

WILTSHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1205651

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-11-09

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AMONGST PERSONS ENDANGERED BY ACCIDENTS, ILLNESS OR NATURAL HAZARDS, PRINCIPALLY IN WILTSHIRE BUT WITHOUT GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATION, AND TO SUPPORT ANY OTHER RESCUE ORGANISATION, AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECURE AND EFFICIENT SEARCH AND RESCUE OF ANY PERSONS SO ENDANGERED.

Activities: Search and rescue teams exist to search for missing persons or the vulnerable, and items such as evidence in a criminal case. WILSAR primarily cover the county of Wiltshire but we also regularly assist neighbouring teams in Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Dorset and Berkshire and will assist any search organisation requesting help, if at all possible.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£74,385	£54,164	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Sawyer	Chair	2023-11-09
BETHAN MATTHEWS		2023-11-09
Jeremy Robin Sanders		2024-04-03
Kevin Whitehorn		2025-03-26
Lyndsey Donaldson-Selby		2023-11-09
Mark Pitman		2024-04-03
Teresa Hibbs		2025-03-26

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Wiltshire Search & Rescue Team

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1205651

Charity's principal address c/o Wiltshire Police Headquarters
 London Road
 Devizes
Postcode SN10 2DN

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	Adrian Sawyer	Chair	01/01/24-31/12/24	Members of WILSAR
2	Vic Watson		01/01/24-02/12/24	Members of WILSAR
3	Lyndsey D-Selby	Treasurer	01/01/24-31/12/24	Members of WILSAR
4	Neil Parsons-Hann		01/01/24-03/04/24	Members of WILSAR
5	Samantha Metcalfe	Secretary	01/01/24-31/12/24	Members of WILSAR
6	Thomas Bowling		01/01/24-03/04/24	Members of WILSAR
7	Bethan Eirlys Matthews		24/03/24-31/12/24	Members of WILSAR
8	Mark Pitman		04/04/24-31/12/24	Members of WILSAR
9	Jeremy Sanders		04/04/24-31/12/24	Members of WILSAR
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Objectives and activities

Objectives are to assist in the relieving of suffering and to protect persons endangered by accident or natural hazard, throughout Wiltshire but without geographical limitation and to support the rescue organisation, and to provide adequate arrangements for the efficient search and rescue of any persons so endangered.

Search and Rescue teams exist to search for vulnerable and endangered persons. Searches can be conducted in urban or rural areas and for search and rescue volunteers, are always initiated by Wiltshire Police.

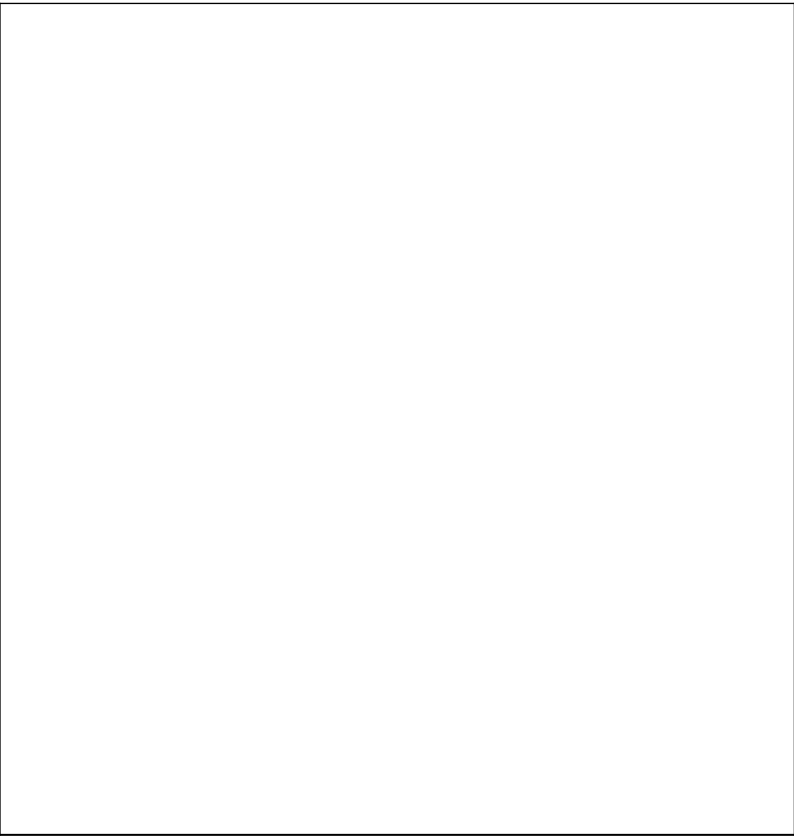
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ams in Oxfordshire, Hampshire and Berkshire and will assist
nisation or emergency service requesting help if at all possible.
number of specialist trained Flood Responders who are
DEFRA to be called upon nationally to assist in the event of

ofit making organisation and rely on our own fundraising, along
and sponsorship from the public and companies. We receive no
ding or subsidies and are a registered charity. All of our
paid volunteers and we make no charge for our services.
ts of approximately 110 members of which six are Trustees
gard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on
ll operational members are trained to the Lowland Rescue
ave a number of Association of Lowland Search and Rescue
aders, Search Planners and Search Managers. One of these
uty at all times and will arrange the call-out of the Team via an
rches are usually managed on the ground by our own Search
ct under the direction of a Police Search Advisor (POLSA.)
s own control vehicle, radio communications equipment and
search equipment. We train most weeks and hold frequent
nsures a high state of readiness, competence and

vements include receiving the prestigious Queen's Award for
e in 2011 and Wiltshire Police's Chief Constable's Certificate of
2013.

(Optional information)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional i



Section D Achievements and performance

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Members of WILSAR attended 63 incidents, 354 exercises and 499 events. Our 114 active Members volunteered 20,308 hrs over this period.

Wiltshire Search and Rescue is a voluntary organisation funded entirely through voluntary donations. The team is professionally trained and is called out by Wiltshire Police to support with finding vulnerable and missing people. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and are united in their desire to be there when people need us most.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves to the value of £50,142 is held to:

- Cover the cost of a repairs to our command vehicle should it break down or to purchase a second-hand vehicle should our current vehicle be beyond repair.
- Or cover running expenses of the Charity for 12 months

This reserve is periodically reviewed to ensure it is robust and sufficient to meet the needs of the Charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Lyndsey Donaldson-Selby</i>	
Full name(s)	Lyndsey Donaldson-Selby	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	26/04/2025	

Wiltshire Search and Rescue

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	TOTAL	Unrestricted	Restricted
Income			
Bank Interest Received	310	310	
Donation Income	52,214	52,214	
First Aid - Sales	600	600	
General Sales	6,039	6,039	
Grant Income	64,329		64,329
Miscellaneous Income	3,245	3,245	
	126,736	62,407	64,329
Net VAT Reclaim	4,542	4,542	
	131,279	66,949	64,329
Expenses			
Bank Charges	98	98	0
Consultancy Fees	2,869	2,869	0
Fuel (4X4)	2,365	2,365	0
Fuel and Oil (MOTOR)	28	28	0
General Purchases	2,406	2,406	0
Hosting Fees and IT Consumables	820	633	188
Hotels	821	150	671
Insurance	8,126	8,126	0
IT - D4H Subscription	515	515	0
IT - Equipment	5,993	0	5,993
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,081	1,081	0
Miscellaneous Motor Expenses	2,760	2,760	0
Miscellaneous Purchases	85	85	0
Postage and Carriage	276	276	0
Refreshments / Staff Welfare	216	216	0
Repairs and Servicing (MOTOR)	161	161	0
Search & Rescue Equipment - Bikes	2,768	382	2,386
Search & Rescue Equipment - Dogs	577	-356	932
Search & Rescue Equipment - General	6,286	725	5,561
Search & Rescue Equipment - Medical	776	202	574
Search & Rescue Equipment - Radios	953	125	828
Search & Rescue Equipment - Ropes	2,865	118	2,747
Search & Rescue Equipment - RPAS	13,922	0	13,922
Search & Rescue Equipment - Uniform	8,007	1,016	6,991
Search & Rescue Equipment - Vehicles	607	104	503
Search & Rescue Equipment - Water	10,881	-4,788	15,669
Service (VAN & 4x4)	435	435	0
Social & Awards	1,175	1,175	0
Stationery	33	33	0
Subscriptions	971	971	0
Suspense Account	0	0	0
Telephone and Mobile Charges	893	893	0
Training Costs	9,113	4,289	4,824
Travelling	1,147	620	527
Twilio	582	582	0
Vehicle Insurance	4,285	4,285	0
Vehicle Tax	1,030	1,030	0
	95,925	33,608	62,316
Net Cash Flow	35,354	33,341	2,013
Bank and cash balances at 31 December 2023	58,231	28,639	29,592
Bank and cash balances at 31 December 2024	93,585	61,980	31,605

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Wiltshire Search and Rescue

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wiltshire Search and Rescue for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of 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 Trustee'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 2011 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; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the application requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 being reached.



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14 February 2025