

Trossachs Search And Rescue Team

Scotland · Charity number SC028266

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1998-09-08
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Trossachs Search + Rescue 5 Geisher Road Callander FK17 8LX
Website	www.trossachs-sar.com

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health', 'the saving of lives', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of animal welfare'

What the charity does: We respond to Emergency services requests for help to find missing people, and we're proactive in our communities maintaining public access defibs, teaching life saving skills and providing event first aid cover.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: a) Relieve suffering and distress amongst persons and animals endangered by accidents or natural hazards and to provide adequate arrangements for the secure and efficient search and rescue of any such person or persons and animals so endangered. These functions will be conducted primarily within the areas known as the Trossachs, Strathard and Strathendrick but may also be conducted wherever our services are required by the professional emergency services. voluntary search and rescue services. animal rescue services. veterinary surgeon or other person b) Educate the public about the use of and the dangers relating to the outdoor environment, with the aim of reducing the number of accidents and incidents associated therewith

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Stirling
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£48,606	£31,663	-	0
2024-12-31	£47,446	£45,843	-	0
2023-08-31	£43,491	£30,497	-	0
2022-08-31	£38,584	£32,966	-	0
2021-08-31	£23,728	£27,841	-	0
2020-08-31	£47,762	£44,762	-	0

Accounts

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	Jan	2025		31	Dec	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	18,170				18,170	15,973
Legacies					-	-
Grants	18,964				18,964	10,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	6,288	5,185			11,473	21,473
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
					-	-
A1 Sub total	43,422	5,185	-	-	48,606	47,446
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	7,000				7,000	-
Loans (repaid)/received	-				-	-
A2 Sub total	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	-
Total receipts	50,422	5,185	-	-	55,606	47,446
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	25,709	5,732			31,441	38,988
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	222				222	210
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	25,931	5,732	-	-	31,663	39,198
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	19,748				19,748	6,645
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	19,748	-	-	-	19,748	6,645
Total payments	45,679	5,732	-	-	51,410	45,843
Net receipts / (payments)	4,743	(547)	-	-	4,196	1,603
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	4,743	(547)	-	-	4,196	1,603

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	31,492	2,576			34,068	32,465
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	4,743	(547)			4,196	1,603
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	36,235	2,029	-	-	38,264	34,068
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Independence Trailer	Unrestricted	-	34	42
	Toyota Hilux	Unrestricted	15,600	-	3,272
	Kia Sportage	Unrestricted	3,495	469	586
	Tow bar and roof bars	Unrestricted	418	56	70
	Acer Laptop	Unrestricted	230	31	39
	HP Printer	Unrestricted	45	6	8
	HP Laptop	Unrestricted	350	59	73
	3 Tom Toms	Unrestricted	264	220	220
	Mangar Elk Airlift Cushion, bags & mains adapters	Unrestricted	2,779	2,316	2,316
	3 Nokia phones	Unrestricted	120	100	100
	2 iPads & covers	Unrestricted	988	823	823
	3 BroadNet Radios	Unrestricted	1,125	937	937
	Boat	Unrestricted	3,200	2,668	2,662
	Highland Signals 1114 - radios and extras	Unrestricted	6,645	5,582	5,316
	Projector screen	Unrestricted	80	64	
	Projector	Unrestricted	297	238	
	Defib Trainer	Unrestricted	360	288	
	2 X Tablets	Unrestricted	448	358	
	Training unit	Unrestricted	749	599	
	Manikins	Unrestricted	3,414	2,731	
	Toyota Hilux	Unrestricted	14,400	11,520	-
		Total	55,007	29,098	16,464

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Amount due
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

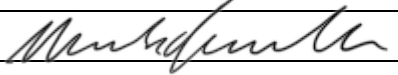
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B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



MARK DONNELL

14/4/20

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The general fund is for general use in furthering the charity's objectives and is unrestricted.
The restricted fund is comprised of specific funds to be raised and spent on the installation of defibrillators in rural villages in the Trossachs area.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Search & Rescue activities	3	5	18,964
Total			18,964

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursed equipment incurred by trustees, mainly where the expense must be paid by bank transfer which the team's bank account does not facilitate.	2	6,079

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
		-	0

C6 Other information

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Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.								
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention - which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.								
Signed:					Date:	9/4/2026			
Name:	Catherine Baxter								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Tax Adviser								
Address:	12 Southview Road Blane field Glasgow G63 9JQ								

Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

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Section A Statement of receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts						
Donations	15,973				15,973	19,671
Legacies					-	-
Grants	10,000				10,000	5,833
Receipts from fundraising activities	12,108	9,364			21,473	17,986
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
					-	-
A1 Sub total	38,082	9,364	-	-	47,446	43,491
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Loans (repaid)/received	-				-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,082	9,364	-	-	47,446	43,491
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	32,200	6,788			38,988	30,287
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination	210				210	210
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	32,410	6,788	-	-	39,198	30,497
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	6,645				6,645	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	6,645	-	-	-	6,645	-
Total payments	39,055	6,788	-	-	45,843	30,497
Net receipts / (payments)	(973)	2,576	-	-	1,603	12,994
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(973)	2,576	-	-	1,603	12,994

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B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	32,465	0			32,465	19,472
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(973)	2,576			1,603	12,994
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	31,492	2,576	-	-	34,068	32,465
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		Total	35,259	16,464	12,198

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Total			10,000

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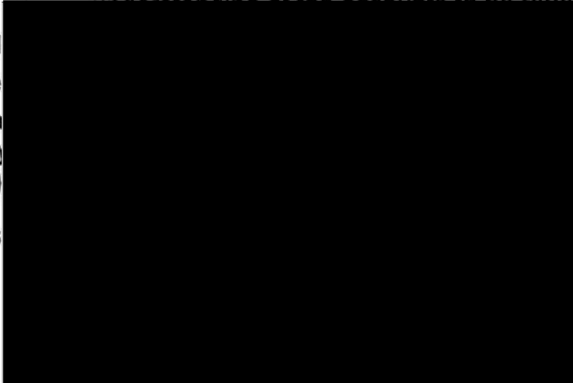
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Signed							Date:	
Name								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)								
Address								

13/3/2025 -



Trossachs Search and Rescue AGM 18th Jan 2025

Agenda

- 🐕 Opening of AGM
- 🐕 Apologies and roll taking
- 🐕 Proposing last year's minutes
- 🐕 Reports from Office Bearers
- 🐕 Selection of new committee members
- 🐕 Close
- 🐕 New committee meets.

Convenors Report

This year we received our Kings Award for Voluntary Services in a small ceremony at Base in April, presented by the Lord Lieutenant.

We had our official Base opening on a glorious day in August and had our 26 birthday in September. We also received a nomination from former MP Alyn Smith for his "Local Heros Award" in February.

We are continuing to work on our connections with the Fire Brigade, Police Service and Scottish Ambulance ... which the committee will continue to do this coming year.

The Team have been represented in meetings with Water Safety Scotland, PADS Scotland, Forth Valley Voluntary Services Group, The Drymen Show, PAWS Scotland (Partnership Approach to Water Safety) and Clacks and Stirling VS Group.

Our sponsors continue to be very generous and Arnold Clark specifically have extended our vehicle leases for T1 and T3 by yet another year. We have also had great support from iCom, [REDACTED] (not the Dragon!) and Highland Signals this year.

We have 11 new members this year, welcome all. We also have 3 new First Responders congratulations [REDACTED]. We had 3 members leave the team.

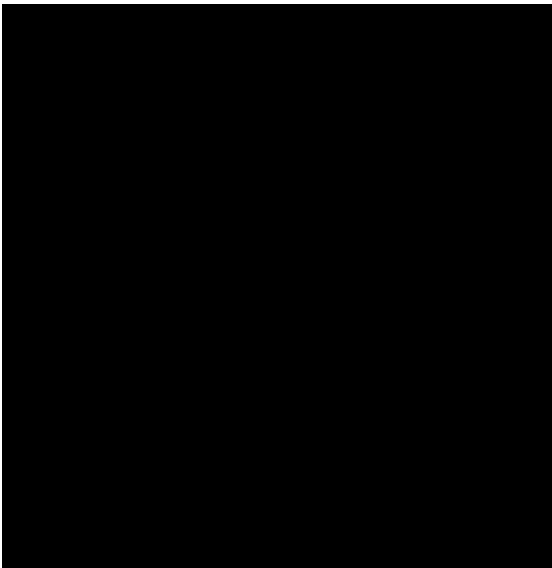
We have covered 10 first aid events, with 3 emergency service call outs, 24 TECS shifts covered (9 call-outs) and 39 FR shifts covered (6 call-outs). 10 Heartstart ... now Community CPR Classes, teaching a total of around 235 adults and kids how to save a life. We have given between events, shifts, call-outs, talks, training and meetings members as a whole 2649 hours and 7 minutes to the Team! Thank you.

Thank you everyone for your continued support and efforts to keep our team doing everything we pledge to do in our constitution, for our local communities

This year we thank [REDACTED] for all the work she has done as Treasurer, on the committee and with the Team in general. We are sorry to see her leaving. We also say thank you to [REDACTED] for their work on the committee over the last 3 and 2 years respectively ...though they are remaining part of the Team. After 11 years in the Team, with 10 of those on the committee.... I too will be stepping back and wish the new committee every success.

The Callout phone has been looked after by several team members this year... always looking for people to help....

2024



Looking forward we have

Several first aid events already in the diary
Community CPR classes continuing with new regular classes starting at Base,
please check D4H for info and your availability.

Defib checks are going to be revamped, all iPads updated and stronger links developed between PAD Scotland
TECS training/ refreshers available in February

.... And congratulations to Team member [REDACTED] on the birth of their first son [REDACTED]

EQUIPMENT OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2024

This year we saw a few changes in the Team regarding equipment, we invested in a new VHF radio system to replace our ageing 20 year old UHF one. Although it took a huge chunk out of the Team account by purchasing it we have already seen a benefit from it.

Other changes have been updating parts of our uniform which again a lot of it was preloved prior

to us getting hold of it. We will hopefully continue to purchase equipment and clothing as and when there is money available to do so, however there are lots of things besides clothing and equipment that we as a Team require so the Committee need to look into everything that people ask for as funding is so tight just now, if you do have specific requests for stuff, it would be great if you were able to provide quotes and if possible a funding source for it.

TRAINING OFFICER REPORT 2024

I think we have managed to improve the training this year, a number of factors have made it possible, and not all down to me. As a Team we have made big inroads in being able to use SFRS facilities, mainly down to Brian and we hope to continue in this. Secondly with the influx of trainees it has given us numbers to do some realistic training, it is not possible to run training with only four people turning up, as i said earlier in the year i would like to see some areas of training become mandatory for everyone.

Lastly after three years of badgering the management people at Erskine Veterans Hospital have decided to allow the Team to use the estate both internally and externally, just talk to the members that used it not long ago, the hospital are also keen to expand the relationship with us so that will be something to work at in the New Year.

Auchengillan Scout Centre was used for stretcher training in a way that had never been done

before, so different was it that the warden thought we were in her words off our heads" this was on the back of assisting with a Beaver badge day where [REDACTED] and myself attended. Again where possible we will continue to offer as much varied training as we can if resources and numbers allow. If you would like to see some different types of stuff being done get in touch with any Committee member.

Community CPR Report

In 2024 -

We did 5 Walk in the Park classes -

Drymen

Callander

Balloch

Aberfoyle

Killin

Teaching 66 people in total.

Community arranged classes in Gargunnock and Gartocharn.

35 attendees.

Businesses - Black Bull Gartmore and Home is Best staff.

19 attendees.

Strathblane Primary School -

110 attendees. Staff and pupils P4-P7

In total teaching CPR to 235 people

Now progressing with our Community CPR classes, hopefully using base as a drop in location once a month

We have secured funding for new equipment

AGM Defibrillator Coordinator Update

My apologies for not being able to attend this years AGM however having a baby less than 2 weeks old can restrict your time! Hence this very short summary.

Unfortunately I have not been able to look after the defibrillators as much as I had hoped this year which, as you can imagine, has left the paperwork a bit behind. Emma and Nikola are taking over this year and I will offer my help/knowledge as much as possible.

TSAR (Trossachs Search + Rescue) Defibs

- The team has 4 Phillips defibs which have now been discontinued, and we are still waiting to hear from SAS (Scottish Ambulance Service) about replacements.
- Another spare unit is currently placed at the Post Office in Callander
- Another spare unit is currently placed at the Mini Market in Dunblane. I currently have the defibrillator to pass into E [REDACTED] to have sent off for repair.

Defibrillator cabinet in base office.

There is a spare cabinet in the office at Base which is to replace the damaged Defib at Northend Garage in Dunblane. Unfortunately we are no longer able to have this installed free of charge and so could not have it installed until funds were in place. Our generous donor, who committed last year to donating on a yearly basis to look after select Defibs in Dunblane, had not made his donation for a while which caused some concern but the money has finally come through. This means we can finally arrange to have an electrician install the cabinet (hallelujah)

Missing defibs

The Drymen Defib went missing this year and was sadly not recovered. The local community development trust admitted defeat and raised the funds to replace the Defib and continue to look after it in the future (woohoo!)

On the other hand we have still not heard anything regarding the defibrillator that went missing at Inversnaid Hotel. The latest I heard was that the hotel was willing to replace the defibrillator but they would not have it installed outside (no 24/7 access)

IPAD Software Update

There are still a number of IPAD defibs to be sent away for a software update. Unfortunately the online portal to organise this has since closed and we now have an email contact to arrange for collection of any devices needing updated. Most of the defibs we have sent away to date have needed replacement batteries at a cost of £200+ so it's not simply a case of sending the device off. If we don't have a responsible party to cover the cost of a new battery we cannot just send it off and pay for it ourselves. We are a charity!!

Many thanks to all who have lent a helping hand.