	-	-
	Specialist Water team equipment	Partly restricted	-	-
	Landrover and Trailer	Partly restricted	-	-
	Support Vehicle	Partly restricted	-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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
	KAREN SMEDLEY	
	Peter Harvey	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HAMPSHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hampshire Search and Rescue (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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Date: 25 March 2025