

Trustees Report 4x4 Assist: 1 April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Background:

4x4 Assist achieved Charitable status in September 2017, becoming a CIO with three trustees and an operational fee-paying membership base. Fee charging has now been reviewed.

Trustees are also members, but members are not Trustees. No new Officers have been appointed, as at the end of the period under review.

The objects of the organisation are set out in Clause 3 of its Constitution, namely:

“To preserve and protect human life and property by supplementing and supporting the emergency services, statutory bodies and other organisations primarily in Sussex and the adjacent areas through the deployment of 4-wheel drive vehicles, their drivers and support crews and such other related activities as may be deemed necessary by the Trustees.”

Trustees:

The Trustees for this period are, Peter Hodd (Chairman), Ian Bedwell and Ivan Netschepir.

Membership:

At the end of the period under review there were 10 active members. Unfortunately, during COVID LOCKDOWN, 4x4 Assist had several members resign due to changes in their own personal circumstances and reduced group activity.

Members are required to provide their own uniform and wet weather gear. PPE and HIGH VIS tabards and ID cards are provided at no charge, by 4X4 Assist. Due to the change in membership levels and reduced call out requirements, it was agreed to cease charging for membership. All costs are met by contributions made for marshalling and other activities by 4x4 Assist members.

Activities:

The main activities undertaken this financial year, have been supporting local charity and fund-raising events, providing Marshalling and public safety support for these events. They include but are not confined to: Local Agricultural events, local Summer and Christmas Fairs and Bonfire Society Celebrations.

Specific Activities:

Fortunately, there has been no major weather or community incidents in this financial period.

The group has undertaken several vehicle marshalling and public safety operations at formal community events, often in return for donations. These have proved extremely useful in providing a community service, group training and team building benefits and providing an income for 4x4 Assist.

Training:

All members receive a formal induction package of training and undertake off road training, on road recovery and similar essentials. Records are kept and updated so that only fully competent crews are selected for any duty.

Vehicle maintenance checks and kit lists are also an integral part of the member's requirements, and these are the responsibility of members to maintain. Checks by Trustees regarding compliance with the standards are conducted at our monthly meetings.

Finance:

An overview of finance has been separately provided, based on Receipts and Payments, as required by the Charity Commissioners.

At the start of the review period the bank balance was **£1,403.14**

Regular outgoing commitments of essential costs such as storage, insurance, membership costs and our response system have usually been around £2,000 per annum. This year cost amounted to **£1,807.43**. Final payment for past trailer storage was made. Currently there is zero cost for storage and no additional overheads or group purchases.

At the end of the period the groups bank balance was **£1,980.36**. There are no outstanding payments due for this financial year. The Group has assets valued at **£10,575.90**.

Our operating bank balance remains slender, but viable, and we are confident that our continued fundraising and marshalling will generate enough further income. Fundraising and membership recruitment are a priority.

Signed:

Peter Hodd (Current Chairman / Trustee)

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Statement Date: 18/01/2025

Date Due: 31/03/2024

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
4X4 Assist: Charity Number 1174438

DATE	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	ACCOUNT BALANCE
01/03/2023	Balance adjustment FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,418.14
07/03/2023	Balance in Barclays Bank Account			£1,403.14
03/04/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,388.14
11/04/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.12	£1,359.02
24/04/2023	Amazon credit	£5.00		£1,364.02
25/04/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.08	£1,334.94
02/05/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,319.94
19/05/2023	Amazon credit	13.41		£1,333.35
25/05/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.08	£1,304.27

01/06/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,289.27
26/06/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.08	£1,260.19
03/07/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,245.19
25/07/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.08	£1,216.11
01/08/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,201.11
25/08/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.08	£1,172.03
01/09/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,157.03
25/09/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.08	£1,127.95
02/10/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,112.95
25/10/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.08	£1,083.87
01/11/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,068.87
27/11/2023	Zurich Insurance		£29.08	£1,039.79
01/12/2023	FJ Marden		£15.00	£1,024.79
05/12/2023	4x4 Assist Metro Bank Account		£1,024.79	£0,000.00
Totals	Barclays Account closure	+ £18.41	- £1,403.14	£0,000.00
Actual Expenditure			- £378.35	
Income		+ £18.41		

01/07/2023	Accounts for Metro Bank Account			
04/08/2023	Charity collection Laughton	£1,049.27		£1,049.27
27/09/2023	Charity Collection Laughton	£434.88		£1,484.65
12/10/2023	Donation to AEG (Alfriston Emergency Group)		£600	£884.65
03/11/2023	Newick Bonfire	£400		£1,284.65
24/11/2023	Hailsham Bonfire	£200		£1,484.65
24/11/2023	Barcombe Bonfire	£200		£1,684.65
05/12/2023	Balance form Barclays Account	£1,024.79		£2,809.44
20/12/2023	Trailer storage		£800	£2,009.44
17/01/2024	Mis Expenses		£29.08	£1,980.36
31/03/2024				£1,980.36
Totals		£2,302.56	£1,807.43	£1,980.36

INCOME: £2,302.56

EXPENDITURE: £1,807.43

BALANCE: £1,980.36

Assets:	Command Trailer.	£3,250
	Handheld Radios and base unit	£5,000
	Defibrillators	£1,775.90
	Assorted Hi Viz Clothing	£250
	Demonstration TV and stand	£200
	Gazebo	£150.00
	Total Assets:	£10,575.90

Signed: Ivan Netschepir Trustee 4x4 Assist

