

# Lagan Search & Rescue

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101161

## Details

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**Known as** LSAR

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-09-14

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

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** 2.1.1 The Project is established to provide a dedicated Search, Rescue and Recovery service with professional standards, ensuring the safety and well-being of members of the public who are users of the River Lagan and its immediate environs (hereinafter described as 'the area of benefit') and additional support for national Search Rescue and Recovery, when requested and deemed reasonable to do so: without distinction of race, religious belief, political opinion, sex, sexual orientation, age or because of disability, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary/community organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to: 2.1.2 –Promote the preservation of life. 2.2.3 - Be proactive in intervention of those at risk. 2.2.4 - Assist in the prevention of loss of life. 2.2.5 - Advance training and education in Search and Rescue skills which will support and develop: • the provision of Search, Rescue and Recovery Services to professional standards; • promotion of the preservation of life; • the intervention of those at risk; assistance in the prevention of loss of life, ensuring the safety and well-being of members of the public who are users of coastal environs, waterways and wetlands in the United Kingdom.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of health or the saving of lives

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,Gender,Heritage/historical,Medical/health/sickness,Search and rescue,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Community safety/crime prevention,General public,Overseas/developing countries,Volunteers

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£57,782	£111,920	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Ian Murdock		
Mr Jonathan Noble		
Mrs Claire Hirst		
Ms Lara Mccullough		

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# Accounts

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**LAGAN SEARCH AND RESCUE**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

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**LAGAN SEARCH AND RESCUE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total 2025</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total 2024</u> <u>£</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>					
Voluntary Receipts					
Fundraising and street collections	-			-	86
Scrap metal sales	-			-	500
Donations	29,815			29,815	40,537
Grants	13,452	12,000		25,452	21,523
sale	1,126			1,126	-
Bank interest	-			-	-
Other	1,389			1,389	819
<b>Total income</b>	<b>45,782</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,782</b>	<b>63,465</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Expenditure					
Peronnel uniform and protective equipment	42			42	8,177
Insurance	18,147			18,147	18,580
Lifeboat service and repairs	1,319			1,319	2,046
Fuel, repairs and maintenance	6,887			6,887	10,245
Safety, education and training costs	7,291			7,291	7,800
Medical supplies	2,607			2,607	3,007
Motor and travel expenses	2,723			2,723	2,059
Office expenses	4,269			4,269	6,760
General expenses	2,720			2,720	2,028
Legal and professional fees	2,340			2,340	-
Depreciation	31,894	31,644		63,538	63,538
Bank interest and charge	38			38	75
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>80,276</b>	<b>31,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,920</b>	<b>124,314</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>(34,494)</b>	<b>19,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(54,138)</b>	<b>(60,848)</b>
<b>Net income - as above</b>	<b>(34,494)</b>	<b>(19,644)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(54,138)</b>	<b>(60,848)</b>
Transfers to/(from) funds	8,805	- 8,805		-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(25,689)</b>	<b>28,449</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(54,138)</b>	<b>(60,848)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	261,370	216,015	-	477,385	538,234
Surplus/(Deficit) Cash movement this year end	(25,689)	- 28,449	-	(54,138)	(60,848)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>235,681</b>	<b>187,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>423,247</b>	<b>477,385</b>

**LAGAN SEARCH AND RESCUE**  
**BALANCE SHEET - YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Lifeboat	185,022	215,142
Motor vehicles and accessories	181,692	209,224
Kayaks	1,528	1,782
Other	34,118	39,749
	<b><u>402,359</u></b>	<b><u>465,897</u></b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Accrued income	-	-
Bank current account	20,545	11,147
Bank deposit account	335	335
Bank Investment account	7	7
Cash in hand	-	-
	<b><u>20,887</u></b>	<b><u>11,488</u></b>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Other	-	-
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>	<b><u>423,247</u></b>	<b><u>477,385</u></b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Restricted funds	187,567	216,015
Unrestricted funds	235,681	261,370
	<b><u>423,247</u></b>	<b><u>477,385</u></b>

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# Accounts

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**LAGAN SEARCH AND RESCUE**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

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	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Endowment</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total 2024</u> £	<u>Total 2023</u> £
<u>Income</u>					
Voluntary Receipts					
Fundraising and street collections	86			86	1,051
Scrap metal sales	500			500	
Donations	40,537			40,537	29,219
Grants	14,000	7,523		21,523	256,394
Engine sale				-	
Bank interest				-	0
Other	819			819	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>55,942</b>	<b>7,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,465</b>	<b>286,664</b>
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Expenditure					
Peronnel uniform and protective equipment	8,177			8,177	22,891
Insurance	18,580			18,580	14,717
Lifeboat service and repairs	2,046			2,046	3,660
Fuel, repairs and maintenance	10,245			10,245	14,020
Safety, education and training costs	7,800			7,800	5,227
Medical supplies	3,007			3,007	2,028
Motor and travel expenses	2,059			2,059	543
Office expenses	6,760			6,760	3,487
General expenses	2,028			2,028	659
Legal and professional fees				-	
Depreciation	31,894	31,644		63,538	63,538
Bank interest and charge	75			75	718
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>92,670</b>	<b>31,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,314</b>	<b>131,488</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>(36,728) -</b>	<b>24,121</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(60,848)</b>	<b>155,176</b>

Net income - as above	(36,728)	(24,121)	0	(60,848)	155,176
Transfers to/(from) funds	38,865	- 38,865		-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>- 62,985</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(60,848)</b>	<b>155,176</b>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	259,233	279,000	-	538,234	383,058
Surplus/(Deficit) Cash movement this year end	2,137	- 62,985	-	(60,848)	155,176
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>261,370</b>	<b>216,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>477,385</b>	<b>538,234</b>

LAGAN SEARCH AND RESCUE  
BALANCE SHEET - YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Lifeboat	215,142	245,262
Motor vehicles and accessories	209,224	236,757
Kayaks	1,782	2,037
Other	39,749	45,379
	465,897	529,435
 Current assets		
Accrued income	-	-
Bank current account	11,147	8,457
Bank deposit account	335	335
Bank Investment account	7	7
Cash in hand	-	-
	11,488	8,799
 Creditors		
Other	-	-
Total assets less liabilities	477,385	538,234
 Represented by:		
Restricted funds	216,015	279,000
Unrestricted funds	261,370	259,233
	477,385	538,234

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# Annual report

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# Lagan Search and Rescue

TRUSTEE REPORT  
2023/2024

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## Objectives and Activities

Lagan Search & Rescue (LSAR) is an acute water rescue charity which is centered in Belfast. LSAR provides an independent lifeboat service for the seaward River Lagan, Belfast Harbour and the estuarial waters of Belfast Lough. Our charity also provides a dedicated Flood Response Team, with all operations supported by our own Quayside Response Team, Rescue Swimmer Corps and Medical Response Team. Lagan Search & Rescue provides this free of cost service, 24/7, 365 to help make Belfast a safer place for all.



## Achievements and Performance

04.2023 / 03.2024

During this period, we have undertaken a significant expansion of our community outreach and education program, as mandated by our constitution. This effort was driven entirely by the dedication and commitment of the volunteers, who work tirelessly to make a meaningful impact within our community. Our volunteers organised and facilitated 18 distinct community visits, each carefully designed to engage with youth groups, schools, and other local organisations. These visits served as a platform to promote the critical importance of water safety, a core focus of our mission. Through interactive workshops, engaging presentations, and hands-on demonstrations, each session tailored to different age groups and community

needs. The sessions covered a wide range of topics, including drowning prevention, the proper use of safety equipment, and essential emergency response techniques. Our volunteers brought passion and expertise to each interaction, ensuring the message was not only understood but also embraced by participants. This achievement reflects the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, who go above and beyond to serve their community. Their hard work underscores our organisation's commitment to making a tangible difference and fulfilling our mission of promoting safety and education. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to expand our outreach efforts in the future.

In addition to these extensive outreach efforts, our volunteers responded to 23 emergency callouts during this period, providing critical assistance to individuals in distress. The majority of these incidents involved individuals threatening to enter the water, often in highly vulnerable and emotionally charged situations. These emergencies required not only swift action but also a high degree of skill, sensitivity, and professionalism to ensure the safety and well-being of those involved.

Each callout presents unique challenges, from navigating difficult terrain and adverse weather conditions to managing high-stress scenarios with compassion and care. Our volunteers demonstrate exceptional professionalism and expertise, employing both technical rescue techniques and interpersonal skills to de-escalate situations and prevent harm. Their ability to remain calm under pressure and act decisively often makes the difference between life and death.

These responses highlight the immense dedication and unwavering commitment of our team, who remain on call 24/7. Whether it was deploying rescue equipment, coordinating with emergency services, or offering reassurance to those in crisis, our volunteers consistently exemplified the core values of Lagan Search and Rescue.

# Performance 04.2023 / 03.2024

- April 2023
  - Fundraising event
  - PR event – ‘Be Water Aware’
  - School visit with water safety demonstration.
- May 2023
  - Specialist water safety cover for the Liffey Descent in Dublin
  - Darkness into light, suicide prevention walk.
  - School visit with water safety demonstration.
  - Event safety cover for boxing event in SSE
- June 2023
  - Event safety cover for AVA festival Belfast Harbour over two days
  - 3 different school visits with water safety demonstrations
  - Event safety cover for Cardboard boat race / event
- July 2023
  - Public relations visit to the main maritime academy training ship
  - Multi agency training exercise with statutory and voluntary agencies
- August 2023
  - Event safety cover for LORAG river festival
  - 2 different community visits with water safety demonstrations
- September 2023
  - Event safety cover for Belfast maritime festival over two days
  - Community visit with water safety demonstration
- October 2023
  - Community visit with water safety demonstration

- 3 different event safety covers
- November 2023
  - Community visit with water safety demonstration
  - Fundraising event
  - Event safety cover for boxing event in SSE
  - Event safety cover for large public gathering
- January 2024
  - Event safety cover for Cancer Focus NI New years day swim
  - Community visit with water safety demonstration
- February 2024
  - Community visit with water safety demonstration
- March 2024
  - PCSP Spring Safety Event, City Hall Belfast
  - 3 School / community visits with water safety demonstrations
  - Event safety cover for darts event in SSE
  - Fundraising event

- 2024 -

# A YEAR IN NUMBERS

23 9,075 2

CALLOUTS

VOLUNTEER HOURS

LIVES SAVED

£40,000

The number of pounds required to operate the charity per year

COMMUNITY VISITS  
19

CHILDREN EDUCATED  
327

SAFETY COVERS  
11



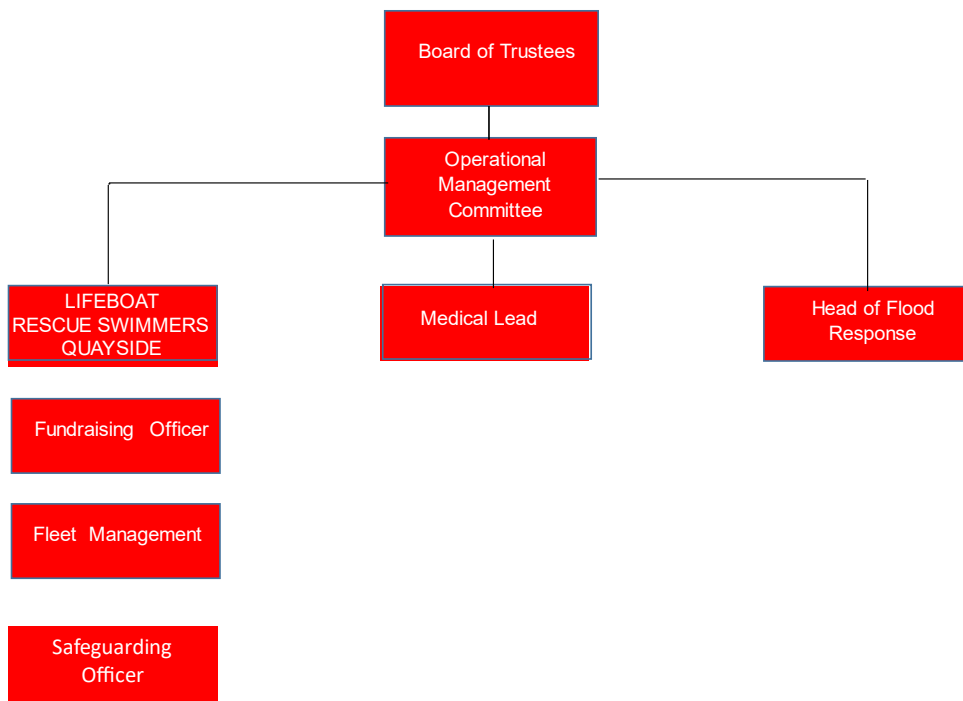
## Financial Review

The Charity Trustees consider the financial results for the year to 31st March 24 and the financial position at that date to be satisfactory and were signed off as such at a specially convened meeting on 25th January 2024.

# Management Structure

The table below sets out the management structure within the charity.

## Management Structure



## Statement of the Charity Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Trustee (Chairman)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Murdoch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Trustee

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Chris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.



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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of Lagan Search & Rescue Charity Number 101161**

I report on the accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, which are set out on page 1.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*Chris Fleming*

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Allen Fleming C A Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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Belfast  
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Date: 27 January 2025

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# Accounts

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<b><u>Income</u></b>					
Voluntary Receipts					
Fundraising and street collections	1,051			1,051	4,592
Scrap metal sales				-	-
Donations	29,219			29,219	12,291
Grants	14,800	241,594		256,394	135,176
Engine sale				-	-
Bank interest	0			0	3
Other				-	556
<b>Total income</b>	<b>45,070</b>	<b>241,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286,664</b>	<b>152,620</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Expenditure					
Peronnel uniform and protective equipment	3,001	19,890		22,891	11,564
Insurance	14,717			14,717	14,126
Lifeboat service and repairs	3,660			3,660	4,008
Fuel, repairs and maintenance	14,020			14,020	18,128
Safety, education and training costs	1,002	4,224		5,227	11,772
Medical supplies	2,028			2,028	1,511
Motor and travel expenses	543			543	768
Office expenses	3,487			3,487	5,266
General expenses	659			659	734
Legal and professional fees	-			-	-
Depreciation	31,894	31,644		63,538	42,740
Bank interest and charge	718			718	825
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>75,730</b>	<b>55,758</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>131,488</b>	<b>111,442</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>(30,660)</b>	<b>185,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155,176</b>	<b>41,178</b>
<b>Net income - as above</b>	<b>(30,660)</b>	<b>185,836</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>155,176</b>	<b>41,178</b>
Transfers to/(from) funds				-	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(30,660)</b>	<b>185,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155,176</b>	<b>41,178</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	309,369	21,177	-	330,547	341,880
Surplus/(Deficit) Cash movement this year end	(30,660)	185,836	-	155,176	41,178
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>278,709</b>	<b>207,013</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>485,723</b>	<b>383,058</b>

**LAGAN SEARCH AND RESCUE**  
**BALANCE SHEET - YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Lifeboat	245,262	232,374
Motor vehicles and accessories	236,757	99,317
Kayaks	2,037	2,291
Other	45,379	50,675
	<b><u>529,435</u></b>	<b><u>384,657</u></b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Accrued income	-	97,726
Bank current account	8,457	91,929
Bank deposit account	335	335
Bank Investment account	7	2,269
Cash in hand	-	-
	<b><u>8,799</u></b>	<b><u>8,401</u></b>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Other	-	10,000
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>	<b><u>538,234</u></b>	<b><u>383,058</u></b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Restricted funds	<b>279,000</b>	93,164
Unrestricted funds	<b>259,233</b>	289,893
	<b><u>538,234</u></b>	<b><u>383,058</u></b>

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# Annual report

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## Achievements and Performance

2022/2023

During this specific time frame, the Charity successfully reinstated its operational activities to the familiar rhythm observed before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a positive sign of recovery, businesses within the Harbour region resumed their regular operations, bringing a sense of normality back to the community. Concurrently, various events that had been on hiatus began to reemerge, sparking a renewed demand for safety covers and precautionary patrolling. This reinvigorated need signifies a hopeful transition towards a more vibrant and active period, with the Charity playing a

crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community during these renewed endeavours.

Initiating training for our latest recruits, who joined the organisation in April 2022, marked a pivotal step in enhancing our team's proficiency. As these new members completed the comprehensive training program, the organisation officially approved the accreditation of 12 more Search and Rescue Technicians. This strategic move not only bolsters our collective skill set but also augments the overall capabilities of our team, ensuring a heightened level of expertise and preparedness in our pursuit of effective responses.

In a noteworthy development, our organisation welcomed the delivery of our second state-of-the-art 'Class 2' Lifeboat in July 2022, reinforcing our commitment to maritime safety and rescue operations. Subsequently, a meticulous training program was launched in August 2022, aimed at familiarising the entire crew with the advanced features and operational intricacies of the new lifeboat. This training period not only focused on technical aspects but also emphasized teamwork, emergency protocols, and navigation skills essential for effective life-saving missions. The dedication and diligence of our crew members during this training phase were evident. By the end of September 2022, all crew members successfully completed their operational sign-offs, showcasing their proficiency and readiness to deploy the Class 2 Lifeboat in rescue operations. This achievement not only enhances our organisation's operational capabilities but also underscores our unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of safety and preparedness in maritime situations. At the same time, as part of our normal lifeboat training we successful took 6 helms through their RYA Advanced Powerboating qualification which greatly enhances the teams operational readiness.



In a significant milestone, the newly acquired vehicles funded through the DAERA Grant Award seamlessly transitioned into full operational capacity in September 2022, enhancing the organisation's capabilities for swift and effective responses. This development not only marked a successful integration of essential resources but also underscored the commitment to operational excellence.

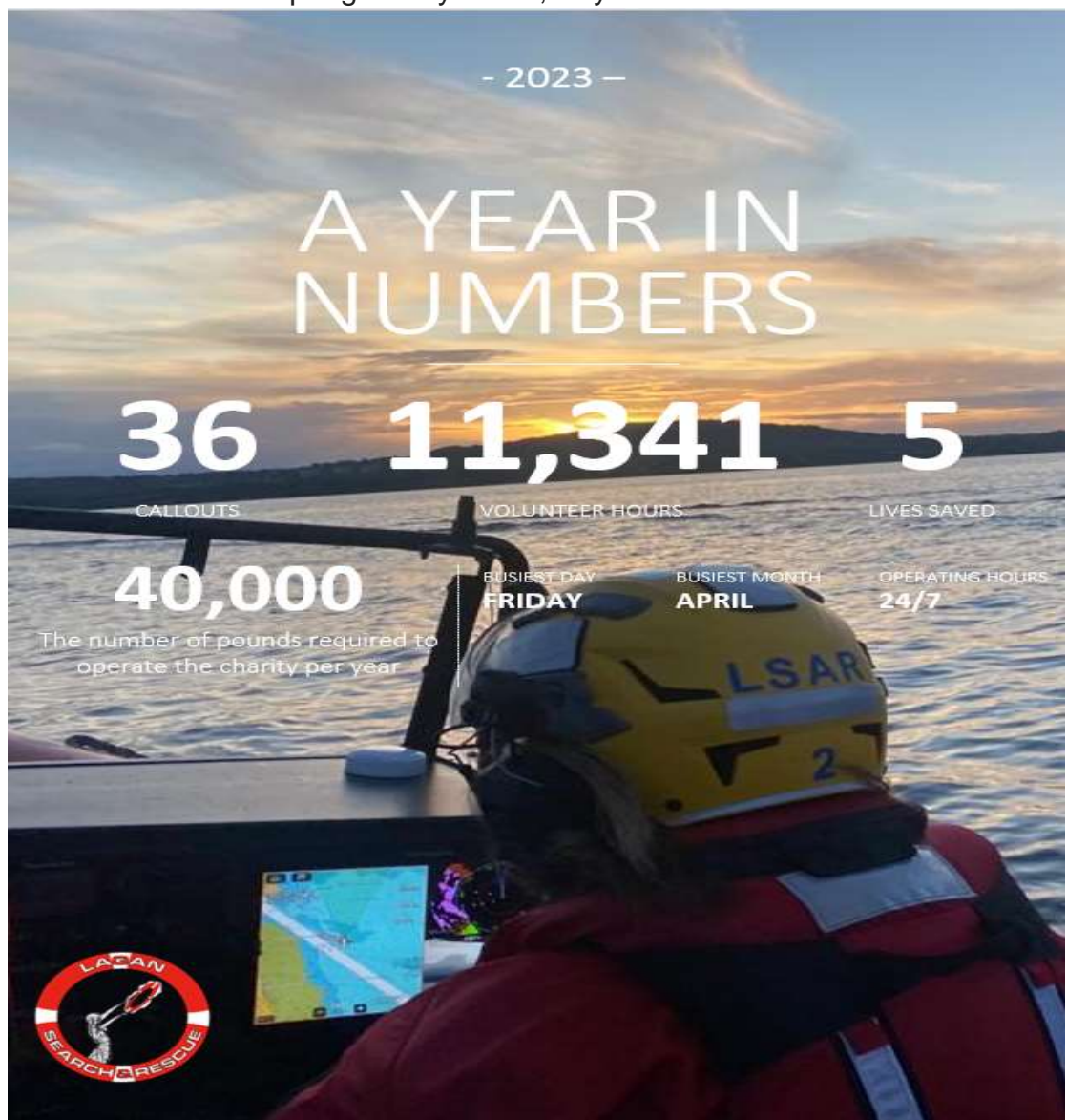
Within the Medical Response Team, the dedication to maintaining high standards was evident as five new volunteers underwent rigorous training to revalidate their FREC 3 qualification. This effort ensures that the team remains well-equipped and adept in providing crucial medical interventions during emergencies. Simultaneously, the Flood Response Team demonstrated their commitment to expertise by diligently pursuing Continuous Professional Development (CPD) training in Swiftwater Rescue Techniques, along with welcoming 3 new Swiftwater Rescue Technicians (SRT's) into the team under the Rescue 3 training syllabus. This ongoing training regimen ensures that the team stays abreast of the latest rescue methodologies, enhancing their preparedness for addressing flood-related challenges.

Receiving the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in June 2022 was an extraordinary moment for the Charity, filling the entire organisation with a profound sense of pride and accomplishment. This esteemed recognition serves as a testament to the unwavering commitment and selfless contributions made by the volunteers who form the backbone of the organisation. The Queen's Award not only acknowledges the Charity's dedication to voluntary service but also underscores the profound impact that the volunteers' tireless efforts have had on the community at large. Their dedication has not only enhanced the organisation's reach and effectiveness in emergency response but has also created a lasting positive influence within the community. This accolade is more than just a symbol of recognition; it resonates deeply with the organisation's ethos of service, resilience, and unwavering commitment to making a meaningful difference. It affirms the Charity's role as a cornerstone of community support, showcasing how volunteerism, when driven by a genuine passion for service, can become a powerful force for positive change. In the realms of emergency response, the Queen's Award serves as a beacon of inspiration, motivating the organisation to continuously strive for excellence in providing aid and support during critical situations. Moreover, it reinforces the crucial role of community engagement and volunteerism in building resilience and fostering a spirit of unity and cooperation that transcends challenging circumstances. Overall, this prestigious recognition stands as a milestone, inspiring the Charity to persist in its mission to serve the community with dedication, compassion, and a commitment to making a positive impact.

# Performance 2022/2023

- April 2022 Open day and water safety demonstration Newtownards Sailing club.
- May 2022 Darkness into light, suicide prevention walk.
- May 2022 Safety cover Eclectic Love Belfast Harbour.
- June 2022 Flood response CPD day.
- June 2022 Charity awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.
- June 2022 Safety cover AVA festival Belfast Harbour.
- June 2022 School visit hosted.
- July 2022 Flood response assisted another Charity in search for missing assistance dog.
- July 2022 Class 2 Lifeboat delivered and launched.
- August 2022 Safety Cover and water safety demonstration, Festival of the River Belfast.
- August 2022 joint training CPD with Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Specialist Rescue Team.
- September 2022 Open day and water safety demonstration at Royal Engineers Army Reserve Centre.
- September 2022 all crew completed training on Class 2 lifeboat.
- September 2022 the Lord Mayor of Belfast Christina Black visited the base and lifeboat, to fully understand the service LSAR provides to Belfast and surrounding areas.
- October 2022 four volunteers undertake and pass their Rescue 3 Swiftwater Rescue Technician course.
- October 2022 Safety Cover for the Clubland event at SSE arena.
- November 2022 Flood Response Team put on standby for potential flooding in Belfast area.
- December 2022 Fundraising Day at Titanic Quarter.
- January 2023 Safety Cover for Cancer Focus New Years Day Swim

- January Fundraising Day at Tesco's Newtownards
- January 2023 Training exercise with Royal North and Holywood Yacht Clubs.
- February 2023 Safety Cover Cazoo Premier League Darts SSE arena.
- March 2023 4X4 standby to transport Healthcare Workers.
- March 2023 School visit with water safety demonstration.
- March 2023 Community funday with water safety demonstration.
- March 2023 School visit with water safety demonstration.
- March 2023 PCSP Spring Safety Event, City Hall Belfast.



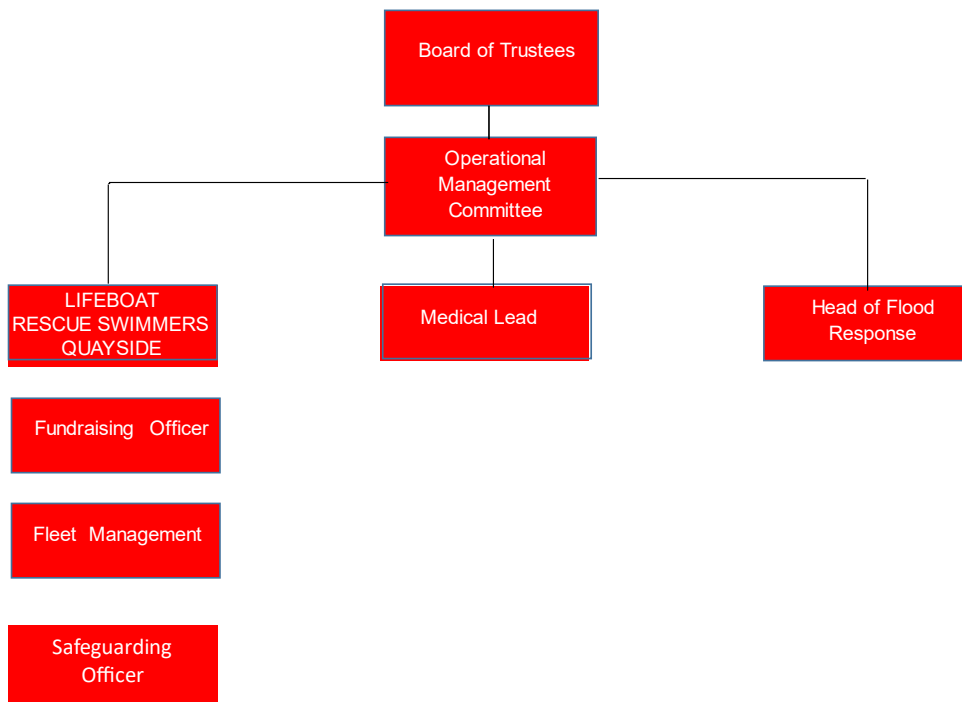
# Financial Review

The Charity Trustees consider the financial results for the year to 31st March 21 and the financial position at that date to be satisfactory and were signed off as such at a specially convened meeting on 25th January 2024. Due to the increased income during the 2022 – 2023 period an accruals method was used to summarise the charity’s annual accounts.

## Management Structure

The table below sets out the management structure within the charity.

## Management Structure



## Statement of the Charity Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Murdoch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Trustee (Chairman)

A handwritten signature in red ink. The signature is stylized and appears to be "Chris". It is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Trustee



**Lagan Search & Rescue**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101161

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of Lagan Search & Rescue Charity Number 101161**

I report on the accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, which are set out on page 1.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*Chris Fleming*

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Date: 25th January 2024