

BEDS & CAMBS 4X4 RESPONSE GROUP CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1174647

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-09-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY BY SUPPLEMENTING AND SUPPORTING EMERGENCY SERVICES, STATUTORY BODIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE TRUSTEES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING 4X4 VEHICLES AND DRIVERS.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£21,069	£11,368	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,119	£12,860	-	-
2023-03-31	£8,397	£9,991	-	-
2022-03-31	£15,144	£7,113	-	-
2021-03-31	£46,891	£36,869	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JACK NORRIS	Chair	2026-04-14
ANDREW MARK HINDHAUGH		2021-10-18
GRAHAM EDWIN NORRIS		2026-04-14
Glenn William Harvey		2025-04-29
JAMES FREDERICK MARSHALL ROBERTS		2026-04-14

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1st April 2025

Dear Members,

As we reflect on 2024, it's clear that this has been another strong year for our organisation and charity. We've continued to make progress across the board—from operational callouts to community engagement.

Our membership remains healthy, with over 60 members—nearly 60% of whom are actively involved across both counties and trained to standards recognised by local resilience forums. Our training programme has gone from strength to strength: following the introduction of Defra MOD 1 flood response certification last year, we've continued to build on that foundation in 2024. Looking ahead, we're excited to launch LANTRA off-road driving training in the coming year as part of our ongoing development plan.

Our drone initiative, launched in 2022/2023 to support local resilience forums, has gained momentum this year. More members have undergone training to operate these systems, and their value was clearly demonstrated during the severe flooding in September. The team provided vital aerial imagery that was used as part of a multi-agency emergency response involving various category partners. Over the coming years, we plan to expand the capabilities of this team to ensure it remains a key asset in our operational toolkit.

From a financial perspective, 2024 has been both stable and successful. Our involvement in Todd in the Hole, alongside regular deployments to events with Runaway Adventures and Keech Hospice, has strengthened the charity's financial footing. We've continued to invest in our infrastructure and capabilities, including SARSYS systems, training, and core equipment. Notably, we have also initiated the upgrade of our incident command unit—a significant project that will carry forward into next year.

Looking to the future, the trustees remain focused on defining the charity's strategic direction over the next five years. Your feedback and engagement as members will be instrumental in shaping that journey. We are fortunate to have a passionate and capable committee, and the trustees would like to express their sincere thanks for the time, effort, and expertise they contribute.

Most importantly, we want to thank each and every one of you for your continued hard work, professionalism, and dedication. Your commitment is the driving force behind our progress and success, and we look forward to building on this strong foundation together.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Graham Norris, Jack Norris, Ross Pilgrim and Andy Hindhaugh

Trustees

Beds and Cambs 4x4 Response Group CIO

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Treasurer's Report 2025 - Beds and Cambs 4X4 Response Group CIO

Charity Number 1174647

Account summary 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Dear All,

It's been another fantastic year for the organisation as we continue to grow and strengthen our presence.

We started the financial year with a healthy opening balance of £22,598.22. Thanks to a strong renewal period and a steady stream of new members, we generated £850.00 from membership income alone.

Todd in the Hole remains one of our standout events, and this year it contributed over £5,750 in profit. A huge thank you goes to the members involved for their incredible efforts, and to the Todd in the Hole team for their continued support.

Our partnership with Runaway Adventures also continues to thrive. Their events brought in over £1,000 this year, significantly supporting our base operating costs.

We've also benefited from increased interest rates, accruing £253.80 in interest over the year.

A special mention must go to the Fundraising Team, who outdid themselves this year by raising just under £9,000 in donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to all those who donated so generously.

In terms of investment, we spent £1,620 on training for our members—broadening skills and enhancing our overall capability.

As a result of these factors, we closed out the 2024–2025 financial year with a closing balance of £32,553.06, and a net profit of £9,701.04.

Over the past few years, we've focused on building our reserves to enable us to grow further. Looking ahead, the coming financial year will see a significant investment aligned with our strategic direction. This includes the purchase of a new Command and Control Trailer, which will be partially offset by the sale of our current unit.

We will also continue to invest in training for our members. As our specialist capabilities grow, training costs will naturally increase. It's important that we manage this carefully and ensure that resources are prioritised for those most actively involved.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our members and the management team for their dedication, hard work, and continued support throughout the year.

Please find the attached Profit & Loss sheet, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Accounts compiled by:

Jack Norris
Treasurer
Beds and Cambs 4x4 Response

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Dated 31st March 2025

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Accounts for period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Income

Membership	850.00
Donation	8,904.49
PPE / Members Shop	575.52
Runaway Adventures	1,103.60
Keech	100.00
BLEVEC	910.75
CPLRF	0.00
Other Charities	1,450.00
Todd in the Hole	6,305.46
Misc	870.00

Total	£21,069.82
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Money in Current A/C	£ 7,385.50
Savings Account	£ 25,167.56
Pending Invoices	£ 102.60
Stock in hand	
Pending Balance	£ 32,655.66
Cash on Hand	£ 32,553.06

Outgoings

PPE/Uniform	268.07
Radios	385.87
DBS	243.73
Call Out Phone	202.76
Assets	4592.56
PR	0.00
Insurance	874.26
Training	1,620.44
Todd in the Hole	521.26
Misc Post etc	618.50
Responders Exp	1101.33
Computer Systems	940.00

Total	£11,368.78
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Total Profit YTD	£9,701.04
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Trustee Report 2024

Dear Members

We have had another good year and continue to grow as an organisation. We now have 61 members with a healthy split across the two counties.

A new organisational structure has been introduced to allow members to grow within the organisation as much or as little as they wish. In line with the new training structure, compulsory training at all levels has been defined so members can progress within the organisation at their own pace. This training is now being rolled out with a cutover by the 1st October 2024.

As part of the new training plan, eight members have obtained the Water & Flood Awareness (Defra Mod 1) certificate. The group has also invested in equipment to support the commanders in their role.

We have had a good financial year allowing us to invest in more equipment and PPE to support call outs and planned activities. Safety remains the number one priority and the new training model supports this.

This year we have made a significant investment in SarSys. SARsys allows the team to have a single pane of glass to manage their day to day engagements within the organisation, with a full CAD system alongside for incident management. All members can now access this tool and feedback is encouraging for its future.

We took the time throughout the year to engage with our LRFs to look at missing capabilities across all voluntary organisations. This has led to us investing in drone technology to enhance our response. It has been great to see this utilised numerous times in Q1 2024 already with our flood efforts.

We continue to deliver support to charities such as Keech Hospice and have partnered with commercial entities including Runaway Adventures and Todd in the Hole Music Festival. All these generate invaluable income for the group which is reinvested back into the charity and its members.

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The Trustees continue to look at the future of the group and the direction for the next five years. We have some very ambitious targets to achieve but with your help the Trustees are sure we can reach our objectives. We are keen to engage with members who, in the future, wish to be more involved and start mentoring these ready to fill vacant roles.

The Trustees would like to thank all members for their continued support during 23/24 and we look forward to working with you all in coming years.

For and on behalf of the Trustees.

Kind regards

Graham
Graham Norris
Chair and Trustee.

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TRUSTEES REPORT 2023

Dear Members

Since taking on the role of Chair, the organisation has increased the number of Trustees to five, three of which are linked to the officers' roles: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and two are independent.

We have continued to deliver support to the LRFs, charities such as Keech Hospice, and commercial events such as Runaway and Todd in the Hole music festival to name a few. All these generating an income for the group, and you will see that we have received donations from many organisations and group members as outlined in my Treasures report.

In the last few months, the Trustees have been busy looking at the future of the group and the direction for the next five years. We have some very ambitious targets to achieve but with your help the Trustees are sure we can reach our objectives.

We have presented this information to the members already and asked you to vote on the revised Local Rules and Guidelines, which you did, and this has now been approved. If you have not seen this documentation, then please review by visiting the groups google drive.

A large investment has been made in line with the new strategic direction, in particular the uniform roll out, and other assets to make the group self-reliant.

We are rolling out DBS checks for all active members over the coming quarter.

I have been covering two roles since September, Chair and Treasurer, at the AGM I will be standing down as Treasurer after 5 years. I do intend to re-stand as Chair so I can help implement the new strategic direction.

The Trustees thank all the members for their continued support during 22/23 and we look forward to working with you in the years to come.

For and on behalf of the Trustees.

Regards

Graham

Graham Norris

Trustee, Chairman and Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report 2023

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Charity Number 1174647

Account summary 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Dear All

We had a good opening balance of £7,519.26 from the previous year.

The balance started to increase as we supplied our services to other organisations and charities raising the sum of £2596.00.

In December our existing and new members paid their membership fee helping build the fund even further by £570.00. Donations from the Lions Club and other organisations added a further £3620.95 to the bank balance.

We currently hold £281.00 of PPE stock in hand.

We have one Debtor this year. Blevac £134.55

We made a big investment in the new uniforms/PPE in line with a strategic direction for the next five years, this used up some of a capital from previous years leaving us with a negative profit of -£1594.03 for the year.

All in all, we have had a good year with a closing Current Account Bank Balance of £5925.23 and a Savings account balance of £13225.50 = £19150.73.

I would like to thank the members and the committee for all their hard work and continued support during the year.

Please see the attached P&L sheet, please let me know if you have any questions.

Accounts compiled by:

Graham Norris
Chair and Treasurer
Beds and Camb 4x4 Response

Original Signed on file.

Dated 31st March 2023

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Membership	570.00
Donation	3,870.95
Amazon	31.98
PPE Charges	654.88
Santa Pod	0.00
Keech	150.00
LRO	0.00
Other Callouts	772.69
Misc	2,346.00

Total **£8,396.50**

Money in Curent A/C	5,925.23
Savings Account	13,225.50
Pending Invoices	134.55
Stock in hand	281.00
Pending Balance	£19,566.28

Outgoings

PPE	4691.96
Radios	968.00
Call Out Phone	66.00
PR	0.00
Insurance	673.03
Training	768.38
LRO	262.00
Trailers	607.80
Misc	137.89
Responders Exp	1,815.47

Total **£9,990.53****Total Profit YTD** **-£1,594.03**

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9th October 2022

Dear All,

Another year complete, where did it go? Thankfully 2021-2022 saw normality return for the organisation after two busy years due to the pandemic. This has allowed us to return to our PR events, face to face socials and training.

During this year we continued to develop our support units with SU03 being used on many of our own large events as well as loaned out in return for donations. It's incredible to look back on the achievements of our members to get these units to where they are today.

Our membership continues to grow and for the first time in the charity's history, we have an equal split across both counties.

As a group of trustees, we have been working hard to align our vision statement with our aims and objectives. We continue to strive to be professional and cascade this throughout the organisation.

We have also commenced a DBS roll out to give our partnering agencies confidence in our team.

Disappointingly, while membership is up, engagement is down. Whether this is a result of a newfound freedom following Covid we are not sure. With membership engagement we are hoping to bottom this out and move forward stronger than ever.

We would like to thank the membership for their continued engagement and support, and we look forward to another successful year as we head into 2023.

Yours Sincerely,
Graeme Tolliday, Jack Norris and Andy Hindhaugh

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Treasurer's Report 2022

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Account summary 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Dear All

We had an opening balance of £12,688.87 from the previous year.

Investments in Equipment, Radios and PPE reduced our working capital at the start of the year.

The balance started to increase as we supplied our services to other organisations and charities raising the sum of £13,603.53

In Dec our existing and new members paid their membership fee helping build the funds by a further £680.00.

Donation from the Lions Club for supporting the Santa Run and other organisation, individuals and members added a further £2,129.74.

All in all, we had a good year with a profit of £8030.85

We had no Debtors this year.

I would like to thank the members, Committee and the Trustees for all their hard work and continued support during the year.

Please see the attached P&L sheet, please let me know if you have any questions

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Trustee, Chair and Treasurer
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Dated 1st May 2022

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Beds and Cambs 4X4 Response Group CIO
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Income

Membership	680.00
Donation	2,129.74
Amazon	22.86
PPE Charges	860.87
Santa Pod	0.00
Keech	50.00
LRO	0.00
Other Callouts	4,756.02
Misc	6,644.91
Total	£15,144.40
Money in Current A/C	7,519.26
Pending Invoices	0.00
Savings account	13,200.46
Stock in hand	0.00
Total Balance	£20,719.72

Outgoings

PPE	1538.36
Radios	95.21
Call Out Phone	72.00
PR	200.26
Insurance	380.46
Training	800.00
LRO	0.00
Trailers	358.01
Misc	615.85
Responders Exp	3,053.40
Total	£7,113.55
Total Profit YTD	£8,030.85

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1st October 2021**Annual Trustee's Report**

Dear All,

Well what a year we've had, thankfully it has all started to calm down a bit for our call outs, which has allowed us to attend some promotional events recently. COVID is still here and still pushing the country to its limits, and as a charity we've just turned 4 years old!

As a group, the last year has seen a lot of developments, we now have 3 trailers, all with specific functions, including flood support. SU03 our command and control unit has been completed through the hard work of many members utilising their skills, and we are just waiting for it to be marked up which should be any day soon.

Our membership has grown for the second year, and we are still receiving a lot of applications which are being processed by the team. We recently adjusted the structure of the organisation and created further roles to improve communications and leadership within each county.

As a group of trustees we have faced many new challenges over the last 12 months, which certainly pushed us to our limits. We are constantly reviewing all of our processes and realigning some processes to bring in line with the charity commission's recommendations.

We are just about to start setting out a strategic direction for the organisation, and would welcome any thoughts or ideas you may have, please email these through to trustees@bc4x4r.org for us to review and work through. We will also shortly be starting a process to get all members Enhanced DBS checked, this has been requested by the police and councils, to cover their call outs for us, somebody will be in touch with you individually very soon.

Disappointingly we have put on some events this last year which we have had to cancel due to lack of support, which is sad as these were events you had requested. Hopefully we will be able to put more on as long as the support is there for the event! Please keep watching the facebook group for future events and training.

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We would like to thank you all for your continued support to our call outs and hope that you are as proud of what we deliver as we are.

Yours Sincerely,

Graeme Tolliday, Jack Hughes and Graham Norris

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Treasurer's Report 2020/2021

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We had a good opening balance of £2666.62 from the previous year. Our membership had grown in 2019/20 with Membership fees boosting the balance.

As we all know 2021 was a difficult year for all of us as Covid 19 took hold with lockdown and working from home. Many of our members took to the road supporting BLEVEC, Hicks Vaccine centre and CPLRF.

The total monies in and out of the account totalled £4330.10 with a year's profit of £730.62 in 2019/2020

This year was very different, total income £46,891.10 with a total outgoing of £36,868.85 giving a profit for the year of £10,022.25.

We had over £7,000 donated to the group either directly or via grants. I would like to thank all the responders who donated their mileage claim to the group.

We purchased two trailers, one for events and one for flood protection, a generator, extra radios and a new gazebo.

After all the expenditure we still ended the year with a healthy bank balance of £12,688.87.

2020/2021 has left us in a very good financial position, thanks to all our supporters and responders who did a fantastic job dealing with the requests from the agencies and other organisations.

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Graham Norris
Treasurer and Trustee
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Dated 23rd September 2021

Accounts Audited by

AS Christie
CGMA



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Income		Outgoings	
Membership	1,014.00	PPE	1180.58
Donation	7,681.38	Radios	815.39
Amazon	27.36	Call Out Phone	93.90
PPE Charges	1,533.40	PR	0.00
Santa Pod	0.00	Insurance	324.46
Keech	150.00	Training	0.00
LRO	0.00	LRO	0.00
Other Callouts	29,679.95	Trailers	867.22
Misc	6,805.01	Misc	5,607.92
		Responders Exp	27,979.38
Total	£46,891.10	Total	£36,868.85
Money in Bank	12,688.87		
Pending Invoices	0.00	Total Profit YTD	£10,022.25
Stock in hand	0.00		
Pending Balance	£12,688.87		

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Pending Invoices	0.00	Total Profit YTD	£10,022.25
Stock in hand	0.00		
Pending Balance	£12,688.87		