



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/4/2024 Period start date To 31/3/2025 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 45 requests to assist Devon & Cornwall Police and South West Ambulance Service Trust. The average volunteer attendance at a callout was 12. These callouts included 7 helicopter evacuations, 11 long distance stretcher carries, 4 fatalities, and even one bomb evacuation. We provided 1677 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 was exceed by our financial obligations and meant that we made a small loss, covered comfortably by our reserves. We needed to make significant investments this year, into specialist rope rescue equipment - and we forecasted the need to utilise our savings to do this.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not relevant.

Other		Not relevant.

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 £211,016.</p> <p>Through fundraising and donations, we achieved a turnover of £70,812. Gross income of £59,598.</p> <p>However, expenses exceeded this gross income, leading to an overall loss of £11k. This was forecast, due to the need to invest in specialist equipment.</p> <p>Regardless of the loss, our income remained very strong and contributed to our core ongoing expenses.</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	£211,016
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.
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investment is made into team equipment and operational abilities. Modest interest is earned on bank accounts.
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)

	
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Full name(s)

Henry Charles Smith	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer	
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Date

27 th Nov 2025

Profit and Loss

Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team Ashburton For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024	2023
Turnover			
Amazon Smile	-	191.69	-
Christmas meal tickets.	102.00	514.00	-
Dartmoor Classic	2,385.22	3,511.44	4,000.00
Donations	35,899.86	43,096.82	26,047.61
Events	260.00	200.00	-
Gift Aid	4,440.14	-	1,703.23
Interest Income	1,106.42	1,123.68	269.92
Members payments for personal kit bought	2,672.94	824.22	201.50
Police Bursary gift	6,000.00	-	3,362.50
Sale of assets	-	-	400.00
Sales	3.00	44.00	-
Sea Moor Lotto	706.50	551.50	559.50
Talks	527.00	508.80	60.00
Team call out claim	7,790.48	5,757.38	4,424.11
Templar Way 2019	-	20.00	-
Templar Way 2022	-	-	2,280.02
Templar Way 2023	-	2,012.40	3,549.56
Templar Way 2024	5,792.65	5,314.85	-
Ten Tors Claims	1,728.18	704.68	156.34
Tins	1,398.07	1,892.25	-
Total Turnover	70,812.46	66,267.71	47,014.29
Cost of Sales			
Direct Expenses	-	28.49	375.00
Fund raising expenses	2,149.90	535.79	1,222.01
Members kit purchases	2,975.43	724.97	350.00
Members Mileage claims	4,577.70	3,267.01	6,509.96
Templar Way expenses	125.11	599.00	-
Ten Tors Expenses 2022	1,386.09	576.00	235.86
Total Cost of Sales	11,214.23	5,731.26	8,692.83
Gross Profit	59,598.23	60,536.45	38,321.46
Administrative Costs			
Audit & Accountancy fees	702.90	315.00	270.00
Bank Fees	129.49	137.28	143.00
Building repairs and maintenance	1,286.03	926.14	657.84
Drone Team expenses	2,086.25	-	-
Entertainment - 0%	945.50	97.72	1,353.40
Equipment Rope	10,130.09	846.06	3,110.55
Equipment Water	2,754.46	760.73	1,704.35
Equipment Dogs	-	352.55	-

	2025	2024	2023
Equipment general expenses	16,977.16	1,623.78	3,499.47
Equipment ICT	1,977.58	2,488.98	3,713.28
Equipment Medical	9,522.45	8,960.18	3,356.87
Equipment PPE	-	61.69	1,233.89
Fuel	1,747.76	2,054.04	2,791.81
General Expenses	2,469.68	570.05	987.43
Insurance	5,718.26	4,988.45	4,205.78
IT Software and Consumables	2,668.53	116.53	-
Light, Power, Heating	1,745.83	1,224.41	933.47
Paypal fees	88.22	139.11	155.64
Postage, Freight & Courier	6.65	-	-
Printing & Stationery	300.77	285.44	-
Repairs & Maintenance	-	52.59	-
Staff Training	-	75.00	-
Team training	305.00	2,516.40	2,587.80
Telephone & Internet	185.69	694.57	808.42
Training Rope	325.00	-	-
Training Water	5,336.90	-	-
Travel - National	383.61	183.09	-
Vehicle general expenses	1,210.63	714.95	1,120.92
Vehicle repairs	2,545.62	1,806.31	3,151.17
Total Administrative Costs	71,550.06	31,991.05	35,785.09
Operating Profit	(11,951.83)	28,545.40	2,536.37
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(11,951.83)	28,545.40	2,536.37
Profit after Taxation	(11,951.83)	28,545.40	2,536.37

Balance Sheet

Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team Ashburton As at 31 March 2025

	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024	31 MAR 2023
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			
32 day notice account 21444900LS	75,000.00	-	-
CAF Current Account	35,425.64	22,046.73	63,234.32
DARTMOOR SEA	12,397.98	53,950.74	-
Lloyds Deposit Account	34,220.03	104,067.07	95,720.80
Lloyds Treasurers Account	36,439.97	35,461.78	33,588.96
Paypal Account	3,810.09	4,935.78	2,181.04
Total Cash at bank and in hand	197,293.71	220,462.10	194,725.12
Accounts Receivable	6,319.71	2,710.23	219.95
Total Current Assets	203,613.42	223,172.33	194,945.07
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Accounts Payable	1,823.98	3,964.46	522.76
Rounding	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.15)
VAT	(9,226.44)	(3,299.36)	-
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(7,402.61)	664.95	522.61
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	211,016.03	222,507.38	194,422.46
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	211,016.03	222,967.86	194,422.46
Net Assets	211,016.03	222,967.86	194,422.46
Capital and Reserves			
Current Year Earnings	(11,951.83)	28,545.40	2,536.37
Funds Surplus	222,967.86	194,422.46	191,886.09
Total Capital and Reserves	211,016.03	222,967.86	194,422.46



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Our Ref: KFG/1877
12 December 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 2025.

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:

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