

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

Registered Charity Number: 264354

## **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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## 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 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.

- Q1: 14 calls
- Q2: 20calls
- Q3: 11 calls
- 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

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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,622	21,446	-	23,068	6,814
NHS Contract - community services	16,250	-	-	16,250	26,000
Interest received	256	-	-	256	193
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>18,128</b>	<b>21,446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,574</b>	<b>33,007</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>18,128</b>	<b>21,446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,574</b>	<b>33,007</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,124</b>	<b>21,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,904</b>	<b>9,107</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>12,124</b>	<b>21,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,904</b>	<b>9,107</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,004</b>	<b>- 334</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,670</b>	<b>23,900</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>108,717</b>	<b>4,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,092</b>	<b>89,193</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>114,721</b>	<b>4,041</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118,762</b>	<b>113,092</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	16,082	4,041	-
	Lloyds Savings account	639	-	-
	Lloyds fixed term deposit account 1	50,000		
	Lloyds fixed term deposit account 2	48,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>114,721</b>	<b>4,041</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	NHS contract (Jan 25 to Mar 25)	3,250	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<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	1,260	
	Reimbursed responders expenses	Unrestricted	151	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



*Richard Speke*  
Signed on 04 November 2025 @ 19:57

DR RICHARD SPEKE



*James Hickman*  
Signed on 11 November 2025 @ 18:34

DR JAMES HICKMAN