



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 01 2025	To	31 12 2025

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	Membership Officer		
5	Ben Goddard	Training Officer		
6	Frances Hardy	Fundraising Officer		
7	Stephen Cook	Operations Officer	Until 09/12/2025	
8	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 by members present 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, our local authority and other agencies for major incidents such as bad weather, flooding, evacuations 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 2025 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 2025 to ensure their competencies were maintained to the high level required to achieve the Charity objectives.

Recruitment practices were changed in 2025 to first engage new volunteers in an operational support capacity at searches for several months before going on to train as operational searchers. Training for the support role began during this year with the expectation of these new members being deployed as such in 2026.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

HANTSAR volunteers were called out on 82 occasions in 2025 providing 18,604 hours gross volunteer time. This includes missing person searches in Hampshire and neighbouring counties, assistance to other agencies, training, fundraising and management tasks.

HANTSAR volunteers participated in 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 members continue to provide a “professional standard” search and rescue service throughout Hampshire as well as undertaking important support activities that maintain operational capabilities.

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 to assist other agencies and local authorities at incidents during the year (for example, drone support to the Fire & Rescue Service for wildfire monitoring, building evacuation assistance at a civil emergency)

To promote public awareness of the Charity and its purpose, members voluntarily attended numerous local events. The team also assisted with the safety of public events by providing marshals and first aid support at community running races, a firework display and other events.

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.

Throughout 2025 the specialist teams (medical, water and drone) continued to grow by adding trained members and obtaining additional equipment. Through additional training during 2025 the specialist rope team enhanced their capability for safely searching on, and recovering casualties from, sloped ground.

Also throughout 2025, HANTSAR’s relationship with local authorities continued to grow and we remain 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.

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, as well as secure vehicle and equipment storage, 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 was derived from cash and card collections at community events and stores as well as donations from talks, safety support at community events and from members of the public. We also applied for and received grants 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


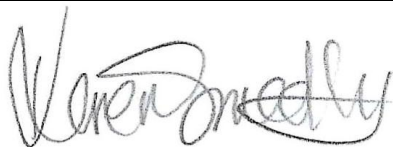
Other optional information

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	5 March 2026	

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 2025.

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.



Mr J P Foxwell FCCA FCIE
independent-examiner.net

12 Hillbourne Road, Poole, BH17 7JB

Date: 7 March 2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Hampshire Search and Rescue

No (if any)
1174085

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2025

To

Period end date
31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	48,965	-	-	48,965	59,681
Subscriptions	2,626	-	-	2,626	2,722
Fundraising	31,406	-	-	31,406	44,436
Sales and Training	1,487	-	-	1,487	760
Interest Received	7,765	-	-	7,765	2,965
Grants	-	18,500	-	18,500	36,277
VAT reclaim	7,691	-	-	7,691	17,663
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	99,940	18,500	-	118,440	164,504
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	32,249	-	-	32,249	511
	-	-	-	-	1,250
Sub total	32,249	-	-	32,249	1,761
Total receipts	132,189	18,500	-	150,689	166,265
A3 Payments					
Search and Rescue Activities	24,171	3,000	-	27,171	40,517
Training	9,771	2,000	-	11,771	13,783
Fundraising	4,214	-	-	4,214	3,724
Overheads and Administration	35,633	-	-	35,633	44,677
Insurance	10,805	-	-	10,805	9,874
Bank Charges	141	-	-	141	15
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	84,735	5,000	-	89,735	112,590
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	28,303	33,617	-	61,920	27,490
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,303	33,617	-	61,920	27,490
Total payments	113,038	38,617	-	151,655	140,080
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,151	- 20,117	-	- 966	26,185
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	295,779	33,776	-	329,555	303,370
Cash funds this year end	314,930	13,659	-	328,589	329,555

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
B1 Cash funds	Bank	314,930	13,659	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	314,930	13,659	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

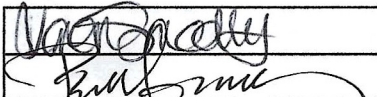

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Navigational and Comms Equipment		-	-
Generators, Heaters		-	-
Control Vehicle (ICU)		-	-
Laptops and Printers		-	-
Radios		-	-
Specialist Water Team Equipment		-	-
Ranger and trailer		-	-
Support Vehicle (ISU)		-	-
		-	-

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
	KAREN SMEDLEY	05/03/26
	Phil Harvey	05/03/26