



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023 To 31 March 2024

Charity name: Search And Rescue Dog Association Anglia

Charity registration number: 1178049

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The preservation and protection of health and the saving of life
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	a) Providing a dedicated and trained emergency search and rescue service consisting of appropriately trained dogs, handlers, and other team members to assist and support the emergency services in the search and rescue of missing persons in East Anglia. b) Providing a back-up service to other search and rescue groups across the UK and elsewhere if called upon and able to do so.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have due regard to the requirements of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have exercised their powers and duties in accordance with those obligations. The primary aim of SARDA Anglia in meeting the test for public benefit is that of, the saving of lives.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	SARDA Anglia currently has an informal policy on grant-making, as a small organisation the only grants the organisation makes, are for small amounts to some members for the purchase of specialist support items.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	SARDA Anglia does not have any investments

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	SARDA Anglia is entirely volunteer run and supported and therefore the contribution made by volunteers is immeasurable. Volunteer handlers train every day with their dogs, and it can take 2+ years to train a dog to a basic qualification standard. Volunteers also support the operations of the organisation by attending callouts, training, and other events. All volunteers expend significant time, effort and their own funds supporting the organisation and its aims. As a team of volunteers, we are on call 24/365 to the emergency services.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	SARDA Anglia has carried out several searches during the financial year including finding a person (sadly deceased) that had been missing for 12 days. The Police and other search assets had been unable to locate the missing person. Team members and their dogs continue to train, with new dogs being trained as part of the natural turnover and operational lifespan of the dogs. This is key to maintain operational readiness and for the welfare of the dogs and their wellbeing. It is important to note that all dogs live out their natural lifespan after retirement and no dog is put to sleep at the end of its working life. It is important for the teams to remain trained and available for the benefits to the wider community when called upon.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Teams have continued to train and have been operational during the year. The aim is to maintain operational readiness and SARDA Anglia continues to meet those objectives.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Limited fundraising required as SARDA Anglia has sufficient funds and has limited expenditure
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N / A No investments

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	SARDA Anglia's financial position is positive, and expenditure is low. The position is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It should be noted that because of SARDA Anglia's appropriate governance standards the charity maintains an informal Reserves Policy of holding at least two years funds.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	2+ years reserves - £2,000 (held as part of the general account). This far exceeds the reserves required.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N / A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No financial concerns

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations and general public fundraising.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	SARDA Anglia do not have any investments
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Principle risks facing the charity are funding and the prolonged timescale needed to train dogs and handlers, which some potential new members find difficult to accept.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution, tailored version of Charity Commission for England and Wales, Model Constitution. Adapted for SARDA Anglia and approved by the Charity Commission.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By members vote at AGM, or by co-option in the event of an urgent need e.g. retirement.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	SARDA Anglia is a member of Suffolk Voluntary Sector Emergencies Partnership – the tier 3 responder group for Suffolk, operating / with the Local Resilience Forum.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Search And Rescue Dog Association Anglia
Other name the charity uses	SARDA Anglia (formerly NSARDA Anglia)
Registered charity number	1178049
Charity's principal address	1 Sunnyside Pound Hill Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4LZ

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	Andrew Shemming	Chairman	Whole period	Elected at annual AGM
2	Kevin Waterson	Lifetime President	Whole period	Elected at annual AGM
3	Phill Fox	Trustee	Whole period	Elected at annual AGM
4	Elizabeth Harlaar	Trustee	Whole period	Elected at annual AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
	None	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N / A

Other optional information

N / A

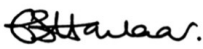
Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Digital	Digital
Full name(s)	Andrew Shemming	Phill Fox
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman and Trustee	Trustee
Date	27 January 2025	

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1	Search And Rescue Dog Association Anglia (SARDA Anglia)			Charity Registered in England and Wales No. 1178049
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3	Simplified Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Financial Year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024			
4			Previous Year	
5		Year Ending 31 March 2024	Year Ending 31 March 2023	
6	Receipts		Unrestricted Funds	
7	Donations and Fundraising	£ 165 00	£ 284 00	
8	Equipment Pre-Payments			
9	Other			
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12	Total Receipts	£ 165 00	£ 284 00	
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14				
15	Payments			
16	Training and Assessment Costs			
17	Equipment	£ 106 00		
18	Running Costs / Other (Internet costs)			
19				
20	Total Expenditure	£ 106 00	£ -	
21				
22				
23	Net Receipts / Payments	£ 59 00	£ 284 00	
24				
25	PayPal and Cash Box		£ -	
26				
27	Cash Funds at Year End (Apr 2023)	£ 8 997 000	£ 8 783 00	
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29	Cash Funds at Year End (Apr 2024)	£ 9 056 00	£ 8 997 00	
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32	Net Increase / decrease from last financial year	£ 59 00	£ 284 00	
33	Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of the trustees	Andrew Shemming Chairman and Trustee	Phill Fox Trustee	
34	Date	27-Jan-25	27-Jan-25	
35	Signature	Digital	Digital	

		Search And Rescue Dog Association - Anglia Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registered in England and Wales number: 1178049							
		Notes to the Accounts for the Financial Year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024							
	1	SARDA Anglia (previously known as NSARDA Anglia) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 23 April 2018							
	2	These accounts relate to the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 It should be noted that SARDA Anglia currently have no restricted funds.							
	3	Column labelled 'Previous Year' relates to the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023							
	4	The accounts for the period have been drafted in accordance with the Charity Commission for England and Wales guidance for simple Receipt and Payment accounts CC16a using a simplified format.							
	5	When reading the accounts it should be noted that the numbers may differ from bank statements etc. as the figures are rounded up/down and to the nearest £.							
	6	As there has been limited financial movement in the accounting year, the Trustees opted to share the role of Treasurer. However, it should be noted that there is separation between those that can access the bank account and the person drawing up the accounts. This meets good financial practice for a small organisation.							
	7	As noted above there is limited movement in the accounts and several people and members have been generous and met the limited outgoings as gifts to the organisation e.g. printing and internet costs.							
	8	Signed in person by the signatories and scanned for upload to the Charity Commission for England and Wales website							
	9	These accounts have been drawn up by: Ms. Liz Harlaar <i>MBA(Open) MSc Int.Fin.Mgmt.(Open)</i>							
		Signed							
			Elizabeth Harlaar						
			<i>MBA (Open) MSc Int.Fin.Mgmt (Open)</i>						
		Date: 26 January 2025							