

# SOLENT RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 267039

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1974-03-11

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN APPPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, VECHICLES AND VESSELS FOR THE SAVING OF LIFE AND ASSISTANCE OF PERSONS IN DISTRESS AT SEA WITHIN THE BENEFICIAL AREA-SEA RESCUE SEERVICES.

**Activities:** Inshore lifeboat service to help save life and protect those in positions of hazard within the Western Solent.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** AT SEA WITHIN AND AREA OF 16 MILES RADIUS OF LEPE
- Hampshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£33,510	£25,010	-	-
2024-09-30	£48,595	£56,024	-	-
2023-09-30	£11,943	£31,020	-	-
2022-09-30	£50,007	£23,236	-	-
2021-09-30	£41,724	£28,053	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Carl Seabourne</b>	Chair	2022-07-12
Bruce McKoen		2022-12-11
Dr Sarah Peachey		2025-02-02
Lee Cooper		2018-11-10
Linda White		2023-03-27
Russell Hemmings		2022-09-30

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# Accounts

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Charity No: 267039

# Trustees Annual Report

## For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

# Trustees Annual Report

September 2025

## Reference and Administration

Charity Name	Solent Rescue
Charity Registration Number	267039
Registered Address	12 Culford Avenue Totton Southampton Hampshire SO409BY

### Trustees

Name	Office	Appointment
Carl Seabourne	Chair	July 2022
Bruce McKoen	Secretary	December 2022
Russell Hemmings	Treasurer	September 2022
Lee Cooper	Lifeboat Operations Manager	November 2018
Linda White	Fund Raising Manager	March 2023
Nathan Mansbridge	Trustee	December 2022
Sarah Peachey	Trustee	February 2025

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing Document

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### Appointment of Trustees

Nominated by members/trustees at the AGM.

## Objectives and Activities

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### Activities

Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require the trustees of a charity to have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance would be relevant. All trustees are aware of this guidance and confirmed understanding.

Training the crew both landside and afloat is extremely important in being able to provide for the public benefit as is the correct asset maintenance.

Solent Rescue does not provide grant facilities and does not have a programme of investment. All grants and donations are solely used for the purpose of crew training, operations and maintenance.

There are no paid members of the Charity, all members of Solent Rescue are volunteers. The charity relies on these volunteers to crew the boats, maintain a landside operation within Lepe Country Park and maintain all the Solent Rescue assets.



## Chairmans Report

During this financial year Solent Rescue has passed its probationary period as a declared facility with His Majesty's Coastguard (HMCG). This has included a comprehensive review of our equipment, training, readiness and radio communication, this is to ensure we are fully equipped and ready to assist in a search and rescue operation. This status means a great deal to Solent Rescue as it demonstrates our level of commitment and professionalism. To maintain our declared facility status involves regular reviews with HMCG.

Being a declared facility means that we can be tasked by HMCG at any time, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty-five days of the year to emergencies at sea or on the coastline. This means that our team can be called upon at a moment's notice to respond to life threatening emergency as co-ordinated by HMCG.

It is important to highlight that this is in addition to our normal operations and in no way replaces them. Therefore, we aim to have at least one of our rescue boats on the water within our operational footprint between 09:00 and 17:00 (which is when the Solent is normally at its busiest) every weekend, to immediately respond to incidents as they happen, thus reducing the response time of awaiting a pager crew needing to assemble and launch a lifeboat. Moreover, we also provide safety cover for major events that happen on the Solent such as Round the Island Race, Cowes Week and public holidays.

Solent Rescue has a total of 47 volunteers, 39 of these volunteers are operational either on the boats or landside, sometimes both. Solent Rescue has recruited 7 new volunteers in the year with a paramedic, student paramedic and ex RNLI crew amongst them. We have recorded a total of 6,708 hours over the past 12 months, compared to 6,485 during the prior 12 month period, this includes responding to incidents, training, fundraising and the admin work that goes on in the background.

This year Solent Rescue has responded to 50 incidents, up from 36 the previous year. 46 of these have been as sea and 4 were first aid incidents within the Lepe Country Park

### Maintenance

Maintenance has always been a priority for Solent Rescue but even more so as a declared facility, being on call 24/7. Both boats have benefited from the skills and knowledge of our volunteer maintenance team, a few of which are qualified marine engineers. Solent Rescue is extremely grateful for their skills and knowledge to help minimise the time the boats are out of service and the cost of maintenance, like all crew at Solent Rescue they volunteer their time. Solent Rescue 1 (SR1) our larger lifeboat has been kept at almost constant readiness with only a few short periods of downtime in the year. This is an older boat though and at some point this will need to be replaced.

Solent Rescue 2 (SR2) is a D-Class boat and during this latest financial year has had a refit which took just over 2 weeks to complete. Both SR1 and SR2 have benefited from a proactive maintenance schedule with the aim to minimise down time and being off call with HMRC.



## **Fundraising**

During this financial year a total of £32,190 has been raised to cover the cost of running Solent Rescue. Nearly £8,000 has come from generous donations from the public when we have been out collecting in various local areas and we are very grateful to those that regularly donate via these collections and also to those that give each month directly. As in previous years we have also received vital funding from The National Lottery.

We should also mention the Hythe Social Club, Lord Leverhulme Charitable Trust, Royal Southern Yacht Club and the Waterside Christmas Fire Engine for their very generous donations over the year.

All fundraising goes directly to the charity and helps Solent Rescue to keep the boats afloat as well as providing a lookout and first aid service at Lepe Country Park. Solent Rescue is 100% run by volunteers.

## **Training**

With training comes expense, and although we will conduct most of the training inhouse we do need to outsource some of it to professional awarding bodies. This type of training includes enhanced first aid capabilities via a casualty care course, professional RYA qualifications such as the intermediate and advanced powerboating qualifications, and the sea survival courses. As we also hold enhanced clinical skills, it is vital we have a very strong clinical governance framework which we outsource to a specialist, ensuring we have the appropriate expertise giving us guidance and a health care professional (HCPC advanced paramedic practitioner) as our clinical lead which also comes at a significant but necessary cost given the nature of our work.

## **Summary**

In summary Solent rescue has experienced a challenging yet rewarding year and continues to be at the best operational state it has been in many years which in turn puts us in the best position we can possibly be to continue to work towards our outlined aims and objectives. Solent Rescue is grateful to all our members who volunteer their time and skills and the many supporters who have contributed to helping us to meet our aims and objectives.



## Financial Review

### Reserves Policy

To ensure that the Charity continues to be in a position to carry out the main objective of advancement of health or saving of life a cash reserve policy of £20,000 has been put in place, this was reduced from £25,000 at the latest AGM which took into account the brand new engines purchased for SR1 and the now lower risk of having to replace them.

### Ringfenced Funds

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 £15,153 of funds are ringfenced, the majority of this balance relates a training grant received in the prior financial year.

### Income

A total of £32,190 has been raised this year. If the one-off ringfenced grants from the previous financial year are removed this current year is similar to last year.

### Profit and Loss Account

For period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

	Note	Sept 2024/25 £	Sept 2024/25 £	Sept 2023/24 £	Sept 2023/24 £
<b>Income</b>					
Grants		13,500		28,415	
Donations		18,690		20,180	
<b>Total Income</b>	1		<b>32,190</b>		<b>48,595</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) on sale of assets</b>			<b>1,320</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Fuel		4,864		5,050	
Maintenance		6,456		11,798	
Road Vehicle Costs		250		1,399	
Medical/First Aid		4,128		4,349	
Training		6,337		1,045	
Crew Gear		32		4,604	
Misc Costs		2,943		2,736	
Depreciation		17,085		23,978	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	2		<b>(42,096)</b>		<b>(54,959)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for period</b>			<b>(8,586)</b>		<b>(6,364)</b>
Operating Expenditure		42,096		54,959	
Less Depreciation		(17,085)		(23,978)	
<b>Total Operating Cash Expenditure</b>			<b>25,010</b>		<b>30,981</b>
Capital Expenditure		5,700		25,043	
Capital Disposals		(4,210)		0	
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>			<b>1,500</b>		<b>25,043</b>
<b>Total Cash Expenditure</b>			<b>26,510</b>		<b>56,024</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

	Note	30/9/25	30/9/25	30/9/24	30/9/24
		£	£	£	£
Buildings		15,392		18,060	
Boats and Vehicles		31,597		44,224	
Crew Personal Protection		4,016		2,987	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>			<b>51,005</b>		<b>65,271</b>
Cash In Hand and at Bank		48,589		42,047	
Debtors	3	2,113		2,975	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>			<b>50,702</b>		<b>45,022</b>
Current Liabilities	3		0		0
<b>Total Assets and Liabilities</b>			<b>101,707</b>		<b>110,293</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>					
Reserves brought forward		110,293		116,657	
Surplus/(deficit) in period		(8,586)		(6,364)	
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>			<b>101,707</b>		<b>110,293</b>

## **Notes to Accounts**

These accounts have been produced on a cash basis and have been through the independent review process as described by the Charity Commission.

- 1 The main driver year on year is the one-off training grant received in the year 23/24
- 2 A more expensive SR1 electrical refit in 23/24 compared with a lower value refit of the D-Class in the current year. During the current year there has been higher spending on training which includes a Casualty Care course and putting 3 crew through a powerboat course.
- 3 Solent Rescue has no long term debts / liabilities at the time of the balance sheet date. Short term debt consists of VAT and fuel duty refunds due.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7/2/26 and were signed on its behalf by:



Russell Hemmings ACMA CGMA – Treasurer



Carl Seabourne – Chairman



Bruce McKoen – Secretary

# Independent Examiners Report

To the trustees and members of Solent Rescue, charity number 267039.

I report to the trustees and members on the accounts for the above charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 as set out on pages 6-7 above.

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. I report in respect of my examination of the charity 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.

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 kept in accordance of section 130 of the act and
- The accounts do accord with the accounting records

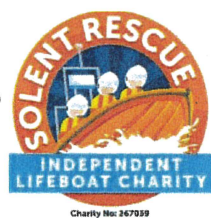
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *HM Baxendale*

Date: *02/02/2026*

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## Chairmans Report

This year Solent Rescue has reached a significant milestone however that has not been without its challenges. Organisationally, the biggest achievement we have had is gaining our probationary declared facility status. This is something we have all been working towards for many years and demonstrates the crew's determination, dedication and commitment to our aims and objectives as set out in our constitution.

Being a probationary declared facility means that we can be 'tasked' by His Majesty's Coastguard (HMCG) at any time, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty-five days of the year to emergencies at sea or on the coastline. This means that our team can be called upon at a moment's notice to respond to life threatening emergency as co-ordinated by HMCG.

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Solent Rescue has proven itself to be an adaptable and flexible service over the past 12 months, demonstrating the endless resourcefulness of our team as well as the generosity of local businesses. In early September there was significant storm damage to the beach we launch from resulting in the beach needing significant work to restore. This led to the beach needing to be closed for an extended period, meaning we would not be able to provide our life saving service.

Within hours of this news, we managed to plan for Solent Rescue One (our large rescue boat) to be relocated to a local marina (free of charge thanks to the generosity of a local business holder who owns the berth). We also planned and implemented a new process to adapt the way crew respond to pager incidents and organised a secondary and tertiary launch site for our D-Class lifeboat (Solent Rescue 2). There are many similar situations that occur that need to be rapidly implemented and thanks to the quick thinking of our management team, the generosity of our supporters and the seemingly endless adaptability of our crew, we have been able to continue to maintain our normal levels of service to the community.

Although overcoming the above successfully was indeed a challenge we do see this as one of our standout moments for the reasons highlighted. However, we would be remiss if we did not mention our biggest milestone which was our first pager tasking in our 53-year history.

On a seemingly benign Sunday evening the pager sounded for the first time which triggered a response from our boats and operational support crew to launch our D-Class lifeboat to reports of a missing vessel whereby the occupant had not been heard from for over 12 hours. Our lifeboat was quickly launched and headed out into the western Solent along with a lifeboat from the RNLI and coastguard rescue teams. The casualty vessel was located, and the loan sailor was found unwell and trapped on the vessel. The crew of our lifeboat worked alongside the RNLI and the coastguard rescue team to extract the casualty from their vessel and on to our D-class lifeboat where they were taken ashore to await the arrival of an ambulance.

This event left all members within Solent Rescue feeling extremely proud of what we had all achieved collectively and it is moments like this, where we rescue or help someone in their moment of need which motivates us to strive to be the best we can be and continue to provide a lifesaving service to our community.

In addition to our boats crew, we also have our operational support team in the country park manning a lookout to keep a watch over the many thousands of beach users, support the boat crews with launch/recovery and communications and finally provide first aid to members of the public should they need it.

Being a probationary declared facility has extended our operational reach and capability thus increasing our value for money to the public.

In the past twelve months Solent rescue had attended 36 incidents compared to 17 in the previous 12 month period, ranging from minor injuries in the country park to pulling a person from the water in pari-arrest (a critical condition). None of this would be possible without the significant amount of time being given by our team. Over the last year the total number of volunteers hours was a staggering 6,485 hours between our 41 volunteers, compared to 5,593 hours in the prior 12 month period. Of that 6,485 hours, 188 hours was time directly attending incidents. The remaining time was spent on maintenance, training, unit administration, patrols and manning the lookout.



### **BBC Saving Lives at Sea**

Solent Rescue has been the first independent lifeboat to feature on the BBC's saving lives at sea. During which Solent Rescue collaborated with our partner agency, the RNLI, to successfully save the life of a young jet skier. This is a breakthrough achievement not just for us at Solent Rescue but for the wider independent lifeboat community and is something we are extremely proud of. This resulted in correspondence from the head of the RNLI congratulating us and recognising the value and impact of Solent Rescue.

### **Maintenance**

During the 2023/24 financial year Solent Rescue experienced issues with the engines on Solent Rescue 1. Significant effort by volunteers as well as local companies occurred to try to diagnose and fix the issue, unfortunately the root cause was not able to be diagnosed, and Solent Rescue needed to fund the purchase of 2 new engines to get the boat operational again. Solent Rescue would like to thank Tohatsu in Lymington for their support in purchase of the 2 new engines as well as the continued maintenance of these engines.

Following some difficulties with maintenance we have been extremely lucky to have brought in two new volunteer members of crew who are both qualified marine engineers. They have already had a very positive impact in terms of both proactive and corrective maintenance of our vessels carrying out the vast majority of works in-house to industry standards which have kept costs down and we foresee significantly reduced maintenance costs going forward.

### **National Independent Lifeboat Association (NILA)**

We are pleased to be working with the National Independent Lifeboat Association by sharing data and other information to build awareness of independent lifeboats in the public and political landscapes to develop best practice nationally. It is hoped that by taking this national approach there will be much needed funding streams developed in the form of governmental grants and a wider knowledge of sea related safety by the public.

## **Fundraising**

As mentioned in the financial review below this year has seen a significant increase in grants and donations. Specific grants we have received include those from ExxonMobil and Hampshire County Council to cover the purchase of new drysuits and lifejackets, Charities Aid Foundation (CAFUK) to cover 50% of training costs over the next 2 years and a grant from the Lord Leverhulme Charitable Trust to help with Solent Rescue 2 repairs. Also received was a general grant from the National Lottery.

During the next financial year we will be conducting a refit of Solent Rescue One and Solent Rescue Two which will continue to ensure the safety of the crews and extend the lifetime of the rescue platforms. The refit combined with the preventative maintenance schedule will vastly reduce costs of reactive corrective maintenance going forwards.

## **Training**

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## **Significant Post Year End Events**

Since the end of this current financial period Solent Rescue has registered for the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS). GASDS allows Solent Rescue to claim 25% gift aid on all small donations under £30, at the time of publishing this report work is ongoing to calculate the value that can be claimed which can also be back dated 4 years.

## **Summary**

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## Financial Review

### Reserves Policy

To ensure that the Charity continues to be in a position to carry out the main objective of advancement of health or saving of life a cash reserve policy of £25,000 has been put in place. Taking into account the ring fenced funds this general reserve level has been breached due to the replacement cost of 2 new engines for Solent Rescue 1, given this situation the Trustees are now approving all spend until such a time where cash levels return to a level where approvals can be delegated back the operational teams. Significant effort to return to the reserves level has already occurred and at the time of writing the adjusted bank account is back to within £2k of the set reserves level, the implementation of the GASDS will further help towards a return to the reserves level. Given this the trustees consider the charity a going concern for the next financial year.

### Ringfenced Funds

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 £24,098 of funds are ringfenced, the majority of this balance relates to a £10k grant from the Charities Aid Foundation to cover 50% of all training costs over the next 2 years therefore Solent Rescue has ringfenced a further £10k to be spent on training.

### Income

This current year has seen a big step change in the funding receipts, returning to a level seen in previous years with 2022/23 being a significantly challenging period. Solent Rescue has seen a 70% year on year increase in the amount of donations from street collections and 298% increase in general donations, these are donations from companies or individuals to cover the general running of costs of Solent Rescue and not tied to a particular type of spend.

### Profit and Loss Account

For period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	Note	Sept 2023/24 £	Sept 2023/24 £	Sept 2022/23 £	Sept 2022/23 £
<b>Income</b>					
Grants		28,415		4,244	
Donations		20,180		7,699	
<b>Total Income</b>	1		<b>48,595</b>		<b>11,943</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) on sale of assets</b>			<b>0</b>		<b>(218)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Fuel		5,050		2,750	
Maintenance		11,798		15,033	
Road Vehicle Costs		1,399		1,396	
Medical/First Aid		4,349		2,662	
Training		1,045		4,743	
Crew Gear		4,604		2,389	
Misc Costs		2,736		2,047	
Depreciation		23,978		16,197	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	2		<b>(54,959)</b>		<b>(47,217)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for period</b>			<b>(6,364)</b>		<b>(35,492)</b>
Operating Expenditure		54,959		47,217	
Less Depreciation		(23,978)		(16,197)	
<b>Total Operating Cash Expenditure</b>			<b>30,981</b>		<b>31,020</b>
Capital Expenditure		25,043		700	
Capital Disposals		0		(1,100)	
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>			<b>25,043</b>		<b>(400)</b>
<b>Total Cash Expenditure</b>			<b>56,024</b>		<b>30,620</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

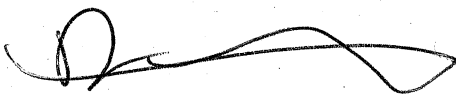
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		£	£	£	£
Buildings		18,060		20,977	
Boats and Vehicles		44,224		43,229	
Crew Personal Protection		2,987		0	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>			<b>65,271</b>		<b>64,206</b>
Cash In Hand and at Bank			42,047		46,459
Debtors	3		2,975		5,992
<b>Total Current Assets</b>			<b>45,022</b>		<b>52,451</b>
Current Liabilities	3		0		0
<b>Total Assets and Liabilities</b>			<b>110,293</b>		<b>116,657</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>					
Reserves brought forward		116,657		152,149	
Surplus/(deficit) in period		(6,364)		(35,492)	
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>			<b>110,293</b>		<b>116,657</b>

## Notes to Accounts

These accounts have been produced on a cash basis, and have been through the independent review process as described by the Charity Commission.

- 1 Significant increase year on year from specific grants and general donations, see Chairmans report for more detail
- 2 In line with policy the new SR1 engines have been depreciated by a full year charge.
- 3 Solent Rescue has no long term debts / liabilities at the time of the balance sheet date. Short term debt consists of VAT and fuel duty refunds due.

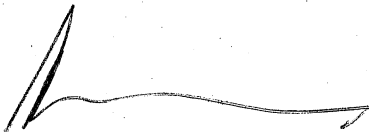
The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24/1/25 and were signed on its behalf by:



Russell Hemmings ACMA CGMA – Treasurer



Carl Seabourne – Chairman



Bruce McKoen – Secretary

## Independent Examiners Report

To the trustees and members of Solent Rescue, charity number 267039.

I report to the trustees and members on the accounts for the above charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 as set out on pages 7-8 above.

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. I report in respect of my examination of the charity 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.

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;

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- The accounts do accord with the accounting records

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Signed:



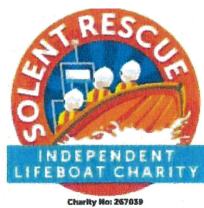
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**SOLENT RESCUE**

England & Wales - Charity number 267039

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	01	10	2021	To	30	09	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Solent Rescue

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 267039

Charity's principal address 12 Culford Avenue, Southampton, Hampshire

Postcode SO40 9BY

### 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	Carl Seabourne	Chair	Appointed Sept 2022	Members of the charity
2	Lee Cooper	Lifeboat Operations Manager		Members of the charity
3	Bruce McKoen	Secretary	Appointed Dec 2022	Members of the charity
4	Russell Hemmings	Treasurer	Appointed Sep 2022	Members of the charity
5	Linda White	Fund Raising Manager	Appointed July 2022	Members of the charity
6	Nathan Mansbridge		Appointed Dec 2022	Members of the charity
7	Cameron Critchfield	Chair	Resigned Sept 2022	Members of the charity
8	Aldred Drummond		Resigned Dec 2022	Members of the charity
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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
N/A	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

**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, first adopted in 1972
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated by other trustees/members and voted in by trustees/members at the AGM

**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.

As per constitution

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

Inshore lifeboat service to help save life and protect those in positions of difficulty within the Western Solent.

**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)**

Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require the trustees of a charity to have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance would be relevant. All trustees are aware of this guidance.

Training the crew both landside and on the boats is extremely important in being able to provide for the public benefit as is the correct boat maintenance.

Operationally Solent rescue have attended 46 incidents during the 2021/22 season which is the highest number on record for our unit. This included operations that directly resulted in lives being saved. In addition to our operations training is ongoing with our training manager assembling a small team to implement a new training system for 2023. In total for the 21/22 season there was 124 training sessions held equating to 831 hours and 19 minutes of voluntary service on training alone.

Land side operations have seen an increase in attendance over the last year, this ensures we have a presence at Lepe Country Park and are on hand to offer support to the Country Park should an incident occur.

## 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.

Solent Rescue does not provide grant facilities and does not have a programme of investment. All grants and donations are solely used for the purpose of crew training and boat operations and maintenance.

There are no paid members of the Charity, all members of Solent Rescue are volunteers. The charity relies on these volunteers to crew the boats, maintain a landside operation within Lepe Country Park and maintain all the Solent Rescue assets.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Operationally Solent rescue have attended 46 incidents during the 2021/22 season which is the highest number on record for our unit. This included operations that directly resulted in lives being saved. In addition to our operations training is ongoing with our training manager assembling a small team to implement a new training system for 2023. This will no doubt help massively in working towards our declared unit status. In total for the year 21/22 season there was 124 training sessions held equating to 831 hours and 19 minutes of voluntary service on training alone.

Land side operations have seen an increase in attendance over the last year which is a real positive as this is something that we have historically struggled with. This ensures we have a presence at Lepe and are on hand to offer support to the country park should an incident occur.

Recruitment is ongoing with a strong process put into place by our recruitment manager. Overall, the main method of recruitment appears to be face to face interaction with members of the public often at fundraising events.

Both boats, Solent rescue 1 and Solent rescue 2, remain fully operational with a full maintenance procedure being carried out by our maintenance manager and outsourced when a higher level of expertise is required. The same can be said about our launch vehicle and land response asset Solent rescue mobile. Our lookout is now fully operational with all the relevant IT equipment to aid in the smoothing running of operations and has a full clinical suit to receive casualties ensuring the best possible care whilst ensuring their privacy and dignity. Away from operations there has been a keen focus on improving the governance for Solent rescue. This includes:

- Improved record keeping
- Monthly trustee meeting
- Working on a revised constitution, bringing it in line with the charity commissions gold standard template
- Improvements to our financial security process such as addition of dual signatures on the bank account and spending reviews by the trustees before a financial commitment is made.

In summary Solent Rescue saw an extremely busy 21/22 season demonstrating its ability to flex to demand. We remain operational at sea and on land and are fully trained and equipped to respond to all emergency within our remit. We continue to improve our processes to ensure the charity remains strong in all aspects and as a going concern.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In the last AGM the value of the reserves was increased to £25,000 from £10,000. This is in recognition of the continuing increase in prices to maintain the 2 boats.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### 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.

The principle income for Solent Rescue is generated through grants from local and national businesses. Solent Rescue has a fund raising manager responsible for this, street collections are also organised through the year to not only raise funds for the charity but also to raise the awareness of the charity in the local community.

## Section F

## Other optional information

N/A

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

RUSSELL HEMMINGS

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

Date

18/5/23

P&L for the period 1/10/21 to 30/9/22 for Solent Rescue Charity Registration 267039

	2021/22	2021/22	2020/21	2020/21
Grants	£40,464		£38,871	
Donations	£9,544		£2,853	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£50,007</b>		<b>£41,724</b>
<b>Profit / (loss) on sale of assets</b>		<b>(£176)</b>		<b>£0</b>
Fuel	(£4,159)		(£1,605)	
Maintenance	(£10,840)		(£18,658)	
Berthing	£0		(£333)	
Road vehicle costs	(£2,763)		(£1,589)	
Transportation	£0		£0	
Medical	(£512)		(£1,523)	
Training	(£582)		(£275)	
Crew gear	(£2,564)		(£2,198)	
Expenses	£0		£0	
Misc	(£1,816)		(£1,872)	
Depreciation	(£20,989)		(£16,584)	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(£44,225)</b>		<b>(£44,637)</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the period</b>		<b>£5,606</b>		<b>(£2,913)</b>
Opex Expenditure	£44,225		£44,637	
Less Depreciation	(£20,989)		(£16,584)	
<b>Opex Cash Expenditure</b>		<b>£23,236</b>		<b>£28,053</b>
Capex Additions	£30,240		£0	
Less Asset Disposals				
Asset 1	£0		(£1,220)	
<b>Capex Expenditure</b>		<b>£30,240</b>		<b>(£1,220)</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£53,477</b>		<b>£26,833</b>

Balance Sheet for Solent Rescue as at 30/9/22

	30/09/2022	30/09/2022	30/09/2021	30/09/2021
Buildings	£22,729		£17,051	
Boats and vehicles	£58,292		£53,962	
Personal crew protection	£0		£933	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>£81,021</b>		<b>£71,946</b>
Cash in hand at at bank	£67,011		£71,268	
Debtors	£4,117		£3,329	
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>£71,128</b>		<b>£74,597</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>£0</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Total Assets and Liabilities</b>		<b>£152,149</b>		<b>£146,543</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
Reserves B'fwd	£146,543		£149,456	
Surplus / (deficit) in period	£5,606		(£2,913)	
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>		<b>£152,149</b>		<b>£146,543</b>

Solent Rescue has no long term debts / liabilities at the time of the creation of this balance sheet  
 Solent Rescue aim to hold a cash reserve of £25,000 at all times, raised from £10,000 following  
 the latest AGM proposal to ensure sufficient funding for boat maintenance

On behalf of Solent Rescue and to the best of our knowledge, all Information in this trustees report  
 is a true and fair view as at 24/03/2023.

Signed



RUSSELL HEMMINGS (ACMA CGMA)

18/05/2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Solent Rescue

On accounts for the year ended

Sept 2022

Charity no (if any)

267039

Set out on pages

1-7 (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 30/09/2022.

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").

Independent examiner's statement

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 18/11/23

Name: J. Stanbridge

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

**SOLENT RESCUE**

England & Wales - Charity number 267039

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# Accounts

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## Summarised annual financials and trustees/chairmans report

Charity no: 267039

Y/ending	Cash Receipts	Cash Expenditure	Surplus / (Deficit)	Closing Cash Position
30-Sep-21	£40,312	£28,053	£12,259	£71,268
30-Sep-20	£76,303	£32,479	£43,824	£59,009
30-Sep-19	£62,671	£64,219	(£1,548)	£15,185
30-Sep-18	£26,879	£34,368	(£7,489)	£16,732
30-Sep-17	£104,222	£125,957	(£21,735)	£24,221
30-Sep-16	£55,235	£13,072	£42,163	£45,956
30-Sep-15	£17,753	£15,950	£1,803	£3,794
30-Sep-14	£4,057	£6,347	(£2,290)	£1,991
30-Sep-13	£15,500	£12,749	£2,751	£4,280
30-Sep-12	£23,790	£23,572	£218	£1,529
30-Sep-11	£5,570	£4,259	£1,311	£1,311
30-Sep-10	£16,273	£17,326	(£1,053)	£0
30-Sep-09	£9,960	£12,976	(£3,016)	£1,053
30-Sep-08	£28,260	£30,172	(£1,912)	£4,069
30-Sep-07	£7,816	£1,833	£5,983	£5,981
30-Sep-06	£4,647	£3,525	£1,122	(£2)

**2020/21 Season:**

2020/21 saw Solent Rescue return to service in a limited capacity at the start of the season due to the restrictions regarding COVID and the paramount drive to ensure both crew and the general public were kept safe.

Training was a mixture of online and socially distanced in person sessions, with attendance at Lepe increasing towards the end of the year.

Our new look out was finally delivered to site after delays that were out of all parties control, however, due to continuing restrictions with contractors availability, the facility did not become operational until the very end of the season.

With that being said, Solent Rescue finished the standard season very strongly and a fundamental decision was taken to run the service throughout the winter to ensure crew were in the best possible position for the 2021-2022 season.

We attended multiple incidents in the latter part of 2021 season both on land and at sea.

Funds remain robust and financially we are a going concern for the next season.

Signed: **CAMERON IAIN CRITCHFIELD (ACMA)**  
 Cameron Critchfield - Chairman

Date: 05/07/22

P&L for the period 1/10/20 to 30/9/21 for Solent Rescue Lifeboat Reg 267039

	2020/21	2020/21	2019/20	2019/20
Grants	£38,871		£12,440	
Donations	£2,853		£3,178	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£41,724</b>		<b>£15,617</b>
<b>Profit / (loss) on sale of assets</b>		<b>£0</b>		<b>£2,449</b>
Fuel	(£1,605)		(£679)	
Maintenance	(£18,658)		(£13,665)	
Berthing	(£333)		(£57)	
Road vehicle costs	(£1,589)		(£3,785)	
Transportation	£0		£0	
Medical	(£1,523)		(£516)	
Training	(£275)		(£1,270)	
Crew gear	(£2,198)		(£2,930)	
Expenses	£0		(£65)	
Misc	(£1,872)		£387	
Depreciation	(£16,584)		(£32,493)	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>(£44,637)</b>		<b>(£55,072)</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the period</b>		<b>(£2,913)</b>		<b>(£37,006)</b>
Opex Expenditure	£44,637		£55,072	
Less Depreciation	(£16,584)		(£32,493)	
<b>Opex Cash Expenditure</b>		<b>£28,053</b>		<b>£22,579</b>
Capex Additions	£0		£9,495	
Less Asset Donations				
Asset 1	(£1,220)		(£58,760)	
<b>Capex Expenditure</b>		<b>(£1,220)</b>		<b>(£49,265)</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£26,833</b>		<b>(£26,686)</b>

Balance Sheet for Solent Rescue as at 30/9/21

	30/09/2021	30/09/2021	30/09/2020	30/09/2020
Buildings	£17,051		£18,805	
Boats and vehicles	£53,962		£69,079	
Personal crew protection	£933		£1,866	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>£71,946</b>		<b>£89,750</b>
Cash in hand at at bank	£71,268		£59,009	
Debtors	£3,329		£697	
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>£74,597</b>		<b>£59,706</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>£0</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Total Assets and Liabilities</b>		<b>£146,543</b>		<b>£149,456</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
Reserves B'fwd	£149,456		£186,462	
Surplus / (deficit) in period	(£2,913)		(£37,006)	
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>		<b>£146,543</b>		<b>£149,456</b>

Solent Rescue has no long term debts / liabilities at the time of the creation of this balance sheet  
Solent Rescue aim to hold a cash reserve of £10,000 at all times

On behalf of Solent Rescue and to the best of our knowledge, all information in this trustees report is a true and fair view as at 05/07/2022.

Signed



RUSSELL HEMMINGS (ACMA)

05/07/2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: SOLENT RESCUE

On accounts for the year ended

30/09/21

Charity no (if any)

267039

Set out on pages

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Signed:

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