

WEST MIDLANDS 4X4 RESPONSE
TRUSTEES REPORT
PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

Charity Registration number

1190329

Registered Office

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Independent examiners

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Trustees acting during the year

A list of the trustees of West Midlands 4x4 Response is given at the end of the trustees report.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a Registered Charity and is generally governed by the rules and regulations of the Charity Commission. The Charity also has its own constitution, the decisions and responsibilities of which are taken by non-paid trustees.

Trustees shall number no less than three and no more than twelve.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

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 drivers, 4x4 vehicles and other resources in adverse conditions or other times of need.

The charity operates mainly in the Shropshire, Staffordshire, West Midlands and Warwickshire areas.

The trustees have reviewed the Charity Commission's guidance to report on public benefit and the Charity's aims and objects are consistent with this guidance. All the activities undertaken during the year were for public benefit.

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Achievements, performance and looking ahead

The period from 9 July 2020 to 1 April 2021 has seen some outstanding achievements from the charity, whilst dealing with all of our normal charitable activities such as assisting the NHS and other emergency services in times of adverse weather we have also been able to provide a large amount of assistance throughout our community during the covid pandemic. The charity as a whole has performed incredibly well under immense pressure and we have successfully fulfilled our mission as a charity.

The future

The future is exciting for West Midlands 4x4 Response, with a strong leadership team now in place and a firm financial footing we will be able to provide assistance to a wider area with a higher level of training than seen in previous years.

Results for the year

The results for the year are contained in the accounts attached to this report, and have been approved by the trustees.

POLICY ON RESERVE

Scope, definition and purpose

The trustees have reviewed the charity's reserves policy to ensure it complies with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Reserves are held by the charity to cover a minimum of 3 months running costs to ensure continuity of service to its members and service users.

Policy aims

The trustees believe that this level of reserves is prudent and necessary to ensure that the charity can run efficiently and meet future needs.

General contingency reserves to cover costs of replacement equipment and unforeseen costs.

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Policy aims continued...

In the event of the reserves falling significantly below the target level, the trustees will aim to restore the reserves as soon as possible by increasing fundraising and possibly, increasing fees.

The trustees will not, however, take any steps that might call into question the ability of the charity to continue as a financially viable operation in the long term.

Risk management

The trustees understand their responsibility for monitoring and controlling the financial and operational risks to which the charity is exposed to.

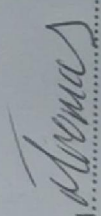
Statement of trustees responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally accepted Accounting Practice)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the charity to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and FRS102 SORP.

Trustee members as at 1 APRIL 2021

Trustees: D A Glover
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MHE Tromans

signed.....

Mr M Tromans

Dated: 25 July 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
WEST MIDLANDS 4X4 RESPONSE
PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 1 April 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anna Richards
ACA FCCA

Richards Associates Limited
Chartered Accountants / Statutory Auditor
Hawkesyard, Armitage Lane
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Date: _____

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

	notes	2021 £
Receipts		
Income		115,904
Donations		4,543
Total receipts		<u>120,447</u>
Payments		
Amazon	42	
Donations made	4,185	
Travel	33,615	
Insurance	141	
Training	1,774	
Printing, postage and stationery	171	
Advertising	200	
Repairs	250	
Computer running costs	32	
Website	412	
Accountancy	200	
Uniform	2,096	
Total expenditure		43,118
Surplus	5.	<u>77,329</u>
Funds brought forward		-
Funds carried forward		<u><u>77,329</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1 APRIL 2021

	2021 £
Current assets	
Trade debtors	7,584
Cash in hand and at bank	75,886
Prepayments	84
	<u>83,555</u>
Current Liabilities	
Trade creditors	216
VAT	5,809
Accruals	200
	<u>6,225</u>
Net assets	<u><u>77,329</u></u>
Charity funds	
Unrestricted funds	<u><u>77,329</u></u>

Approved by the Board on 25 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by

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Mr D Glover

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Mr M Tromans

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

1. Statutory information

West Midlands 4x4 Response adopted Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status on 9 July 2020. The charity's number and address can be found on the charity information page.

2. Accounting policies
Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated by Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention and give a true and fair view.

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the funds and they can be measured with some certainty, and represents the net invoiced sales of services excluding value added tax.

All donations, grants and other incoming resources have been accounted for gross and receivable as long as they are capable of financial measurement. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing financial statements.

Financial Instruments

The charity only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade debtors, other debtors, trade creditors and other creditors.

3. Income

Included in donations is £2,631 of monies received from the unincorporated charity of the same name, which was closed in 2020.

Included in income there is £79,462 relating to the period prior to the charity adopting CIO status.

4. Trustees

No members of management received any remuneration during the period in their capacity as a trustee.

No trustees received expenses or remuneration in the period.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the period.

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5. Breakdown of the surplus

	<u>Pre CIO</u> <u>registration</u> £	<u>Post CIO</u> <u>registration</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Incoming resources			
Income	79,462	36,442	115,904
Donations	766	3,777	4,543
	<u>80,228</u>	<u>40,219</u>	<u>120,447</u>
Expenditure			
Donations	-	4,185	4,185
Administration costs	296	2,476	2,772
Travel and vehicle costs	17,393	16,472	33,865
Uniform	971	1,125	2,096
Professional fees	-	200	200
	<u>18,660</u>	<u>20,273</u>	<u>43,118</u>
Surplus	<u>61,568</u>	<u>19,946</u>	<u>77,329</u>