

Search And Rescue Dog Association (Ireland North)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101234

Details

Known as	SARDA (Ireland North) , SARDA (IN)
Status	Received
Registered	2016-09-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: To train and deploy qualified search dogs to assist in the search of persons missing or in difficulties in inhospitable terrain and open country, urban/lowland areas, collapsed structures or any watercourses/sea.

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives,The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage,Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,Search and rescue

Who the charity helps: General public,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£50,559	£66,446	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dugald Mccullough		
Mr Trevor Hartley		
Mrs Kate Powell		
Ms Laura Douglas		
Raph O'connor		

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Reserve Accounts to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	-	32,433.01	-	32,433.01	18,513.29
Donations/Fundraising	17,918.08	-	-	17,918.08	38,334.77
Bank Interest Received	208.28	-	-	208.28	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	18,126	32,433	-	50,559	56,848
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,126	32,433	-	50,559	56,848
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel & Vehicle Maintenance	6,878	3,126.51	-	10,005	9,055
Governance Costs	-	520.00	-	520	500
Direct Charitable Activities	8,291	3,126.50	-	11,418	19,684
Training Costs	-	5,560	-	5,560	3,218
Repayment of Loans	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	15,170	12,333	-	27,503	32,457
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Purchased	9,494	29,450	-	38,944	-
A4 Sub total	9,494	29,450	-	38,944	-
Total payments	24,663	41,783	-	66,446	32,457
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,537	9,350	-	15,887	24,391
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,801.02	9,350.00	-	43,151.02	18,759.58
Cash funds this year end	27,264.21	-	-	27,264.21	43,151.02

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Period end date: 31/03/2025

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest €	Restricted funds to nearest €	Reserve Accounts to nearest €	Total funds to nearest €	Last year to nearest €
B1 Cash funds	Current account	17,056	-	-	17,056	32,151
	Business Reserve Account	5,104	-	-	5,104	5,000
	Business Reserve Account	5,104	-	-	5,104	5,000
	Total cash funds	27,264	-	-	27,264	42,151
	(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts)	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest €	Restricted funds to nearest €	Endowment funds to nearest €	Total funds to nearest €	Last year to nearest €
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Engine		4,200		4,200
	New Van		29,000		29,000
	New Van		3,285		3,285
	Ranger Double Cab W/strak		33,388		33,388
	Ford Ranger W/strak Pickup SK221LX		44,720		44,720
	Ford Ranger W/strak Pickup BK22N5J		44,720		44,720
	Whiskey 455R & Accessories		7,500		7,500
	PPE		9,445		9,445
	Ridgeback Max V2 top		1,181		1,181
	First Aid Equipment		1,063		1,063
	First Aid Equipment		171		171
	Container		4,287		4,287
	Lock for Container		15		15
	Vvomed		79		79
	Clothing Bodies		60		60
	2 Barrels		45		45
	Telent Radios		537		537
	Telent Radios		888		888
	Oxygen Canny Bags		152		152
	Accessories		265		265
	Dog Jackets		117		117
	PPE Badges		130		130
	PPE Trousers		513		513
	SP Services Equipment		188		188
	Outdoor Company Helmets		550		550
	Indulley Dog Tags		20		20
	Ledco Ltd Torches		863		863
	Ledco Ltd Torches		125		125
	Equipment		339		339
	SP Services Equipment		279		279
	Hi Viz Tape		34		34
	Watson Containers		4,150		4,150
	Telent Radios		942		942
	2 x Personal Tracker		144		144
	Telent Radios		1,902		1,902
	Delib Pads		99		99
	13 x Jackets		811		811
	12 x Jackets		3,438		3,438
	Jackets		287		287
	3 x Backpacks		120		120
	iPhone 11 Pro 64GB		319		319
	26 Belay Pro Jackets (Bespoke) Black		3,074		3,074
	4 x Lifajackets & 33G CO2 Cylinder		114		114
	3 x Clothing Bodies		1,498		1,498
	Gul Wmns Drysuit & Underleace		350		350
	Gul Mens Drysuit & Underleace		480		480
	1 x HP 15.6" Laptop (R3 4/128)		249		249
	1 x JVC 32" Smart TV		129		129
	1 X MSR Stove		132		132
	3 x Tharmarest Sleeping Mat		935		935
	Dome Shelter		120		120
	Clothing Handiers		686		686
	21 High Vis Dog collars		315		315
	3 Oxygenais mesh jackets		225		225
	Telent Radios		9,063		9,063
	First Aid Equipment		995		995
	Teardrop Flag & Gazebo flag clamp		162		162
	Land Rover Defender S.JZ 6498		20,100		20,100
	Total		238,625		198,662

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-

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

Signature

LARA DOUGLAS

Print Name

LARA DOUGLAS

Date of approval

19/12/2025

Accounts

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Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Grants	-	18,513.29	-	18,513.29	111,722.12
Donations/Fundraising	38,334.77	-	-	38,334.77	11,487.93
Loans	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	38,335	18,513	-	56,848	123,210
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,335	18,513	-	56,848	123,210
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel & Vehicle Maintenance	3,610	5,444.84	-	9,055	5,679
Governance Costs	-	500.00	-	500	690
Direct Charitable Activities	10,984	8,700.00	-	19,684	5,479
Training Costs	-	3,218	-	3,218	754
Repayment of Loans	-	-	-	-	92,440.00
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	14,593	17,863	-	32,457	105,042
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Purchased	-	-	-	-	89,440
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	89,440
Total payments	14,593	17,863	-	32,457	194,482
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,741	650	-	24,391	71,272
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,059.58	8,700.00	-	18,759.58	90,031.45
Cash funds this year end	33,801.02	9,350.00	-	43,151.02	18,759.58

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B1 Cash funds	Current account	23,801	9,350	-	33,151	18,760
	Business Reserve Account	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	Business Reserve Account	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	Total cash funds	33,801	9,350	-	43,151	18,760
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

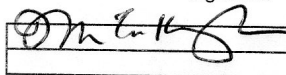
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Engine		4,200		4,200
	New Van		29,000		29,000
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	Ford Ranger Wildtrak Pickup SK22TLX		44,720		44,720
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	Whaley 455R & Accessories		7,500		7,500
	PPE		9,445		9,445
	Ridgeback Max V2 top		1,181		1,181
	First Aid Equipment		1,063		1,063
	First Aid Equipment		171		171
	Container		4,287		4,287
	Lock for Container		15		15
	Vivomed		79		79
	Clothing Bodies		60		60
	2 Barrells		45		45
	Telent Radios		537		537
	Telent Radios		688		688
	Oxygen Carry Bags		152		152
	Accessories		265		265
	Dog Jackets		117		117
	PPE Badges		130		130
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	Ledco Ltd Torches		125		125
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	SP Services Equipment		279		279
	Hi Viz Tape		34		34
	Walcon Containers		4,150		4,150
	Telent Radios		942		942
	2 x Personal Tracker		144		144
	Telent Radios		1,902		1,902
	Defib Pads		99		99
	13 x Jackets		811		811
	12 x Jackets		3,438		3,438
	Jackets		287		287
	3 x Backpacks		120		120
	Total		199,882	-	199,882

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

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

Signature



Print Name

Dugald M. Tullough

Date of approval

4 Jan 25

Search And Rescue Dog Association (Ireland North)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101234

Annual report



SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG ASSOCIATION IRELAND NORTH ANNUAL REPORT 23/24

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1 : Chair Report 2024

As Chair, I wish to pay tribute to the following members for their unstinting support of SARDA IN:

Raph – TO- who has driven up search dog standards and through his expertise and energy has been instrumental in raising our qualified dog's number to 12 with 5 more in training. He has

- secured SARDA IN place on the international stage with our USAR dogs and their acceptance by SARAID, the lead international voluntary USAR team in the UK.
- consolidated our position within NIFRS SRT
- been instrumental in our being invited to participate in a UK wide search dog consortium as proposed by SARDA Scotland
- secured additional funding for radios.
- been a lead contact with Waddell Productions in securing suitable film coverage for their proposed BBC project highlighting SARDA IN.
- being a lead in securing mountain skills training for members.

Clair – PR – for an amazing job in extending public awareness of SARDA IN through social media and elsewhere including:

- brokering all dealings with Waddell Productions which have sometimes been challenging.
- constantly updating or social media platforms and ultimately securing a 9.5k following.
- Continuing to negotiate with Easy Jet to secure in cabin transportation rights for our USAR dogs if called on to deploy internationally.
- Helping to secure several free passages by Stena Line for our dogs, handlers and vehicles to attend training events in the UK.
- Helping Kamil to secure additional fundings for SARDA IN.

Davy – Secretary/EO – for:

- his extensive work in ensuring the credibility of SARDA IN search dogs is maintained and developed in N Ireland and further afield, challenging as required and where necessary.
- his unstinting efforts to secure the best deals when ordering equipment for SARDA IN to enhance our public image when attending callouts or other public engagements.
- his work in being the front for all communications with public bodies.
- helping to set up an improved callout system.

Dugald – Treasurer for:

- his untiring efforts in securing compliance and accountability of SARDA IN accounts
- guiding our spending aspirations
- promptly responding when asked to settle bills.
- negotiation with DOJ on our behalf on matters pertaining to finance applications.

Kamil – Fund raiser for:

- organising flag/collection days
- fund raising events which are in addition to the above.
- the website design and improvement scheme

Stevie Synott - First Aid lead – for conducting and assessing our REC 3 courses and for advising and securing additional first aid supplies.

I would also pay tribute to

Trustees, Kate, Trevor, and Gerry for their enthusiastic support as Trustees of SARDA IN and throwing in wise counsel during our meetings.

Rosie for taking responsibility for our vehicle maintenance and compliance.

David Gamble for fixing the floor of the container and installing shelving.

John McGibbon for tidying and repainting the two container fronts at TNOEC.

Michael McCamley for organising our USAR training venue at the Bank Newry.

All our wonderful volunteer bodies for their time to help us train our dogs.

Our dedicated team of handlers and dogs who are the reason for us existing and who frequently respond to callouts at all hours when tasked to do so by the PSNI.

Thank you for allowing me to occupy the role as Chair of SARDA IN which has truly been a privilege and a joy.

Neil Powell

Chairman SARDA IN 24/05/2024

2 : Secretary Report

Voluntary organisations like SARDA IN do not just exist, there is a team of committed and dedicated people who work very hard behind the scenes to ensure we grow, develop and maintain the high standards which we are rightly recognised for by the PSNI, NIFRS and other VSAR groups. From “bodies” to Trustees everyone plays an important role, so thank you **ALL**.

Over the last 12 months some of what we have achieved is detailed below.

Updated policies and procedures (ongoing), updated our Constitution, created several sardain@gmail email addresses with branding, arranged blue light training, completed licence checks, monthly Trustee meetings and minutes, updated the Charity Commission, successfully applied for a 2 year UKSAR training grant (this is funding our 1st aid training and Mountain Skills training), setup contactless payment system for fundraising, arranged boat permits, Access NI, held negotiations with Media organisations about filming protocols.

These are just some examples of the administrative works undertaken and is by no means exhaustive, alongside this there are the regular reports submitted to DoJ/NISAR and communications with many external agencies.

A large part of this role this year has been devoted to ensuring all SAR dog groups maintain the high standard we have set; this work is ongoing, and I would like to thank the Trustee's for their support in this pursuit.

Davy Fraser

Secretary SARDA IN

3 : Treasurer Report

Search And Rescue Dogs Association Ireland North Treasurer's Report 2024

Date Range: 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

Opening Balance	18,759.58	Expenditure	42,456.62
Closing Balance	33,151.02	Income	56,848.06
Difference	14,391.44	Difference	14,391.44

Item	INCOME
Donations ¹	38,279.98
Social media ²	2,054.79
Award from Halifax Foundation ³	9,350.00
Dept of Justice payments ⁴	9,163.29
Total	56,848.06
Item	EXPENDITURE
Fuel and other vehicle costs ⁵	9,054.59
Equipment/Health and Safety ⁶	17,185.40
Training and Assessment ⁷	3,218.45
Administration ⁸	9,054.59
Reserve accounts ⁹	10,000.00
Total	42,456.62

Dugald McCullough, Treasurer
May 2024

¹ Includes donations by individuals, families and organisations, membership donations and street collections.

² Income from Amazon/Facebook/Paypal websites

³ Grant for hi-spec Simoco radios

⁴ The Department of Justice NISAR funding scheme covers 100% of agreed outlays in relation to some training, administration, health and safety equipment, and response vehicle costs.

⁵ Includes costs of vehicle MOTs, repairs and recurrent fuel costs (mostly repaid by DoJ, as per note 4)

⁶ Includes range of protective clothing, radio equipment; drone; and vet bills

⁷ Includes training in partnership with SARDA Scotland, and training overseas for international deployment.

⁸ Includes postage, stationery, insurance, accountancy, printing, fundraising materials, zoom, and IRO membership fees

⁹ Two reserve accounts created: £5,000 Business Reserve Account; £5,000 International Deployment Account

4 : Training Officer Report

Current Qualified Search Dogs:

4 x USAR search dogs – Floss, Bodhi, Buzz and Meg

5 x Mountain search dogs–Floss, Tess, Bodhi, Dexter & Bella

3 x Cadaver- Nelly, Bee & Luna

2 x Trailing-Magnus & Fen

TOTAL OF 12 Search dogs

We currently have six trainee search dogs:

Trailing -Boriche, Harley, Nova.

Mountain- Lyra & Buttercup. **USAR-**Boriche.

Cadaver-Rosie

Update

The monthly training calendar for 2023/24 was planned with numerous joint training events planned and all delivered as scheduled in the past 12 months. Our training schedule this year had a concerted effort to ensure new trainees dogs/handler build on all our success and develop skills to ensure every dog is operationally robust.

We completed USAR search dog joint Multi agency exercises with SARDA IN & SARAID and @Fire (German USAR Team) September in Paris

Over 50 emergency personnel and helpers as well as nine rescue dogs from Germany and Great Britain have demonstrated their skills as an international search and rescue team near Paris in the past few days. The result: 13 people were rescued from the rubble.

On Wednesday afternoon, the fictitious country of Lutetia was shaken by a severe earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale, causing considerable destruction to buildings and infrastructure. Due to the strength of the quake, hundreds of dead and missing persons are reported.



Following the request for assistance from Lutetia on Wednesday evening, SARDA IN immediately mobilised its USAR Search dogs x 3 team to conduct its annual search and rescue exercise. The sister organisation SARAID & @Fire also deployed its USAR team, at the exercise site in Villejust, southwest of Paris.

Other joint exercises occurred with CSR and NIF&RS with specific search dog training exercises at Belfast and Lisburn. And joint operations continue other search Teams on all 'call outs' we attend.

We have agreed a new MOU with SARAID (International USAR volunteer Team) to ensure deployment Internationally with our USAR search dogs. We are looking at a time later this year to sign the agreement.

2023-24 Total Callout is 33.

Completed Training events 23/24.

- 8 x members completed their REC3 First aid training.
- 4 new trainee commenced official SARDA training with their dogs having all completed their canine obedience/stock test.
- New members and new bodies are working to complete the navigation course TNOC in Sept.
- 2 Assessors attend the SARDA Scotland Assessment in April
- A new training schedule focus on different disciplines each month and all handlers are reminding again to complete logbooks between training sessions.

Successes: We received funding from the Halifax Foundation totalling £10K for new GPS Radios for handlers and Vehicles.

Summary:

We continue to give a big thank to our bodies who continue attend training in all weathers, without your support the training of search dogs could not continue to be successful.

Internationally we continue with our partnerships with SARAID UK which have positioned us in a strong place to attend International USAR responses worldwide. A matrix has been completed for all members training progression and search dog training to ensure accountability and accurate record keeping of progression. SARDA IN is in a very strong position with our qualified search dogs, and we wish to ensure this progression continues in the future.

Raph O' Connor
Training Officer 21.5.24

5 : Comms/P.R. Officer Report

Callouts

2023	2024
29 th May – PSNI misper Magherafelt	7 th Jan – PSNI Misper Mid Ulster
4 th June – PSNI misper Craigavon	17 th Jan – PSNI Misper Belfast
8 th June – PSNI misper Malone Road Belfast	4 th March – PSNI Misper Strabane
14 th June – PSNI misper Portadown – found by PSNI Dog	6 th March – PSNI Misper Lisburn
9.7.23, 10.7.23, 11.7.23 & 12.7.23 deployed by the Gardaí to assist the Sligo Leitrim Mountain Rescue Team and NWMRT - Misper in Sligo.	10 th March – Redeployed Lisburn
15.7.23 Deployed by Police Causeway Coast & Glens, to assist the CRS and PSNI Air Support for Misper Ballymena. Misper located safe and well.	17 th March – redeployed PSNI Misper Lisburn
18.8.23 Tasked by the PSNI Derry City and Strabane for Misper last seen at 02:00 on the 17.8.23. Multiagency response with CRS, Foyle S&R and PSNI.	1 st April – Redeployed to misper Lisburn
23.8.23 PSNI for Misper Mid Ulster. Misper located safe and well.	2 nd April – PSNI missing teenager Randalstown
11.9.23 Police Newry, Mourne & Down misper Newcastle area. At around 21:00 the misper contacted a friend and as a result was found safe and well.	20 th April – PSNI Misper Murlough Beach
12.9.23 PSNI and stood down as a body had been located.	Total = 33
22.9.23 PSNI for a misper Carrickfergus. Stood down prior to arrival as the misper located.	
3.10.23 PSNI for Misper last seen at approx. 21:45 on 2.10.23. Missing person located safe and well.	
24.10.23 Police Newry, Mourne & Down for misper walker in the Mourne Mountains last night.	

2023	2024
27.10.23 Police Derry City & Strabane for Misper in the Derry/Londonderry . Search resumed again on 28.10.23 with CRS, Foyle S&R and the PSNI.	
6.11.23 Redeployed, with Police Derry City & Strabane , Community Rescue Service Belfast District and Foyle Search and Rescue .	
6.12.23 Police Fermanagh & Omagh for Misper . Misper presented himself to hospital.	
16.12.23 Mourne Mountain Rescue Team and Police Newry, Mourne & Down Misper in the Mournes. Located by MR dog safe and well.	
19.12.23 Police Derry City & Strabane for Misper in the Strabane area with CRS. After several hours of searching, our Dog Teams have stood down for the night.	
25.12.23 Police Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon, for Misper in the Armagh area. They were located safe and well a short time later.	
29.12.23 Police Antrim & Newtownabbey ongoing search for a Misper in Antrim area alongside Lough Neagh Rescue , Police Antrim & Newtownabbey and CRS. Stood down at approximately 18:00.	
30.12.23 Police Lisburn & Castlereagh to assist in a search for a high risk misper in the Lisburn area.	

Donations/Sponsorship

2023	2024
17 th June – Photos at Training Day by Colin King for new website	Communications via email continue with EasyJet & the CAA re: free UK flights in the event of an International Disaster – awaiting formal agreement
Donegal Assoc Dublin (Kevin Mc Fadden) 2500 euro received.	Continue to tag Stenaline for any free sailings to the mainland/Scotland for joint training
Fr John Joe Creeslough – 1500 euro received.	8 th Jan – 3000 euro Snugborough ‘Cars & Coffee’
John Mc Gee Ironday Challenge - 2000 euro received.	12 th Jan – Coffee morning Credit Union Carnglen £250
	6 th Feb - £100 Girls Brigade Hazelbank
	1 st March - KB Dog Services donation
	10 th March – Matthew Mc Callan Tractor Run (2 nd year) – still awaiting donation lodgement **NO replies from emails sent to Peter Mc Callan on 23 rd April & 15 th May**
	11 th April – refurbished HP laptop donated by the Halifax
	30 th April – Newcastle Street Collection £1032.34
	6 th May – TNOC meet up with the Halifax Foundation trustees – donation £10,000

Events/Publicity

2023	2024
29 th May – Connor Phillips Show – live broadcast from Newcastle with Demo from Floss	8 th Jan - Emma Patterson UTV filming completed – will be televised June/July
21 st June – Equinox Joint Training (NIFRS) exercise Chorley (Raph & Trevor)	21 st Feb - NIAS Retired Personnel AGM Tullyglass Hotel – publicity only
23 rd -25 th June – USAR, Cadaver & Trailing Dog Assessment weekend for SARDA IN	Cadaver dogs Nelly & Bee filmed as part of the 'Six Silent Killings' Sky Documentary 2 part series and released **24 th March - Won the RTS Ireland Awards 2024 for best 'factual series' in April**
16 th July – Pooches in the Park event (Trevor & Davy)	The Repair Shop filming part 1 completed in May '24 – part 2 to be filmed in June/July '24 (MR Dog Pepper)
10 th Aug – Initial communication from Ally Thompson (BBC Pets Saving Lives')	SARDA IN free advertisement in the Ballymena RFC Women's Rugby Section's 7 th Anniversary book
26 th August – Newcastle Harbour Family Fun Day	24 th May – Mackle Petfood's 'Grocers' Ball 2024' @ The Culloden Hotel – for their free sponsorship of SARDA IN Search Dogs
3 rd Sept – Bright Eyes Animal Sanctuary	Changes to be made to the DOJ NISAR and Community NI websites re: SARDA IN (Inaccurate info)
11 th Sept – Retired Healthcare Group Talk (£50 donation)	Website work ongoing with KW
15 th Sept - Article in Derry Journal arranged with Neil & Davy (printed 15/9/23)	Facebook Followers – 9542 Instagram - 441 X - 438
21 st Sept – Stenaline free UK travel began and continue to tag them on any journeys	
'Bee' appeared on BBC 'Expert Witness' S3 E10 –Invoiced 'Five Mile Films Ltd', 104.39	
Continuing to tag Naturo Natural Pet Food, Quay Dog & The Animal Physio in social media posts	

2023	2024
6 th Oct – USAR training @ NI College Fire Service Training Facility and photos with Aidan Jennings	
7 th Oct – Attended 1 st anniversary of the Creeslough Tragedy	
7 th Oct – Ballymena Tesco door Collection £776.50	
22 nd Oct – Cars & Coffee fundraiser in aid of Leona Harper	
24-28 th Oct – Joint USAR training SARAID UK	
28 th Oct – USPCA Halloween Howler Fun Day, Newry	
All qualified dogs & handlers photographs completed by Johnny Sterritt for website and social media usage	
25 th Nov – Critical Care Seminar – PR only	
Communication continues with EasyJet re: free UK connecting flights in the event of an International Disaster	

6 : Fundraising Officer Report

Door collections / Donations

Location	Date	Funds Raised
Tesco Newcastle	August 2023	£1108.40
Retired healthcare group	September 2023	£200
John McGee Ironday Challenge	September 2023	£2000
Donegal Association Dublin	September 2023	€2500
Tesco Ballymena	October 2023	£776.50
Creelough Community Association	October 2023	€1500
Offset IRL Cars and coffee	October 2023	€1376
Declan Patton Seven Sevens challenge	November 2023	£540
Belfast Street Collection	December 2023	£4372
Harper Family, Leonas song	January 2024	€3000
Carn Glen Credit Union	January 2024	£250.00
Hazelbank School Ballymena	February 2024	£100.00
Newcastle collection	March 2024	£1032.34
Tesco Newcastle	March 2024	5 dog life jackets

Total

£18,755.24

Funds Raised Through Website

£904.68

Website Completion & Launch September 2024

Promotional Events

Pooches in the park Rainbow Rehoming Derry/LondonDerry July 2023 Newcastle

Harbour Festival August 2023

Bright eyes Animal Sanctuary September 2023

USPCA Newry October 2023

Critical Care Symposium November 2023 NIAS

Retired Personnel February 2024

Upcoming Events

Tesco Dungannon Collection 15.06.24 Newcastle

Street Collection 06.07.24 Clonmany Agricultural

Show 07.08.24

Tesco Craigavon Collection 28.09.24

Website Completion & Launch Belfast

Street Collection 28.12.24 Kirton Boys

Brigade TBC

Balmoral Show 2025 TBC

7 : Equipment Officer Report

During the past 12 months, we have sourced various pieces of equipment to support our SAR functions.

USAR (Urban Search & Rescue) : During our training with SARAID the requirement to be “deployment” ready was reinforced into our planning. We have sourced the following equipment to ensure we are ready to deploy within 24/48hrs should an international request for assistance be made.

Wheeled transport containers for mobilising a team of up to 4 members with dogs with tents, freeze dried food (4 x 7 days supply), stove, water purification, walkie talkies, heli and canine heli harnesses and all necessary equipment.

Comms : Halifax grant successful resulting in the ordering of Simoco radio system (new mobile radios in all vehicles and new handhelds). The aim is to remove the various radios we presently operate with and have Simoco product across the team.

Clothing : New molle style HV search jackets for handlers, Keela Belay jacket with team logos etc... on order, ME jackets/trousers on order for long serving bodies, trial lightweight drysuit received for DV work, various trial USAR clothing ordered and on test.

GPS : System setup to utilise Etrex GPS units

VOIP: New callout system introduced using a cloud-based phone system. Tasking authorities now have just have to dial one number and all qualified dog handlers' mobiles will ring simultaneously. This option greatly reduces the pressure and workload on Callout Officers and provides reassurance to the PSNI, etc...

Fundraising: Sumup contactless card readers

Finally, a thank you to Rosie for assuming the responsibility for all our vehicles (servicing, MOT's, etc...)

Davy Fraser E.O.

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Search and Rescue Dog Association Ireland North

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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Basis of independent examiner's report

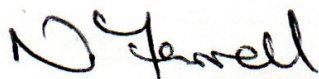
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My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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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.



Niall Farrell FCA
Farrell Accountants Limited
Chartered Accountants
16 Upper Square
Castlewellan
Co Down

Accounts

SARDA Ireland North	NIC101234	
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	8,564.02	103,158.10	-	111,722.12	15,405.32
Donations/Fundraising	11,487.93	-	-	11,487.93	8,414.32
Loans	-	-	-	-	92,440.00
	-	-	-	-	
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	20,052	103,158	-	123,210	116,260
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,052	103,158	-	123,210	116,260
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel & Vehicle Maintenance	5,679	-	-	5,679	4,663
Governance Costs	690	-	-	690	600
Direct Charitable Activities	5,479	-	-	5,479	5,575
Training Costs	222	531	-	754	1,430
Repayment of Loans	-	92,440	-	92,440.00	-
				-	-
				-	-
A3 Sub total	12,070	92,971	-	105,042	12,269
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Purchased	4,472	84,968	-	89,440	16,945
A4 Sub total	4,472	84,968	-	89,440	16,945
Total payments	16,542	177,939	-	194,482	29,214
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,509	- 74,781	-	- 71,272	87,046
A5 Transfers between funds	- 461	461	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,011.33	83,020.12	-	90,031.45	2,985.51
Cash funds this year end	10,059.58	8,700.00	-	18,759.58	90,031.45

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 £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	10,060	8,700	-	18,760	90,031
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,060	8,700	-	18,760	90,031
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			Total	-	-	-
			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
				-	-	-
			Total	-	-	-
			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Engine			4,200		4,200
	New Van			29,000		29,000
	New Van			3,285		3,285
	Ranger Double Cab Wildtrak			33,388		33,388
	Ford Ranger Wildtrak Pickup SK22TLX			44,720		
	Ford Ranger Wildtrak Pickup BK22NSJ			44,720		
	Whaley 455R & Accessories			7,500		7,500
	PPE			9,445		9,445
	Ridgeback Max V2 top			1,181		1,181
	PPE			2,500		2,500
	PPE			2,226		2,226
	First Aid Equipment			1,063		1,063
	First Aid Equipment			171		171
	Container			4,287		4,287
	Lock for Container			15		15
	Vivomed			79		79
	Clothing Bodies			60		60
	PPE			2,495		2,495
	2 Barrells			45		45
	Telent Radios			537		537
	Telent Radios			688		688
	PPE			1,909		1,909
	Oxygen Carry Bags			152		152
	Accessories			265		265
	Dog Jackets			117		117
	PPE Badges			130		130
	PPE Trousers			513		513
	SP Services Equipment			198		198
	Outdoor Company Helmets			550		550
	Indetitag Dog Tags			20		20
	Ledco Ltd Torches			883		883
	Ledco Ltd Torches			125		125
	Equipment			339		339
	SP Services Equipment			279		279
	Dog Jackets			40		40
	Badges for Dog Jackets			54		54
	Hi Viz Tape			34		34
	Walcon Containers			4,150		4,150
	Boots			134		134
	Telent Radios			942		942
	Boots			164		164
	Garmin Atemos Tracking Coil			86	-	86
	Garmin Atemos System			608		608
	Garmin Atemos Tracking Coil			228		228
	Garmin Atemos System			228		228
	2 x Personal Tracker			144		144
	Telent Radios			1,902		1,902
	Defib Pads			99		99
	13 x Jackets			811		811
	12 x Jackets			3,438		3,438
	Jackets			287		287
	3 x Backpacks			120		120
			Total	210,554	-	121,114

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

Annual report



SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG ASSOCIATION IRELAND NORTH

Specialising in mountain, lowland, trailing, collapsed structure, urban and drowned victim
recovery

ANNUAL REPORT

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Registered Charity: NIC 101234

The trustees of SARDA Ireland North are pleased to submit their Report for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Reference and administration detail

Charity Name	Search and Rescue Dog Association Ireland North
Other names Charity is known by	SARDA Ireland North SARDA IN
Registered Charity No	NIC 101234
Charity's principal address	102 Tullybrannigan Road Newcastle BT33 OPW

Name of the Charity trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Date acted if not for whole year
Dr Neil Powell	Chairman/ First Callout Coordinator	
Dugald McCullough	Treasurer	
Kate Powell	Secretary	
Trevor Hartley	Assistant Training Officer/ Third Call-out Co-ordinator	
Raph O'Connor	Training Officer/Second Callout Coordinator	
Gerry Burns	Trustee	
David Fraser	Trustee/Equipment Officer	

Structure, governance and management

Description of Charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the Charity is constituted	Association consists of 20 members
Trustee selection methods	Trustees appointed/re-appointed at AGM

SARDA Ireland North (SARDA IN) is partnered with the Statutory Agencies involved in the search for missing persons in Northern Ireland. These partnerships ensure that the Charity helps maximise the potential for missing persons to be found provided the dogs are called on time. We also work alongside all the voluntary groups involved with the Northern Ireland Search and Rescue (NISAR). The PSNI has responsibility for calling us out for all searches and they also provide insurance cover for our SAR vehicles for which we are most grateful. All of the above groups meet regularly to plan and prepare for the development of search and rescue services here in Northern Ireland.

All our trustees and members give up their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. Our qualified search dog handlers and dogs are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Objective and activities

Summary of the objectives of the Charity set out in it's governing document	SARDA IN provides specialist teams of search dogs and handlers at the request of the PSNI and other Statutory Services, to assist in the location of missing people. This service includes searches for missing persons, alive or deceased, in the mountains, lowlands, collapsed structures and waterways of Northern Ireland and beyond.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects	In planning our activities for each year, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at all our trustee meetings. We attend call-outs to search for missing persons of any age, gender, ethnicity or religion is the focus of our activities. We are a cross-community Association. SARDA IN is the only voluntary SAR dog team within the UK and Ireland to have trained the full range of search dogs for searches in mountains, lowland, trailing, collapsed structure, urban and drowned victim recovery.

Additional details of objectives and activities

All members give a great deal of time and effort and additionally, some help the Association by 'hiding' for the dogs to find them in all weathers at all stages of training and qualification.

Achievement and performance

Call outs	We have had 22 call-outs working in conjunction with our partners in NISAR.
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Training	We have a vigorous training programme ensuring both dogs and handlers are trained to the highest standard ensuring the best possible assets are deployed. Our skills are updated on a regular basis. Three members and their dogs, are attached to the NI Fire and Rescue Service Urban Search and Rescue Team. Training continues per calendar month and individual handler training continues daily. We have a strong resilience (15 trained search dogs), in all our search dog
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	disciplines – mountain, lowland, collapsed structure, lowland/urban, trailing, and drowned victim recovery. We also have three trailing dogs in training and one additional Urban Search Dog in training. We have attended several international training events with SARDA Scotland, SARAID and the UK International Fire and Rescue Service.
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Equipment	We are extremely grateful to the Department of Justice for helping us financially every year.
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Further financial review details

We continue to receive small donations from the public through the Charities Aid Foundation, Facebook and from a few collection boxes.

We are also very grateful that we now have been sponsored by Naturo Dog Food who continue to provide us with a regular supply of dog food for our qualified search dogs.

This year we have been able to hold a few collection days and we are extremely grateful for all the public donations – especially in our Belfast street collection before Christmas.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees:-

Signature:	<i>Kate Powell</i>
Full name:	Kate Powell
Position:	Secretary
Date:	10 April 2023

Annual return

Search and Rescue Dog Association Ireland North

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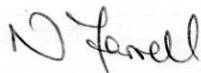
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