

CIVIL AID VOLUNTARY RESCUE ASSOCIATION (CAVRA)

England & Wales · Charity number 1194929

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-06-24

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY BY THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A RESCUE SERVICE TO ASSIST DURING ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS SUCH AS SNOW, FLOODS, STORMS, DROUGHT. MARINE RESCUE, PLUS LAND BASED RESCUE SERVICES, OR, ANY OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THEREBY ASSISTING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, COUNTY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THEIR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Activities: the Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association (CAVRA), are a voluntary resilience organisation operating within the United Kingdom, across the England and Wales area. Our purpose is to provide back-up personnel to the emergency services and local authorities in a range of situations. We also available to provide support at public events and during times of adverse weather conditions, natura

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,711	£4,912	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,830	£28,417	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,831	£28,417	-	-
2022-03-31	£35,068	£31,881	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Cracknell	Chair	2024-10-29
Adrian John McDowell		2024-10-30
Daniel Leogue		2025-06-01

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association

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Year ended 31 March 2025

Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and unaudited financial statements of the CIO for the year ended 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name: Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association (CAVRA)

Registration Number: 1194929

Principal office:
41 Exeter Road
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The following Trustees held office during the year:

Mr Andrew Cracknell (Chair) – Appointed 29 October 2024

Mr Adrian McDowell (Vice-Chair) – Appointed 29 October 2024

Miss Lauren Smith – Appointed 29 October 2024

Mr Ivor Davies (Former Chair) – Resigned 29 October 2024

Mr Kyle Jones – Resigned 29 October 2024

Mr Michael Sullivan - Resigned 29 October 2024

Mr Christopher Felton – Resigned 29 October 2024

Mr Stuart Wilson – Resigned 29 October 2024

Mr Roy Albert Magwood – Resigned 29 October 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our objectives as set out in our charitable objects are: The protection of life and property by the provision and maintenance of a rescue service to assist during adverse weather conditions such as snow, floods, storms, drought, marine or cliff rescue, plus land based rescue services, or, any other emergency situation at the discretion of the executive committee, thereby assisting government agencies, county and local authorities in their provision of emergency services.

The trustees confirm that they have due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their aims and activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

It was initially agreed on 31 July 2024 that the charity would cease operations on due to the retirement of the chairman and seemingly suitable replacement at the time. However, we are delighted to confirm that Charity's operations continued. All funds at 31 March 2025 were donated to the National Independent Lifeboat Association (NILA), as had been agreed, with the Chairty starting afresh with a new chairman and board of Trustees to continue its ongoing work.

Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

We have received Grants/Donations from the following organisations and wish to place on record our sincere thanks:-

VOG Beer Festival
Cardiff Road Filling Station
Trago Mills, Merthyr Tydfil
Ridge Runners Ltd

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts for the year are shown on pages 4 to 7. For the year ended 31 March 2025 the receipts and payments account show net payments over receipts of £2,201. Cash funds at the period-end are £nil, with all funds donated to the NILA as was agreed following retirement of the previous Chair. All funds were unrestricted this year, there were no restricted grants this year.

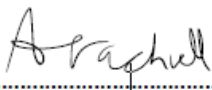
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The CIO is governed by its constitution and managed by its trustees, who are unremunerated. The current trustees were appointed on incorporation.

Trustees are appointed from the team membership at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, having been proposed and seconded by a member of the Association.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:



.....
Andrew Cracknell, Chair
23 January 2026

Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association

I report on the accounts of Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages seven to sixteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charitable incorporated organisation's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charitable incorporated organisation's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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 independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable incorporated organisation and 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.



Jamie Pygas ACCA
Townsend Harrison Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Malton
23 January 2026

Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended
31 March 2025

	Unrestricted <u>funds</u>	Restricted <u>funds</u>	2025 Total <u>funds</u>	2024 Total <u>funds</u>
<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS:				
Grants	-	-	-	500
VAT Refunds	376	-	376	1,333
Collection Boxes/Tins	259	-	259	1,181
Events and Other Donations	2,050	-	2,050	9,790
Miscellaneous	26	-	26	41
Gift Aid	-	-	-	528
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Total income	2,711	-	2,711	13,374
	=====	=====	=====	=====
EXPENDITURE:				
Equipment Purchases	504	-	504	6,665
Maintenance	1,100	-	1,700	2,445
Equipment Rental	-	-	-	746
Accountancy	660	-	660	540
Licences and Site Fees	377	-	425	48
Other Fees	-	-	-	1,368
Fuel	206	-	206	776
Insurance	600	-	600	3,204
Training	-	-	-	73
Miscellaneous	95	-	95	908
Donations	1,370	-	-	-
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total expenditure	4,912	-	4,912	16,773
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Net income/(deficit)	(2,201)	-	(2,201)	(3,400)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total funds at 1 April 2024	2,201	-	2,201	5,601
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Total funds at 31 March 2025	-	-	-	2,201
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

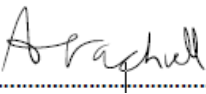
Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025	2024
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£
<u>Cash at bank and in hand</u>		-	2,201
		-----	-----
<u>Total funds</u>		-	2,201
		=====	=====

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form an integral part of these accounts. The income and expenditure account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

For the financial year in question, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the trustees on 23 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:


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Andrew Cracknell, Chair

Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association
Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Charity information

Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The principal address is 41 Exeter Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 9AT.

Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with governing document of the CIO, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by 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) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The CIO has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the CIO. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised once the CIO has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year in which they are incurred and are allocated to the particular activity to which the cost relates. Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the CIO without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for a specific purpose as laid down by the donor.

Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association
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2. TRUSTEES

No trustees received remuneration for services rendered (2025: £nil) or were reimbursed travel expenses (2024: £nil).

No trustee, or anyone connected with a trustee, has a material interest in any of the CIO's transactions.

3. MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
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<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General	2,201	2,711	4,912	-	-
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14 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

15 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

16 We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs, despite the relatively low reserves of £5,601 unrestricted at the 31 March 2023. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements and believe that income and expenditure can be closely monitored and managed. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

17 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

18 We confirm that fund balances are as follows and restricted grants have been expended in line with grant documentation and purpose this was received for:

	Balance at 01 Apr 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 Mar 2023
Unrestricted funds	1,643	13,766	(9,807)	-	5,601
General fund					
Restricted funds	1,545	7,272	(8,817)	-	-
WCVA					
CAF		4,200	(4,200)	-	-
Moondance Foundation		2,800	(2,800)	-	-
Vale of Glam		2,792	(2,792)	-	-
	3,188	30,830	(28,417)	-	5,601

Yours faithfully

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees of Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association (CAVRA)

Date: 25/05/2023

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Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association (CAVRA)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
and
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED - 31 MARCH 2023 *(cont'd)*

The trustees present their first report and unaudited financial statements of the CIO for the opening period 01 April 2021 - 31 March 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name: Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association (CAVRA)

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Principal office: 3 Keteringham Close
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Trustees:

The trustees who held office during the period are listed below:

Mr Ivor Davies (Chair)
Mr Kyle Jones
Mr Michael Sullivan
Christopher Felton
Mr Stuart Wilson

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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The trustees confirm that they have due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning their aims and activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

I am pleased to say that the last year has been one of strong progress, mainly thanks to a number of grants from a variety of organisations. This has allowed us to update much of our equipment, purchase new and additional equipment. This now means that we are fully operational and functional for water and land searches.

Just about all of the events we cover have now come back to us, plus, a few new ones, which, will certainly help with finances.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED - 31 MARCH 2023 *(cont'd)*

We have received grants from the following organisations and wish to place on record our sincere thanks:-

Welsh Council for Voluntary Action
Aspire Adventure (Several)
Radyr Races
Cardiff University
Arnold Clark
Charities Aid Foundation
Local Giving
Llantwit Major Town Council
Penarth Gateway Club
Merthyr Wellbeing
Ridge Runners
Shakey Tin @ Morrisons Cardiff Bay
Moondance Foundation
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Limitless Trails

Several Team members have attended various First Aid Courses during the last year including RQF Level 3, use of Defibrillators and Oxygen, Manual Handling, Health & Safety, Catastrophic Bleeding, Forestry work, RYA Level 2 Powerboat Handling.

The change to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status has now been completed and is working well.

CAVRA attended a total of 11 incidents in 2022.

Team Members performed a total of 11473 hours of voluntary work during the year, estimated to be worth £149149.00 to the community.

Unfortunately on the 23rd December I suffered a heart attack and subsequently underwent a triple by-pass operation from which I am still recovering, this will Take some considerable time and will reduce my operational and manual involvement.

May I also thank you all for your "Get Well" Messages and support during the last year.

I will continue with my role as Chairman, working away in the background to ensure that CAVRA goes from strength to strength.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED - 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts for the year are shown on pages 6 to 7. For the period ended 31 March 2023 the receipts and payments account show a surplus of £2,413. Cash funds at the year-end are £2,413. Not all funds are unrestricted this year, there were some restricted grants this year.

Reserves Policy

The trustees intend to hold reserves enough to allow for continued operation of the charity for a set period of time in the event of a dip in income. However, they have not yet been able to achieve this aim.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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Trustees are appointed from the team membership at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, having been proposed and seconded by a member of the Association.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


..... (sign)
Trustee

I. C. JAVIES
..... (print name)

Date: 29/05/23

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CIVIL AID VOLUNTARY RESCUE ASSOCIATION (CAVRA)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Farzana Ahmed FCCA

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds	01 Apr 22 - 31 Mar 23	24 Jun 21 - 31 Mar 22
RECEIPTS				
Grants	3,150	17,065	20,215	23,317
VAT Refunds	1,877	-	1,877	721
Collection Boxes / Tins	472	-	472	113
Event and Other Donations	8,201	-	8,201	6,150
Miscellaneous	66	-	66	119
Transferred from predecessor charity	-	-	-	4,649
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,766	17,065	30,830	35,068
PAYMENTS				
Equipment Purchases	-	7,278	7,278	22,094
Maintenance	4,152	786	4,938	2,817
Accountancy	540	-	540	-
Licence and Site Fees	679	-	679	739
Other Fees	517	-	517	445
Fuel	1,740	-	1,740	843
Insurance	1,262	2,580	3,842	3,653
Training	-	7,965	7,965	1,235
Miscellaneous	917	-	917	55
TOTAL PAYMENTS	9,807	18,610	28,417	31,880
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	3,959	(1,545)	2,413	3,188
CASH FUNDS LAST YEAR END	1,643	1,545	3,188	-
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	5,602	0	5,601	3,188

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
CASH AT BANK				
Unity Trust Bank Current Account	5,601		5,601	3,188
TOTAL	<u>5,601</u>		<u>5,601</u>	<u>3,188</u>

These accounts were accepted by the trustees on 29/5/23 and signed on their behalf by:

..... (sign)

I.C. DAVIES..... (print name)

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Fund Balances

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Moondance Foundation	-	2,800	(2,800)	-	-
Vale of Glam	-	2,792	(2,792)	-	-
	3,188	30,830	(28,417)	-	5,601

2. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustee received any remuneration from the charity in respect of their services during the period. Out of pocket expenses occurred by the trustees in the performance of their duties were not reimbursed.

However, two trustees were reimbursed a total of £577 for charity expenditure paid privately on behalf of the charity.

3. Going Concern

At the year-end, the general reserves are £5,601, which is not sufficient to cover expenditure. However, since the year-end, additional funding has been sought and costs are being constantly monitored and adjusted according, so the trustees are satisfied the charity can continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

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Report for 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022:

The COVID-19 Pandemic continued, with many changes being made along the way, these were more stringent in Wales than those in England, which, has had a detrimental effect on our training particularly, as many courses were either cancelled, or delayed, especially those that were water related, with CIWW closed for long periods of time.

Stuart Wilson attended a FREQ3 course and successfully passed the examination. Tom Cole has since also passed a FREQ3 course.

Ivor and Jonathan attended a water awareness course, with a number of others attending SRT (Q) courses at CIWW, unfortunately, these were postponed on a number of occasions, also, Nick Baker has attended a water awareness course at CIWW.

Socially distanced training continued throughout most of the year at various locations.

A number of Run, Walk, Crawl events were attended.

The Land Rover was fitted with a "Dual Power charging system." and also a "Wading" system.

6 Team members attended a First Aid Course (RQF Level 3) plus Oxygen and Defibrillator training.

Consequently, the issue regarding Patient Guidance Document (PGD) was overcome by getting supplies from BOC.

We also attended 2 Emergency Services Days at St-Mellons.

Mike, Kyle and Stuart attended a SFRBO (R) course.

We have also been in contact with the Welsh Government Business Advisory service, who, have taken much information from us and are looking at ways how we may be able to operate on a more commercial basis, discussions are ongoing at this time.

Repairs to the “Flatbed” trailer and the Communications & Support unit were also effected.

CAVRA also provided First Aid cover at the Llantwit Major Remembrance Day event with one assist.

We also welcomed a number of new team members, who, have commencing training, with 4 attending an SRT course, and a few other potential new members in the pipeline.

As we go in to 2022, things appear to be getting slightly better, with enquiries for cover at a number of events. New prices have been introduced for cover at these events, it remains to be seen if we lose any of them?

A more “commercial” view has been taken with several enquiries for this type of work.

We have received a Grant of £16,089.00 from WCVA (75% paid in January, (£12066.75) with the remaining 25% (£4022.25 to follow 3 months later.)

However, due to massive price increased in the cost of equipment we have submitted a second grant application which went to panel on 15th March 2022.

The second grant of £13000.00 was approved and the first part was paid on 14th March 2022, with a balance of £4022.25 due to follow in 3 months time.



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This give us a total of £29089.00 from WCVA in grants for which we are extremely grateful.

Much of the equipment required has already been ordered and paid for, we await delivery of same.

A meeting also took place with the Dinas Powys Community Flood Group, who, are very interested in gaining our support during potential and actual flooding incidents in that area.

We are working with them towards establishing a resilient flood protection scheme, with further meetings planned, we are also looking at the possibility of having a “walk” along the riverbanks to get an idea of the terrain, followed by a live exercise later in the year.

Nigel and I have developed a resilient radio system for use with flooding incidents, we will be using the trade name of “Floodnet”, this name and a logo have been registered with the Intellectual Property Office, draft approval has been given, but, they cannot fully confirm until the statutory notification period has elapsed, this is due to become fully effective mid-April.

The Land Rover and Support trailer have been “liveried” in orange and white Battenberg, which, is a great improvement on the previous logo, which was looking rather “tired.”

Glyn Saunders (DEFRA Resilience Officer) carried out an inspection on 10th February, details of which have already been promulgated. We need to get at least 2 SFRBO’s certified as new boat commanders as a matter of urgency.

There were a number of other minor matters that need to be addressed before the end of the year.

We were also “placed on Standby” by South Wales Police for impending Storms Dudley and Eunice, but, were not tasked.



During the Run, Walk, Crawl event held on Sunday 20th February when the weather conditions were absolutely atrocious we rescued 5 persons and assisted another 24. The organiser's and many competitors voiced their thanks for all our efforts.

We have signed Memoradums of Understanding (MOU's) with a number of Health Related organisations to provide cover in adverse weather conditions.

It is sad to note that most of the other emergency services engagement is sadly lacking.

We also received a demand for £150.00 as a result of using a photograph that was the copyright of an organisation called_Agence France-Pressé Imagery - Reference Number: 9775-8023-4626. After discussion with the Trustees, it was thought that to challenge this demand could cost us more in legal fees than the demand itself, plus any CCJ's could be on my address. The fee was reluctantly paid on 7th March 2022.

We will follow this up, advising other organisations of the pitfalls as well as getting WCVA, GVS and Rip Off Britain on the case.

Following the successful grant applications to WCVA (and others) 10 new Pal dry suits, PFD's with belts, Future Safety Helmets and Water Rescue boots have been paid for and ordered, delivery is awaited.

We have also taken delivery of an evacuation sled, with the Land Rover and trailer being fully liveried, and a new more powerful (25 HP) boat engine has been ordered.

The engine that was donated by Jonathan Thomas has been serviced and a prop-guard fitted. This means that we have 2 x 15 HP engines, plus the new 25 HP engine, as well as the 70 HP on FR2, therefore, we will be able to fully meet DEFRA requirements in this aspect.



A further meeting took place on 26th March 2022 with the Dinas Powys Community Flood Group, they are anxious to build long term relationships with CAVRA, consequently, we are hope to arrange “walk-through” of the rivers that are likely to flood one evening this summer, followed by a “dry-run” exercise later in the year, but, before the winter.

It is worth noting that since the foundation of CAVRA we have secured funding in excess of £400,000.00 since 2000, this has helped us to purchase equipment, training and other running costs.

I feel that we have now turned a corner, and are moving “positively forward”

Once again, may I thank each and every one of you for the support that you have given CAVRA.



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