

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING

31 OCTOBER 2024

Registered CIO Number: 1195265



The King's Award
for Voluntary Service

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Registered CIO Number	1195265	
Address	16 Neale Close Wollaston Wellingborough NN29 7UT	
Trustees	Nicholas Strelczuk David Hough John Frostwick Paul Middlehurst Paul Willis Martin Crisp Grayham Amos Andrew Chatwin	Chair Vice chair Treasurer
Bankers	National Westminster Bank Plc	
Independent Examiner	Steven Jones FCA	

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Northamptonshire Search and Rescue (NSAR) is governed by a Constitution adopted by its members. The Board of Trustees includes eight Trustees who bring a wealth of experience and skillset to the charity.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting by the members.

Aims, Objectives and Public Benefit

We aim to relieve the suffering and distress amongst persons endangered, and the preservation of life, in particular, but not exclusively by:

1. The provision of trained resources to the Police, other emergency services, Local Authorities and other Search and Rescue organisations
2. Assist statutory authorities for the relief of those in need in emergencies
3. The provision of useful training and skills to the members and to the public

All of our activities and decision making is carried out to further the Charity's aims and objectives which are for the public benefit.

Activities

Our services are entirely voluntary. Incidents we may be called upon include where the location of a high risk missing person is unknown, flooding or welfare checks.

Team members are highly trained in a variety of skills including search techniques, search planning, navigation, radio operation, first aid, swiftwater rescue and bank search.

Searches are coordinated through a Search Manager, Search Operations and Search Planner. Each team operates with a Team Leader, Comms, Navigation and Medic.

We work closely with the Police, Fire Service and Local Authority who contact us when our services are required.

History of Northamptonshire Search & Rescue (NSAR)



2012

- Team formed
- 9 x members

2013

- Charity Status Granted
- 17 x Members
- 1 x Land Rover Discovery

2016

- 28 x Members
- 1st ICU Acquired
- 4x4 Ambulance Acquired
- 2 x Search managers
- 2 x Team leaders

2018

- Full member status Granted by ALSAR
- 8 x SRT MOD 3 qualified
- 6 x First Responder medics qualified

2021

- 1 x Custom built ICU
- 1 x Custom Built Support vehicle
- 1 x 4x4 Ambulance
- 41 x members
- 1 x search dog



Financial Statements

The Board of Trustees confirm that the financial statements for the year:

- i) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements;
- ii) comply with the charity's governing document;
- iii) and; comply with The Charities Act 2011

Achievements and Performance in the Period

The charity assisted the Emergency Services with **65 incidents**, some multiple days in duration, covering the search for high risk missing persons and responding to flooding.

A total of **133 training exercises** and sessions were conducted covering a broad range of subjects.

We ran or attended **8 fundraising events** in the period.

We trained one Search Planner, two in Point of Find, four for the kayak team, six Training Assessment Quality Assurance, two Trainee Team Leaders, two Qualified Team Leaders and two Incident Commanders.

During the period, our members volunteered the following total hours to the Charity:

2596 Search hours

2795 Training hours

2665 Events hours

The Search Types undertaken in the period were as follows:

4 Missing child

9 Dementia

29 Despondent

5 Fatality

5 Flood response

14 Water searches

19 Mutual aid searches

We have grown to **46** Qualified Members.

Financial Review

The Trustees have reviewed the financial position of the Charity and are happy we have a strong balance sheet. There are £1,012 of restricted funds for projects. There is also £41,834 which has been earmarked for various other projects, budgets and expenses.

The purpose of the Reserves Policy is to ensure the ongoing operations of the charity. The reserves are intended to provide a source of funds for situations such as an unexpected cashflow problem and to cover contingency plans such as unexpected expenditure. This amount held under the reserves policy is £39,800.

Our Members' Feedback

We surveyed our volunteers during the year, and this is what made them proud to be part of NSAR:

“What makes you proud” Cloud



Northamptonshire
Search and Rescue

A Thank You to Our Supporters

We rely upon the generosity and support of our donors and supporters without whom we could not carry out our vital public service.

The Northamptonshire Fire Service continue to provide us with a secondary base to store some of our vital equipment and vehicle.

Weetabix have been supportive in providing us with training space.

Lamport Hall have been very generous in supporting our operation.

The David Laing Foundation have supported us with funding for our new base fit out.

We thank also GW Construction who helped in the major fit out work of our new base.

Finally, our biggest thanks goes to our volunteers who are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

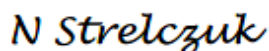
Looking Ahead

This year marked a significant step forward in our governance structure. Our new governing document now allows us to appoint Trustees who are not part of the core team. This change opens the door for Trustees with diverse expertise, strengthening our leadership with a broad range of skills and perspectives.

Financial stability will be a key focus, especially following the acquisition of our new base. We have worked diligently to consolidate our financial position, ensuring long-term sustainability and operational security and we aim to continue to strengthen this over the coming year.

In addition, we are actively exploring new ways to advance the skills and capabilities of our team. By investing in professional development and strategic growth, we aim to enhance our effectiveness and impact, equipping our team for future challenges and opportunities.

Presented and approved at a board meeting held on 20th February 2025, and signed on their behalf.



Nicholas Strelczuk
Chair

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024
CHARITY NUMBER 1195265**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2024 as set out on pages 7 to 11.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Steven Jones Bsc(Hons), FCA
Chartered Accountant and Registered Auditor

Dated: 21st February 2025

c/o Cube Partners Ltd
Chartered Accountants
5 Giffard Court
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
General donations and legacies		34,198	-	34,198	36,323	-	36,323
Grant income	1	3,526	14,625	18,151	2,000	2,625	4,625
Fundraising and other events		3,033	-	3,033	8,203	-	8,203
Members contributions		3,010	-	3,010	3,637	-	3,637
VAT refunds		1,743	-	1,743	13,773	-	13,773
Other Income		1,359	-	1,359	1,627	-	1,627
Total Income Receipts		46,869	14,625	61,494	65,563	2,625	68,188
Asset Sales							
		-	-	-	8,500	-	8,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS		46,869	14,625	61,494	74,063	2,625	76,688
Expenditure on:							
Search operations costs		3,424	-	3,424	4,152	-	4,152
Medical & other consumables		488		488	1,240		1,240
Subscriptions and insurances		10,880		10,880	8,901		8,901
Vehicle fuel and running costs		4,451		4,451	5,855		5,855
Training		3,155		3,155	6,972		6,972
Fundraising costs		-		-	2,283		2,283
Base costs		1,362	8,987	10,349	-	-	-
Other		1,248	-	1,248	197	-	197
Total Expenditure Payments		25,008	8,987	33,995	29,600	-	29,600
Asset purchases							
		2,004	5,000	7,004	6,772	58,391	65,163
TOTAL PAYMENTS		27,012	13,987	40,999	36,372	58,391	94,763
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		19,857	638	20,495	37,691	(55,766)	(18,075)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward from last year		75,146	1,500	76,646	37,455	57,266	94,721
Cash funds carried forward this year end	3	95,003	2,138	97,141	75,146	1,500	76,646

All income and expenditure derive from charitable operations.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
ASSETS:							
Fixed Assets at Current Value	2	7,339	56,574	63,913	11,677	73,734	85,411
Current Assets							
Cash at Bank and in hand	3	96,127	1,013	97,140	75,146	1,500	76,646
		96,127	1,013	97,140	75,146	1,500	76,646
LIABILITIES:							
Creditors							
Amounts falling due within one year		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS OF THE CHARITY		103,466	57,587	161,053	86,823	75,234	162,057

Approved by the trustees at a committee meeting held on 20th February 2025, and signed on their behalf

J Frostwick

John Frostwick

Treasurer

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable UK Accounting Standards.

Income recognition

Monetary donations and legacies income is accounted for when received.

Grants are accounted for when received.

Fundraising and other events income are sponsorship and other donations raised at events, and are accounted for when received.

Donations of consumable goods are not included in Income, as it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Intangible Income

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and services etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Expenditure

Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and is brought into account in the period it is paid for. Costs are allocated to the functional cost heading or asset heading to which it relates in the Receipts and Payments accounts

Employees

The charity does not have any employees. It is operated purely by volunteers.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are shown in total in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at their estimated current value.

The Notes to the Financial Statements summarises the charity's Fixed Assets at both their original cost and at their estimated current value.

The charity has a policy of regular maintenance of its fixed assets, so as to maintain their longevity, and provide value to donors.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised or set aside for particular restricted purposes.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known operating commitments, and the replacement of certain assets.

Risk

The trustees do not believe the charity is subject to any substantial risk.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1	Grant income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
	Maud Elkington	-	1,500	1,500			-
	David Laing Foundation	-	10,000	10,000			-
	Drax Corporate	-	2,000	2,000			-
	Tesco Groundworks	-	1,125	1,125		1,125	1,125
	Enterprise Holdings	2,500		2,500			-
	PayPal	26		26			-
	Movement for Good	1,000		1,000			-
	Ruth Lee Ltd Volunteer Heroes			-		1,500	1,500
	Michael Guest Charitable Foundation			-	2,000		2,000
		3,526	14,625	18,151	2,000	2,625	4,625

2	Fixed Assets - Current Value	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
	Asset Detail						
	<i>Orig cost</i>						
	Major Asset 1 - Incident Control Van	19,680	-	14,685	-	17,276	17,276
	Major Asset 2 - Incident Support Vehicle	47,308	-	34,180	-	40,212	40,212
	Major Asset 3 - 4x4 Response Vehicle	8,040	-	1,000	-	1,500	1,500
	Search & Rescue Equipment - purch 2024	7,004	1,503	3,750	5,253	-	-
	Search & Rescue Equipment - purch 2023	17,855	3,386	384	3,770	5,079	8,312
	Search & Rescue Equipment - purch 2022	20,101	2,450	2,576	5,025	4,900	5,151
	Search & Rescue Equipment - purch 2021	11,922	-	-	1,698	1,283	2,981
	Total Current Values	7,339	56,574	63,913	11,677	73,734	85,411

Major fixed asset purchases are individually assessed for their Current Value.

Other fixed assets ("Search & Rescue Equipment" above) are deemed to have a Current Value based on a 4 year useful life

Search & Rescue Equipment fixed assets purchased prior to FY2021 are deemed to have no material current value

3	Cash at Bank	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £
	Current Accounts	500	-	500	493	-	493
	Savings Accounts	95,587	1,013	96,600	74,612	1,500	76,112
	Cash in Hand	40	-	40	40	-	40
		96,127	1,013	97,140	75,145	1,500	76,645

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4 Unrestricted Funds

	Opening Balance 01.11.23	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 31.10.24
	£	£	£	£	£
General Reserve	75,146	46,869	(27,012)	-	95,003
	75,146	46,869	(27,012)	-	95,003

5 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance 01.11.23	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 31.10.24
	£	£	£	£	£
Ruth Lee Limited Volunteer Heroes	1,500	-	(1,500)	-	-
Maud Elkington		1,500	(1,500)	-	-
David Laing Foundation		10,000	(8,987)	-	1,013
Drax Corporate		2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Tesco Groundworks	-	1,125	(1,125)	-	-
	1,500	14,625	(15,112)	-	1,013

Purpose, use and restrictions of funds:

- a This grant is to fund training of the Swiftwater Rescue Team
- b This grant is to fund the charity's new kayak team equipment
- c This grant is to fund the fit out of the charity's base
- d This grant is to fund the charity's new kayak team equipment
- e This grant is to fund the fit out of the charity's base

6 Ultimate Controlling Party

The Charity is controlled by the board of Trustees, who are listed in the Legal and Administrative Information page.

7 Events After the End of the Reporting Period

Since the year end the Charity was privileged to be awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service for 2024. The Charity updated its Constitution on 23 December 2024 to further strengthen its governance structure.