

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

Registered Charity Number: 264354

## **UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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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 (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
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;
- 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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## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

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 SOMERSET AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES

**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.

### 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:

- Q1: 24 calls
- Q2: 36 calls
- Q3: 60 calls
- 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:

- 21% RTCs
- 33% "Other Trauma" (Excludes RTCs, Stabbings/Shootings& Drowning)
- 21% Cardiac Arrests
- 18% Medical
- 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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)**



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



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

**Full name(s)**

DR RICHARD SPEKE

DR JAMES HICKMAN

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

TREASURER

**Date**

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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  
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

01/04/2020

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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,399	-	-	1,399	19,245
NHS Contract - community services	26,000	-	-	26,000	19,500
Interest received	5	-	-	5	12
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>27,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,404</b>	<b>38,757</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>27,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,404</b>	<b>38,757</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,159</b>	<b>13,730</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9,159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,159</b>	<b>13,730</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>18,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,245</b>	<b>25,027</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>45,994</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,994</b>	<b>20,967</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>64,239</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,239</b>	<b>45,994</b>

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

DR RICHARD SPEKE  
 DR JAMES HICKMAN

Date of approval