

SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE (SAVES)

England & Wales · Charity number 264354

Details

Other names	SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE (SAVES), SOMERSET AND AVON VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE (SAVES)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1972-08-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF PERSONS SUFFERING SICKNESS OR INJURY IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT BY THE PROVISION OF IMMEDIATE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO ANY PERSON INJURED IN ANY SERIOUS ACCIDENT OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF SOMERSET AND WILTSHIRE AND THE PROJECTED NEW COUNTY OF AVON.

Activities: VOLUNTARY PROVISION OF IMMEDIATE PREHOSPITAL MEDICAL CARE WORKING IN SUPPORT OF South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOMERSET AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£39,574	£33,904	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,007	£9,107	-	-
2023-03-31	£59,760	£40,347	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,084	£17,543	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,404	£9,159	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr JAMES HICKMAN MBE	Chair	
Craig Sutton		2024-11-05
Dr Richard Speke		2013-11-01

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Accounts

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Other names charity is known by SAVES
SOMERSET AND AVON VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE

Registered charity number (if any) 264354

Charity's principal address NORTH CURRY HEALTH CENTRE,
GREENWAY, NORTH CURRY, TAUNTON
SOMERSET
Postcode TA3 6NQ

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	DR J HICKMAN	CHAIR		
2	DR R SPEKE	TREASURER		
3	DR E FORD	VICE CHAIR	01/04/2024 to 05/11/2024	
4	MR A NEWLAND		01/04/2024 to 05/11/2024	
5	DR J SEDDON	SECRETARY & BASICS SW REPRESENTATIVE	01/04/2024 to 05/11/2024	
6	MR C SUTTON		05/11/2024 to 31/03/2025	
7	MR M PEARSON		05/11/2024 to 31/03/2025	
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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
ACCOUNTANT	LENTELLS LIMITED	17-18 LEACH ROAD, CHARD, SOMERSET, TA20 1FA

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 ADOPTED 07/06/1972 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION DATED 05/06/1974 AS ADMENDED ON 30/11/2004 AS AMENDED ON 23/11/2010 AS AMENDED ON 12/11/2012 AS AMENDED 7/11/2023
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	TRUST
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE, AS A MINIMUM, A CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER. AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHALL BE AN ACTIVE MEDICAL MEMBER OF SERVICE. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MAY CO-OPT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WHO MAY VOTE ON ALL MATTERS EXCEPT THOSE RESERVED BY THE NON-CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR THEIR OWN DECISION, THE CHAIRMAN SHALL HAVE THE CASTING VOTE IN CASE VOTING SHALL BE EQUAL. AT ANY MEETING, ATTENDANCE OF MORE THAN HALF OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM, PROVIDED AT LEAST ONE IS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

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.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

VOLUNTARY PROVISION OF IMMEDIATE PREHOSPITAL MEDICAL CARE WORKING IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

THE TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE CHARITY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT. THE CHARITY ASSISTS THE COMMUNITY IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAVING OF LIVES.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

SAVES RESPONDERS ARE VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE THEIR TIME FREELY TO RESPOND IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH WESTERN AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST (SWASFT). FUNDING FROM THE SOMERSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP IS PREDOMINANTLY USED FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR ACTIVE SAVES RESPONDERS FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLE THAT, WHILST THEY GIVE THEIR TIME FREELY, THEY SHOULD NOT BE "OUT OF POCKET" AS A RESULT OF THEIR WORK. SOME FUNDING IS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYERS/PARTNERSHIPS OF SAVES RESPONDERS IN RECOGNITION OF CALL OUTS DURING WORKING HOURS TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE RELEASE OF DOCTORS TO RESPOND TO SAVES CALLS.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This report covers the period from 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025.

The current officers elected at the AGM in November 2024 are as follows:

President	David Rawlins
Chairman	James Hickman
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Treasurer	Richard Speke
Secretary	Matthew Booker

The Management Committee constitutionally must include, as a minimum, the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, at least one of whom must be an Active Medical Member of the service. The Medical Committee is effectively a sub-committee of the Management Committee and comprises those members of the Management Committee, who are also Active Medical Responders

The current trustees are:

James Hickman
Richard Speke
Craig Sutton
Michael Pearson

The officers and trustees are responsible for the proper running of the charity. Mr Conor Calby is also invited to Management Committee meetings, serving as educational facilitator. Dr James Hickman or Dr Matt Booker also attend BASICS Southwest meetings to represent the scheme

According to the membership database, at the end of March 2025, SAVES membership comprised:

- 3 honorary life members
- 3 active medical members
- 2 lay trustees
- 1 advisor/educational facilitator
- 2 additional medical members;
- 1 other member

Between April 2024 and March 2025 SAVES responders were called out on 67 occasions.

- o Q1: 14 calls
- o Q2: 20calls
- o Q3: 11 calls
- o Q4: 22 calls

Prior to 2023 our average annual activity over the previous seven years was 153 calls per year. The last two years has seen a significant fall in activity due predominantly due to the departure of two of our active responders. Our contract with Somerset ICB is based on an indicative activity level of 82 calls per year (reduced in April 2024 from a previous level of 163 calls per year).

Bimonthly CPD meetings have been co-ordinated by Dr Seddon and subsequently Mr Calby. Themes have included obstetric emergencies, airway management and pre-hospital sedation.

2024-25 has been a year of ongoing change for the charity; notably the departure to Australia of Drs Ford and Seddon who were previously very active, both in responding and in the administration of the scheme.

The changes made at the AGM in November 2023 have enabled us to maintain the structure of the organisation. Craig Sutton and Mike Pearson (previously advisors) have stepped up to the roles of trustees and Mr Calby has agreed to take over the role of educational co-ordinator from Dr Seddon. Dr Matt Booker has accepted the role of secretary

Dr Marsden has now been approved and equipped to respond, but this still leaves the organisation with only three active medical responders. One further doctor, who had started the approval process, has fallen out of contact with SAVES. The main challenge to the organisation is to ensure that we have enough responders to maintain a useful service to support the ambulance service and to justify the ongoing support of our ICB contract both in the short term and for future resilience. Recruitment is therefore our greatest priority. The trustees are currently working on a recruitment strategy under the lead of Mr Craig Sutton

We have continued to explore the possibility of expanding responders to include a wider range of health care professionals. Historically there have been significant barriers at an Ambulance Service level However over the last year the Trust has, in principle, approved expanding the role to include critical care paramedics (with a CCP in Dorset working through the process for approval). This may open further possibilities for the future.

The charity has acquired a small secure rental storage unit to store equipment, both medical and promotional in Taunton.

We remain grateful for the continued use of Taunton Ambulance Station for meetings and the support of colleagues within the Ambulance Service.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

UNRESTRICTED RESERVES ARE HELD IN THE CHARITY'S BANK ACCOUNTS TO SUPPORT ITS ONGOING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. THE CHARITY IS SATISFIED THAT IT HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RESPONDERS FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

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

DURING THE YEAR 3 TRUSTEES AND THEIR EMPLOYERS/PARTNERSHIPS WERE REIMBURSED OUT OF POCKET ACTIVE SAVE RESPONDER EXPENSES TOTALLING £2,258 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARITY'S POLICY (PREVIOUS PERIOD 3 TRUSTEES, EXPENSES £2,597).

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Richard Speke

Signed on 04 November 2025 @ 19:57



James Hickman

Signed on 11 November 2025 @ 18:34

Full name(s)

DR RICHARD SPEKE

DR JAMES HICKMAN

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

Date



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

264354

Set out on pages

9 to 10

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the YEAR ended 31/03/2025.

**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 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.


**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 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.

Signed:

 *Robert Wegner*
Countersigned on 12 November 2025 @ 08:48

Date:

Name:

MR ROBERT WEGNER FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

Address:

17-18 LEACH ROAD, CHARD BUSINESS PARK, CHARD, SOMERSET

TA20 1FA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Somerset Accident Voluntary Emergency Service

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Year to 31 March 2024
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,622	21,446	-	23,068	6,814
NHS Contract - community services	16,250	-	-	16,250	26,000
Interest received	256	-	-	256	193
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,128	21,446	-	39,574	33,007
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,128	21,446	-	39,574	33,007
A3 Payments					
Insurance	2,236	-	-	2,236	2,040
Response vehicle expenses	4,534	-	-	4,534	-
Medical & other equipment expenses	1,020	21,780	-	22,800	1,335
Responder reimbursed expenses	2,894	-	-	2,894	3,055
Subscriptions	180	-	-	180	180
Other administrative expenses	60	-	-	60	240
Honorarium	-	-	-	-	800
Accountancy	1,200	-	-	1,200	420
Training expenses	-	-	-	-	1,037
Sub total	12,124	21,780	-	33,904	9,107
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,124	21,780	-	33,904	9,107
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,004	- 334	-	5,670	23,900
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	108,717	4,375	-	113,092	89,193
Cash funds this year end	114,721	4,041	-	118,762	113,092

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Treasurer's account	16,082	4,041	-
	Lloyds Savings account	639	-	-
	Lloyds fixed term deposit account 1	50,000		
	Lloyds fixed term deposit account 2	48,000	-	-
	Total cash funds	114,721	4,041	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	NHS contract (Jan 25 to Mar 25)	3,250	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Personal Protective Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Electrical equipment & monitoring	Unrestricted	-	-
	Kit bags	Unrestricted	-	-
	Blue-light and audible equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountancy	Unrestricted	1,260	
	Reimbursed responders expenses	Unrestricted	151	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 Signed on 04 November 2025 @ 19:57	DR RICHARD SPEKE	
 Signed on 11 November 2025 @ 18:34	DR JAMES HICKMAN	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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From	01	04	2023	To	31	03	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Other names charity is known by	SAVES SOMERSET AND AVON VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE		
Registered charity number (if any)	264354		
Charity's principal address	NORTH CURRY MEDICAL CENTRE, GREENWAY, NORTH CURRY, TAUNTON SOMERSET		
	Postcode	TA3 6NQ	

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	DR J HICKMAN	CHAIR		
2	DR R SPEKE	TREASURER		
3	DR E FORD	VICE CHAIR		
4	MR A NEWLAND			
5	DR J SEDDON	SECRETARY & BASICS SW REPRESENTATIVE		
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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
ACCOUNTANT	LENTELLS LIMITED	17-18 LEACH ROAD, CHARD, SOMERSET, TA20 1FA

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

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Description of the charity’s trusts

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How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	TRUST
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHALL NUMBER 5; AT LEASE 3 OF WHOM SHALL BE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS WITH NO MORE THAN 2 FROM ONE MEDICAL PRACTICE. TRUSTES SHALL BE RE-APPOINTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

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;
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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This report covers the period from 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024.

The officers for this year are as follows:

President	David Rawlins
Chairman	James Hickman *
Vice-Chair	Edward Ford *
Treasurer	Richard Speke *
Secretary	James Seddon *
BASICS SW Representative	James Seddon *

The Trustees have approved a change to the constitution which is in the process of being filed with the Charity Commission. It will mean that the Management Committee constitutionally must include, as a minimum, the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, at least one of whom must be an Active Medical Member of the service. The Medical Committees effectively a sub-committee of the Management Committee and comprises those members of the Management Committee, who are also Active Medical Responders (marked above *). Andy Newland attended management committee meetings as a Trustee and Matt Booker as a co-opted member.

The current trustees are:

James Hickman

Andy Newland

Richard Speke

Ed Ford

James Seddon

The officers and trustees are responsible for the proper running of the charity.

According to the membership database, at the end of March 2024, SAVES membership comprised:

- 3 honorary life members
- 5 active medical members (although one dormant)
- 1 co-opted (ambulance service) member
- 1 lay trustee
- 3 advisors
- 4 additional medical members;
- 2 other members

Between April 2023 and March 2024 our four, currently active, responders in Somerset responded on 72 occasions. The number of calls per responder was between 4 and 38, with an average of 18 calls per responder:

- o Q1: 26 calls
- o Q2: 16 calls
- o Q3: 15 calls
- o Q4: 15 calls

This is a further fall from our 117 calls in 2021-22 and compares with our average annual activity over the previous seven years of 153 calls per year.

Bimonthly CPD meetings have been co-ordinated by Dr Seddon. Themes included:

- Joint Training with Exmoor Search and Rescue
- Point of Care Ultrasound
- Trauma Moulages
- First On-Scene Assessments Including BLS and ALS Skills
- Prehospital Psychiatric Emergencies

2023-24 has been a year of change, review and planning to ensure the charity can continue to provide a valuable contribution to the Somerset Community, in support of The South Western Ambulance Service.

Last year my report commented on various challenges that needed consideration for the future including the small size of our pool of active responders and the challenges of our active members also having to be

responsible for the running of the charity.

During this year Dr Ford and Dr Seddon, both active responders and highly involved in the running of the charity, have made the decision to leave the NHS and move to work in Australia, increasing the impetus for development and change. They will be sorely missed.

As a result of these challenges the management committee held a wide-ranging strategy meeting in September 2023, including a SWOT analysis and planning with a particular emphasis on recruitment of active responders and the resilience and sustainability of the charity's management. A key outcome of this was a review of the structure of the charity's organisation and an updated constitution, agreed at the AGM in 2023. A key part of these changes was the formalisation of the role of "Advisor" to the management committee. We were delighted to recruit Mr Craig Sutton and Mr Michael Pearson to the role of advisors, alongside Mr Conor Calby who was already supporting the Committee with PR, fundraising and reporting.

Two new doctors have made significant progress to responding since my last report (and, at the time of writing, Dr Marsden has recently been approved by the BASICS South West Committee). These individuals will help to fill the shoes of our departing responders, but we must continue to look to recruit. The membership has increased, with two other medical members and two paramedic members contributing to, and benefitting from, the educational side of our activity. We have continued to explore the possibility of expanding responders to include a wider range of health care professionals, but there are significant barriers at an Ambulance Service level.

SAVES continues to hold a contract with the Somerset ICB that provides additional funding to support us to support our responders. Due to a progressive reduction in activity over recent years and the forthcoming loss of two members, the ICB took the decision to half this funding from April 2024. This was challenged in the hope of a compromise figure, noting the lack of any inflationary increases since the contract was agreed. However, the new contract was fixed at exactly half the previous rate, although with a commitment to review if activity increased.

For the last two years I have reported that we were awaiting further information on training requirements for blue light driving. We are still awaiting details but, although this will add a significant time commitment for new responders and significant supportive funding from the charity, plans appear to be in the pipeline including some flexibility in how the training is arranged.

During the year the charity raised the funds to purchase a further Zoll Monitor and additional PPE for up-and-coming responder with the help of a significant funding from BASICS HELP Appeal Money and donations from Tesco. Thanks are due to Mr Conor Calby for his work in co-ordinating this fundraising.

We remain grateful for the continued use of Taunton Ambulance Station for meetings and the support of colleagues within the Ambulance Service.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Section F

Other optional information



DURING THE YEAR 3 TRUSTEES AND THEIR EMPLOYERS/PARTNERSHIPS WERE REIMBURSED OUT OF POCKET ACTIVE SAVE RESPONDER EXPENSES TOTALLING £2,597 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARITY'S POLICY (PREVIOUS PERIOD 4 TRUSTEES, EXPENSES £4,351).

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>Richard Speke</i> Signed on 11/11/24 @ 14:21	 <i>James Hickman</i> Signed on 06/11/24 @ 10:11
Full name(s)	DR RICHARD SPEKE	DR JAMES HICKMAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

264354

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the PERIOD ended 31/03/2024.

**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 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.

**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 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.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

MR ROBERT WEGNER FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

Address:

17-18 LEACH ROAD, CHARD BUSINESS PARK, CHARD, SOMERSET

TA20 1FA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Somerset Accident Voluntary Emergency Service

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024



Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Year to 31 March 2023
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,439	4,375	-	6,814	27,226
NHS Contract - community services	26,000	-	-	26,000	32,500
Interest received	193	-	-	193	34
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,632	4,375	-	33,007	59,760
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,632	4,375	-	33,007	59,760
A3 Payments					
Insurance	2,040	-	-	2,040	1,763
Response vehicle expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Medical & other equipment expenses	1,335	-	-	1,335	31,769
Responder reimbursed expenses	3,055	-	-	3,055	5,075
Subscriptions	180	-	-	180	96
Other administrative expenses	240	-	-	240	354
Honorarium	800	-	-	800	900
Accountancy	420	-	-	420	390
Training expenses	1,037	-	-	1,037	-
Sub total	9,107	-	-	9,107	40,347
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,107	-	-	9,107	40,347
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,525	4,375	-	23,900	19,413
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	89,193	-	-	89,193	69,780
Cash funds this year end	108,717	4,375	-	113,092	89,193

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Treasurer's account	90,345	4,375	-
	Lloyds Savings account	18,372	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	108,717	4,375	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	NHS contract (Jan 24 to Mar 24)	6,500	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Personal Protective Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Electrical equipment & monitoring	Unrestricted	-	-
	Kit bags	Unrestricted	-	-
	Blue-light and audible equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accountancy	Unrestricted	1,200	
	Reimbursed responders expenses	Unrestricted	203	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 <i>Richard Speke</i> Signed on 11/11/24 @ 14:21	DR RICHARD SPEKE	
 <i>James Hickman</i> Signed on 06/11/24 @ 10:11	DR JAMES HICKMAN	

SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE (SAVES)

England & Wales - Charity number 264354

Accounts

SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE **(SAVES)**

Registered Charity Number: 264354

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2022		31	03	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Other names charity is known by SAVES
SOMERSET AND AVON VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE

Registered charity number (if any) 264354

Charity's principal address NORTH CURRY MEDICAL CENTRE,
GREENWAY, NORTH CURRY, TAUNTON
SOMERSET
Postcode TA3 6NQ

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	DR J HICKMAN	CHAIR		
2	DR R SPEKE	TREASURER		
3	DR D BLACKLIDGE		RETIRED 01/11/2022	
4	DR E FORD			
5	MR A NEWLAND			
6	DR J SEDDON		APPOINTED 01/11/2022	
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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
ACCOUNTANT	LENTELLS	17-18 LEACH ROAD, CHARD, SOMERSET, TA20 1FA

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

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This report covers the period from 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023.

The officers for this year are as follows:

President	David Rawlins
Chairman	James Hickman*
Vice-Chair	Edward Ford*
Treasurer	Richard Speke*
Secretary	James Seddon*
BASICS SW Representative	Matthew Booker*

The Management Committee is constitutionally composed of five, including the Chairman, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Dr Matt Booker fills the fifth chair. (At least three of the management committee must be medical practitioners). The Medical Committee is effectively a sub-committee of the Management Committee and comprises those members of the Management Committee, who are also active Medical Responders – marked above*. Andy Newland also attends management committee meetings as a Trustee. Other individuals may be invited to Management Committee meetings regarding specific projects.

The current trustees are:

James Hickman
 Andy Newland
 Richard Speke
 Ed Ford
 James Seddon

The officers and trustees are responsible for the proper running of the charity.

According to the membership database, at the end of March 2023, SAVES membership comprised:

- 3 honorary life members
- 5 active medical members (although one currently dormant)
- 1 co-opted (ambulance service) members
- 1 lay volunteer & trustee
- 3 other medical members; 2 not actively responding, 1 responding for BASICS Dorset
- 1 other member & fundraiser

Between April 2022 and March 2023 our four, currently active, responders in Somerset responded on 117 occasions. The range of number of calls per responder was between 12 and 45, with an average of 29 calls per responder:

- Q1: 23 calls
- Q2: 26 calls
- Q3: 40 calls
- Q4: 28 calls

This is a further fall from our 143 calls in 2021-22 and 178 calls in 2020-21 and compares with our average annual activity over the previous seven years of 154 calls per year.

Calls were categorised as follows:

- 42 (36%) RTCs
- 26 (22%) "Other Trauma" (Excludes RTCs, Stabbings/Shootings & Drowning)
- 22 (19%) Medical
- 21 (18%) Cardiac Arrests
- 4 (3%) Stabbing/Shooting
- 3 (3%) Psychiatric
- 1 (<1%) Telephone advice
- 1 (<1%) Drowning
- 2 (2%) "Other"

We remain indebted to Mr Calby for continuing to support our fundraising and PR including Social Media in addition to his work in correlating data via the

Section D

Achievements and performance

BASICS SW Toolkit. Our Facebook and Twitter feeds have 371 and 811 followers respectively

Bimonthly CPD meetings have been co-ordinated by Dr Seddon. Themes included:

- Trauma Moulages
- Thoracostomy, Traction Splinting and Case Reviews
- First On-Scene Assessments including BLS and ALS skills
- Prehospital management of acute behavioural disturbance

The meetings have become increasingly popular with colleagues from the ambulance service who have benefited from the training. In May we were honoured to be visited by the High Sheriff of Somerset who presented Diamond Jubilee Medals to SAVES Responders.

SAVES continues to hold a contract with the Somerset ICB that provides additional funding to support us to support our responders.

The charity continues to provide a valuable contribution to the Somerset Community and in support of The South Western Ambulance Service. However, we face various challenges that need consideration for the future. Last year I reported that we were awaiting further information on training requirements for blue light driving. This is still the case but it is clear that the new requirements will add a significant time financial for new responders and significant supportive funding for the charity. We currently only have a small pool of active responders and need to actively look at recruitment, resilience and “workforce planning”. At the time of writing we have two potential medical responders amongst the membership, with another serious expression of interest. In addition to the voluntary hours spent responding, all of our currently active members are also actively involved in running the charity. This is likely to be increasingly difficult to sustain and the management committee will be actively exploring potential strategies for the charity’s development.

During the year the charity purchased two Zoll Monitors with the help of a significant funding from BASICS HELP Appeal Money and donations from Tesco.

We are grateful for the continued use of Taunton Ambulance Station for meetings (when permitted) and the support of colleagues within the Ambulance Service.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

UNRESTRICTED RESERVES ARE HELD IN THE CHARITY’S BANK ACCOUNTS TO SUPPORT ITS ONGOING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. THE CHARITY IS SATISFIED THAT IT HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RESPONDERS FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

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.

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Section F Other optional information

DURING THE YEAR 4 TRUSTEES AND THEIR EMPLOYERS/PARTNERSHIPS WERE REIMBURSED OUT OF POCKET ACTIVE SAVE RESPONDER EXPENSES TOTALLING £4,351 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARITY’S POLICY (PREVIOUS PERIOD 3 TRUSTEES, EXPENSES £2,087).

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>Richard Speke</i> Signed on 31/10/23 @ 13:13	 <i>James Hickman</i> Signed on 08/11/23 @ 13:36
Full name(s)	DR RICHARD SPEKE	DR JAMES HICKMAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	<input type="text"/>	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Signed:

 *Robert Wegner*
Signed on 08/11/23 @ 13:47

Date:

Name:

MR ROBERT WEGNER FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

Address:

17-18 LEACH ROAD, CHARD BUSINESS PARK, CHARD, SOMERSET

TA20 1FA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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NONE



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Somerset Accident Voluntary Emergency Service

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Year to 31 March 2022
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,226	25,000	-	27,226	3,582
NHS Contract - community services	32,500	-	-	32,500	19,500
Interest received	34	-	-	34	2
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,760	25,000	-	59,760	23,084
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,760	25,000	-	59,760	23,084
A3 Payments					
Insurance	1,763	-	-	1,763	1,581
Response vehicle expenses	-	-	-	-	442
Medical & other equipment expenses	6,769	25,000	-	31,769	11,061
Responder reimbursed expenses	5,075	-	-	5,075	2,712
Subscriptions	96	-	-	96	196
Other administrative expenses	354	-	-	354	191
Honorarium	900	-	-	900	1,000
Accountancy	390	-	-	390	360
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,347	25,000	-	40,347	17,543
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,347	25,000	-	40,347	17,543
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,413	-	-	19,413	5,541
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	69,780	-	-	69,780	64,239
Cash funds this year end	89,193	-	-	89,193	69,780

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Treasurer's account	71,093	-	-
	Lloyds Savings account	18,100	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	89,193	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	NHS contract (Jan 23 to Mar 23)	6,500	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accountancy	Unrestricted	420	
	Reimbursed responders expenses	Unrestricted	184	
	Honorarium	Unrestricted	200	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 <i>Richard Speke</i> Signed on 31/10/23 @ 13:13	DR RICHARD SPEKE	
 <i>James Hickman</i> Signed on 08/11/23 @ 13:36	DR JAMES HICKMAN	

SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE (SAVES)

England & Wales - Charity number 264354

Accounts

SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE **(SAVES)**

Registered Charity Number: 264354

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2020		31	03	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name SOMERET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Other names charity is known by SAVES
SOMERSET AND AVON VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE

Registered charity number (if any) 264354

Charity's principal address NORTH CURRY MEDICAL CENTRE,
GREENWAY, NORTH CURRY, TAUNTON
SOMERSET
Postcode TA3 6NQ

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	DR J HICKMAN	CHAIR		
2	DR R SPEKE	TREASURER		
3	DR D BLACKIDGE			
4	DR E FORD			
5	MR A NEWLAND			
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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

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
ACCOUNTANT	LENTELLS	17-18 LEACH ROAD, CHARD, SOMERSET, TA20 1FA

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 <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 07/06/1972 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION DATED 05/06/1974 AS ADMENDED ON 30/11/2004 AS AMENDED ON 23/11/2010 AS AMENDED ON 12/11/2012
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The maintenance of a voluntary service responding in support of South Western Ambulance Service by skilled medical practitioner volunteers to provide enhanced care for victims of medical and trauma emergencies. Also the maintenance of a regular continuing professional development programme for our responders.

For everyone, particularly those involved in healthcare, the year has been dominated by the Coronavirus pandemic. This has resulted in significant extra strains in most of our members' lives. However, despite this SAVES has continued to be active, working to support our colleagues in the ambulance service, even when other services have been curtailed. A reduced activity level in the first quarter may well reflect the reduced road traffic and hazardous activities imposed during that quarter. The ambulance service was supportive in providing PPE and temporarily adjusting call-out criteria. The pandemic has also meant that the regular events attended by SAVES to develop our public profile had to be cancelled

Between April 2020 and March 2021 our five responders in Somerset responded on 178 occasions. The range of number of calls per responder was between 3 and 83, with an average of 36 calls per responder:

- o Q1: 24 calls
- o Q2: 36 calls
- o Q3: 60 calls
- o Q4: 58 calls

This represents a rise in calls from the previous year of 30%, despite the relatively low numbers during the first strict "lock down" during April to June 2020.

The new BASICS South West on-line dashboard is a great innovation being pioneered in the South West and developed by our member, Conor Calby. It allows more analysis of the types of calls attended since it started in October 2020. For the second half the report year, calls were categorised as follows:

- o 21% RTCs
- o 33% "Other Trauma" (Excludes RTCs, Stabbings/Shootings& Drowning)
- o 21% Cardiac Arrests
- o 18% Medical
- o 6% Psychiatric

Social Media presence has remained strong, also co-ordinated by Mr Calby. Our Facebook and Twitter feeds have 228 and 812 followers respectively

At the end of the year we were able to agree renewal of the Contract SAVES holds with Somerset CCG that provides additional funding to support us to support our responders.

Despite the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic (restricting most to a teleconference format) we have continued to hold bimonthly CPD meetings, co-ordinate, by Dr Booker covering the following topics.

- Clinical Case Reviews
- Resuscitative Hysterotomy – Theory & Practice
- Clinical Case Reviews
- Capnography in Immediate Care

For the last four years Dr Katie Muscroft has been a member of SAVES whilst establishing a new scheme in Dorset. During the year 2020-21 Both BASICS Dorset has been formally approved as a constituent scheme of BASICS South West a hugely positive development that several of us have been hoping for many years!

In our last Annual Report, we also reported that SAVES was providing a temporary offer of support for doctors in Wiltshire and North Somerset, pending the restructuring of SWIFT Medics and the development of BRAVO Medics in the old Avon area. BRAVO Medics has now also been formally recognised as a constituent scheme of BASICS South West and SWIFT Medics is becoming re-established.

Looking Ahead:

2021 is the 50th Anniversary of SAVES. However due to the restrictions and pressures of the pandemic the management committee decided that opportunities to celebrate and publicise this are limited. SAVES actually went “live” on 1 August 1972, so we plan to mark the 50th anniversary properly in 2022. We are always looking for new responders and hope to publicise the opportunities more locally in the hope for attracting new blood. We still await developments in the new requirements for blue-light driver training which will require a significantly greater time commitment, especially for new responders.

We are grateful for the continued use of Taunton Ambulance Station for meetings (when permitted) and the support of colleagues within the Ambulance Service.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

UNRESTRICTED RESERVES ARE HELD IN THE CHARITY'S BANK ACCOUNTS TO SUPPORT ITS ONGOING WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. THE CHARITY IS SATISFIED THAT IT HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RESPONDERS FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

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.

DURING THE YEAR THE CHARITY RECEIVED FUNDING OF £10,967 FROM BASICS (BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IMMEDIATE CARE) AND THE HELP APPEAL, WHICH IS PART OF THE CAAT (COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE TRUST) TOWARDS EQUIPPING RESPONDER VEHICLES.

Section F

Other optional information


DURING THE YEAR 2 TRUSTEES AND THEIR EMPLOYERS/PARTNERSHIPS WERE REIMBURSED OUT OF POCKET ACTIVE SAVE RESPONDER EXPENSES TOTALLING £3,057 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARITY'S POLICY (PREVIOUS PERIOD 3 TRUSTEES, EXPENSES £7,307).

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>Dr Richard Speke</i> Signed on 10/11/21 @ 16:58	 <i>James Hickman</i> Signed on 06/11/21 @ 07:24
Full name(s)	DR RICHARD SPEKE	DR JAMES HICKMAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SOMERSET ACCIDENT VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

264354

Set out on pages

9 to 10

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the PERIOD ended 31/03/2020.

**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 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.


**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 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.

Signed:

 *A G Spear*

Countersigned on 10/11/21 @ 17:05

Date:

Name:

MR ANDREW SPEAR FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

Address:

17-18 LEACH ROAD, CHARD BUSINESS PARK, CHARD, SOMERSET

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Somerset Accident Voluntary Emergency Service

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2020

To

31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Year to 31 March 2020
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,399	-	-	1,399	19,245
NHS Contract - community services	26,000	-	-	26,000	19,500
Interest received	5	-	-	5	12
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,404	-	-	27,404	38,757
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,404	-	-	27,404	38,757
A3 Payments					
Insurance	1,281	-	-	1,281	1,569
Response vehicle expenses	-	-	-	-	5,207
Medical & other equipment expenses	2,836	-	-	2,836	2,682
Responder reimbursed expenses	2,454	-	-	2,454	4,007
Subscriptions	96	-	-	96	96
Other administrative expenses	332	-	-	332	169
Honorarium	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Accountancy	360	-	-	360	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,159	-	-	9,159	13,730
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,159	-	-	9,159	13,730
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,245	-	-	18,245	25,027
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,994	-	-	45,994	20,967
Cash funds this year end	64,239	-	-	64,239	45,994

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Treasurer's account	46,871	-	-	
	Lloyds Savings account	17,368	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	64,239	-	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details				
	NHS contract (Jan 21 to Mar 21)	6,500	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
B3 Investment assets	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accountancy			375	
	Reimbursed responders expenses			332	
				-	
				-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees



Signature
Dr Richard Speke
Signed on 10/11/21 @ 16:58



Signature
James Hickman
Signed on 06/11/21 @ 07:24

Print Name	Date of approval
DR RICHARD SPEKE	
DR JAMES HICKMAN	