



# Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire

Registered charity 1186548

Working in Partnership:



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

## LOWLAND RESCUE OXFORDSHIRE CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT FINANCIAL YEAR AUGUST 2023 TO JULY 2024

In the financial year 23-24, Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire continued in its primary aim to provide search and rescue services to assist Thames Valley Police and our sister Lowland teams in neighboring counties. We attended 55 incidents totaling over 870 operational hours. A further 1800 hours were dedicated to training exercises or supporting the organisation in fundraising and events to maintain equipment and vehicles.

Regular meetings of the management team maintains day to day leadership whilst wider strategy and governance is overseen by a board of both operational and external trustees. The capabilities of the team were expanded with the intake of new members as Licensed Search Technicians and the continued development of the underwater search and sonar skills. The dedication and commitment of our members is our greatest strength and is recognised by the team and external stakeholders.

We ended the year in a very strong financial position following successful fundraising within our policies and the standards of the Fundraising Regulator. Financial reserves are in place to provide a sustainable and resilient future for the organisation.

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/08/2023

To

31/07/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	22,640	80	-	22,720	11,581
Grants	4,860	26,428	-	31,288	-
Payments	7,560	-	-	7,560	7,875
Investment	875	184	-	1,059	412
Events and Maritime	6,075	-	-	6,075	6,600
VAT recovered via VAT126	5,282	-	-	5,282	8,951
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>47,293</b>	<b>26,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,985</b>	<b>35,419</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Sale of assets	200	-	-	200	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>47,493</b>	<b>26,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,185</b>	<b>35,419</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Subscriptions	2,282	1,120	-	3,402	2,689
Insurance	7,531	3,911	-	11,442	10,121
Vehicles and Storage	1,449	320	-	1,769	1,650
Repairs	483	3,097	-	3,580	7,237
Fundraising	40	-	-	40	300
Consumables and Other	7,509	2,064	-	9,573	12,996
Training	2,923	5,977	-	8,900	7,448
VAT on expenditures	5,508	-	-	5,508	5,382
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>27,726</b>	<b>16,489</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,215</b>	<b>47,823</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment purchase	3,095	6,657	-	9,752	7,732
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,752</b>	<b>7,732</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>30,821</b>	<b>23,146</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,967</b>	<b>55,555</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>16,672</b>	<b>3,546</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,218</b>	<b>20,136</b>
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,898	7,903	-	47,801	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>56,570</b>	<b>11,449</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,019</b>	<b>20,136</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	18,497	-	-
	Restricted Funds Account	-	11,449	-
	Ringfenced Funds Account	-	-	-
	Strategic Reserve Account	2,167	-	-
	Term Deposit Account	35,672	-	-
	Paypal Account	234	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>56,570</b>	<b>11,449</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	VAT refund owed by HMRC	951	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Ford Transit Incident Control Vehicle	Restricted	-	-
	Ford Transit Custom Incident Support Vehicle	Restricted	-	-
	Toyota Hilux Water Incident Vehicle	Restricted	-	-
	Various Search & Rescue assets	Unrestricted	-	-
	Various Search & Rescue assets	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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

	M NURTON	27/5/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 July 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1186548

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 07 / 2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

24/05/2025

Name:

Robert Thomas

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Chartered Certified Accountant (ACCA)

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**