

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

Registered Charity Number: 264354

## **UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2023		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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## 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.

## 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**

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 £2,597 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)**



*Richard Speke*  
Signed on 11/11/24 @ 14:21



*James Hickman*  
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

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 31/03/2024.

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


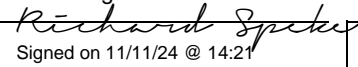

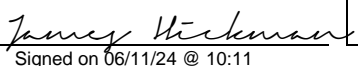
### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	2,439	4,375	-	6,814	27,226
NHS Contract - community services	26,000	-	-	26,000	32,500
Interest received	193	-	-	193	34
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>28,632</b>	<b>4,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,007</b>	<b>59,760</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>28,632</b>	<b>4,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,007</b>	<b>59,760</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,107</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,107</b>	<b>40,347</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>9,107</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,107</b>	<b>40,347</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>19,525</b>	<b>4,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,900</b>	<b>19,413</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>89,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,193</b>	<b>69,780</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>108,717</b>	<b>4,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,092</b>	<b>89,193</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	90,345	4,375	-
	Lloyds Savings account	18,372	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>108,717</b>	<b>4,375</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 24 to Mar 24)	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>
	Personal Protective Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Electrical equipment & monitoring	Unrestricted	-	-
	Kit bags	Unrestricted	-	-
	Blue-light and audible equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<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	Unrestricted	1,200	
	Reimbursed responders expenses	Unrestricted	203	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
  Signed on 11/11/24 @ 14:21	DR RICHARD SPEKE	
  Signed on 06/11/24 @ 10:11	DR JAMES HICKMAN	