



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/4/2023 Period start date To 31/3/2024 Period end date

Charity name: Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team Ashburton

Charity registration number: 1202623

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the charity shall be to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons endangered by accidents or natural hazards primarily within moorland areas and to provide arrangements for the secure and efficient search and rescue of any person or persons so endangered and to encourage moorland safety instruction and awareness through all sections of the community.
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	<p>The Team operates a search & rescue service, managed by the Police, for an area including the south east quarter of Dartmoor, and extending to include Torbay, Newton Abbot, Totnes, Exeter & East Devon.</p> <p>Volunteers are on call 365 days a year, 24 x 7 hours a day.</p> <p>The team selects new members based on a training programme and members themselves undertake regular training to ensure they are competent to carry out activities, which include rope, first aid and swift water rescue.</p> <p>We work closely with other SAR Teams, Cave Rescue, Police & Ambulance Service to assist members of the general public.</p>
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	The Trustees consider the guidance on

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		public benefit when undertaking the Charity's work.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not relevant
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not relevant
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Not relevant
Other		Not relevant

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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	<p>During the 12 months within this report period, we had 49 requests to assist Devon & Cornwall Police and South West Ambulance Service Trust. The average volunteer attendance at a callout was 12. We provided 2968 hrs assisting the emergency services.</p> <p>Callouts relate directly to our core purposes, helping lost, injured, sick and vulnerable people – typically in remote and hard to reach locations.</p> <p>We supplement this with fundraising activities and community engagement events.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not relevant.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our fundraising income over this period met our financial obligations and allowed us to make a small profit. This profit will go towards future investment into team equipment, resources and facilities to allow us to perform our voluntary role as a Search and Rescue team within the community.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not relevant.
Other		Not relevant.

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity has a strong financial position at the end of this financial period. We have a balance sheet of £225,938.</p> <p>Through fundraising and donations, we achieved a profit of £28,515. We had a turnover of £65,462.</p> <p>This financial year has given the team a strong platform to make necessary investments in the year ahead, for the upkeep and renewal of vital team equipment.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The team maintains a minimum constitutionally required reserve of £60,000. This is approximately equivalent to a year of operational expenses.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£219,710
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	NA

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	>95% of our income is from fundraising activities and private donations.
Investment policy and		Investment is made into team equipment and operational abilities. Modest interest is earned on bank accounts.

objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Operational risks impacting the health and wellbeing of our team members, as well as bystanders and members of the public. We have strong insurance policies in place, implemented by Mountain Rescue England and Wales.</p> <p>Risk of financial insecurity caused by a decrease in donations and fundraising volume. We mitigate this through tight financial scrutiny and proactive fundraising behaviours.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitutional document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	AGM meeting provides an annual opportunity for nomination, seconding, and election of voluntary Trustees. All positions are open to election (or re-election) every 12 months.

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	<p>Our CIO binds us to the three other Dartmoor Rescue Group teams: North Dartmoor, Tavistock, and Plymouth.</p> <p>As a group of independent CIOs, we provide redundancy to each other team in event that one of the charities should default and cease to operate.</p> <p>We are also members of Mountain Rescue England and Wales – but not through any aspect of governance.</p>
Relationship with any		As above.

related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dartmoor Search & Rescue Team - Ashburton
Other name the charity uses	DSRT Ashburton.
Registered charity number	1202623
Charity's principal address	St Mary's Rescue Centre, St Boniface House, Ashburton. Devon. TQ13 7JL

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	Kevin Chamberlain	Chairman	Since May 2024	
	2	Henry Smith	Treasurer	Since May 2023	
	3	Sam Silk	Members Rep	Since May 2024	
	4	Peter Sherman	Equipment Officer	Since May 2022	
	5	Jon White	Secretary	Since May 2023	
	6	Richard Carus	Fundraising Officer	Since May 2024	
	7	Paula Holbrook	MREW Rep	Since May 2022	
	8	Craig Scollick	Team Leader	Since May 2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NA		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NA		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not relevant
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)		
	Full name(s)	Henry Charles Smith	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
	Date	27 th Jan 2025	

Balance Sheet

Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team Ashburton As at 31 March 2024

	31 MAR 2024	31 MAR 2023	31 MAR 2022
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets			
Buildings	318.50	-	-
Motor Vehicles	141.98	-	-
Total Tangible Assets	460.48	-	-
Total Fixed Assets	460.48	-	-
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand			
CAF Current Account	22,046.73	63,234.32	74,044.40
DARTMOOR SEA	53,950.74	-	-
Lloyds Deposit Account	104,067.07	95,720.80	86,518.65
Lloyds Treasurers Account	35,461.78	33,588.96	23,443.61
Paypal Account	4,935.78	2,181.04	7,884.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	220,462.10	194,725.12	191,890.66
Accounts Receivable	2,710.23	219.95	334.10
Total Current Assets	223,172.33	194,945.07	192,224.76
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accounts Payable	7,484.90	1,282.58	338.82
Rounding	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.15)
VAT	(3,562.11)	-	-
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,922.64	1,282.43	338.67
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	219,249.69	193,662.64	191,886.09
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	219,710.17	193,662.64	191,886.09
Net Assets	219,710.17	193,662.64	191,886.09
Capital and Reserves			
Current Year Earnings	26,047.53	1,776.55	8,739.02
Funds Surplus	193,662.64	191,886.09	183,147.07
Total Capital and Reserves	219,710.17	193,662.64	191,886.09



29/01/2025

Henry Smith, Trustee & Treasurer,
on behalf of the Trustees of Dartmoor Search and Rescue - Ashburton

Profit and Loss

Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team Ashburton For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023	2022
Turnover			
Amazon Smile	191.69	-	98.69
Christmas meal tickets.	514.00	-	1,240.50
Dartmoor Classic	3,511.44	4,000.00	4,000.00
Dartmoor in the dark	-	-	1,798.17
Dartmoor Rescue Group	-	-	1,000.00
Donations	43,096.82	26,047.61	34,094.33
Events	200.00	-	200.00
Gift Aid	-	1,703.23	-
Interest Income	1,123.68	269.92	8.23
Members payments for personal kit bought	824.22	201.50	886.29
MOD 2 Instructor Courses	-	-	1,441.52
Police Bursary gift	-	3,362.50	3,069.52
Sale of assets	-	400.00	400.00
Sales	44.00	-	174.99
Sea Moor Lotto	551.50	559.50	559.50
Talks	508.80	60.00	1,081.30
Team call out claim	5,757.38	4,424.11	10,051.94
Templar Way 2019	20.00	-	-
Templar Way 2022	-	2,280.02	4,407.50
Templar Way 2023	2,012.40	3,549.56	-
Templar Way 2024	5,314.85	-	-
Ten Tors Claims	704.68	156.34	-
Tins	1,892.25	-	494.93
VAT reclaim	-	-	1,537.22
Total Turnover	66,267.71	47,014.29	66,544.63
Cost of Sales			
Direct Expenses	28.49	375.00	1,596.10
Fund raising expenses	535.79	1,222.01	1,527.29
Members kit purchases	724.97	350.00	904.13
Members Mileage claims	3,575.26	7,090.36	8,338.55
MOD 2 Instructor Course	-	-	2,456.40
Templar Way expenses	599.00	-	95.00
Ten Tors Expenses 2022	576.00	235.86	-
Total Cost of Sales	6,039.51	9,273.23	14,917.47
Gross Profit	60,228.20	37,741.06	51,627.16
Administrative Costs			
Audit & Accountancy fees	315.00	270.00	293.40
Bank Fees	137.28	143.00	148.00
Building repairs and maintenance	926.14	657.84	409.96

	2024	2023	2022
Entertainment - 0%	97.72	1,353.40	1,246.00
Equipment Rope	846.06	3,110.55	-
Equipment Water	760.73	1,704.35	4,863.31
Equipment Dogs	352.55	-	-
Equipment general expenses	1,623.78	3,499.47	1,317.28
Equipment ICT	2,488.98	3,713.28	12,021.24
Equipment Medical	8,960.18	3,356.87	1,784.46
Equipment PPE	61.69	1,233.89	-
Fuel	2,054.04	2,791.81	2,134.25
General Expenses	570.05	987.43	122.24
Insurance	7,178.07	4,205.78	5,358.63
IT Software and Consumables	116.53	-	-
Light, Power, Heating	1,224.41	1,112.89	634.71
Paypal fees	139.11	155.64	126.33
Postage, Freight & Courier	-	-	16.60
Printing & Stationery	285.44	-	147.84
Repairs & Maintenance	52.59	-	68.94
Staff Training	75.00	-	307.74
Subscriptions	-	-	50.00
Team training	2,516.40	2,587.80	1,495.00
Telephone & Internet	694.57	808.42	906.63
Training Rope	-	-	403.66
Training Water	-	-	5,280.00
Travel - National	183.09	-	-
Vehicle general expenses	714.95	1,120.92	1,742.77
Vehicle repairs	1,806.31	3,151.17	2,009.15
Total Administrative Costs	34,180.67	35,964.51	42,888.14
Operating Profit	26,047.53	1,776.55	8,739.02
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	26,047.53	1,776.55	8,739.02
Profit after Taxation	26,047.53	1,776.55	8,739.02



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Henry Smith, Trustee & Treasurer,
on behalf of the Trustees of Dartmoor Search and Rescue - Ashburton



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Our Ref: KFG/1877

31 January 2025

Dear Sirs

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team
Ashburton**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Dartmoor Search and rescue Team Ashburton (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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 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 Trust 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.

Signed: 

Date: 31/1/2025

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