Charity registration number: 1148563

Isle of Wight Search and Rescue

Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mr D Terrett (chair) Mr L Agrotis (vice chair) Mrs L Taylor (treasurer) Mr J R Adams (health and safety) (appointed 1.2.26) Mr D Corr (membership) (appointed 23.1.25) Mr A Brindle (equipment) Mrs J Johnston Mrs L Agrotis
Charity Registration Number	1148563
Principal Office	22 Littlestairs Road Shanklin Isle of Wight PO37 6HS
Independent Examiner	Mark Paxton FCCA Bright Brown Limited Exchange House St Cross Lane Newport Isle of Wight PO30 5BZ

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements comply with the charity's governing document, Charity Commission guidance on receipts and payments accounts and applicable law.

The reference and administrative details set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects are to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons endangered by accidents or natural hazards by provision and maintenance of a trained search and rescue team to operate primarily (but not by way of limitation) on the Isle of Wight.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

We operate under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary assisting the Police with searches for high risk, vulnerable, missing people on the Isle of Wight.

During 2025 Isle of Wight Search and Rescue (WSAR) responded to numerous requests for assistance from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary and we were able to provide suitably skilled and qualified volunteers along, including drone specialists.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The Trustees deem it necessary to retain a certain level of finances from its normal fundraising activities to maintain a reserve fund that ensures the future continuation of services, as well as secure vehicles and equipment storage, should a shortfall in funds arise.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Approved by the trustees of the charity and signed on their behalf by:

Mr D Terrett, Trustee

Date _____

Mrs L Taylor, Trustee

Date _____

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Isle of Wight Search and Rescue

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Isle of Wight Search and Rescue for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Isle of Wight Search and Rescue you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of Isle of Wight Search and Rescue's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that, other than the disclosure matter reported below, no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Isle of Wight Search and Rescue as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Disclosure of material matters of concern

The charity's gross income for the previous financial year ended 31 December 2024 exceeded the statutory threshold of £25,000, meaning the accounts were legally required to undergo an Independent Examination under the Charities Act. However, due to an administrative oversight by the trustees no such external scrutiny was carried out for that period. Consequently, the comparative figures presented in the current year's accounts have not been independently reviewed. My current year procedures on the opening balances were limited to verifying opening cash balances to bank statements and do not constitute a full examination of the prior year's figures. I have found no material discrepancies or accounting anomalies resulting from this oversight.

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

Mark Paxton FCCA
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Date

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Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts				
Public donations	20,806	-	20,806	27,603
Legacies	67,442	-	67,442	-
Grants	-	12,000	12,000	375
Memberships	680	-	680	410
Interest	1,036	-	1,036	615
Gift aid	-	-	-	269
HMRC VAT	2,084	-	2,084	4,381
Other	5,555	-	5,555	4,246
Sub total	97,603	12,000	109,603	37,899
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of equipment	-	-	-	272
Sub total	-	-	-	272
Total receipts	**97,603**	**12,000**	**109,603**	**38,171**
Payments				
Rent	5,569	-	5,569	5,569
Utilities	-	-	-	170
Rates	136	-	136	537
Insurance	2,368	-	2,368	2,370
Fees	1,806	-	1,806	2,010
Vehicle costs	7,053	-	7,053	5,970
Petty cash	-	-	-	25
Other	4,324	-	4,324	5,556
Sub total	21,256	-	21,256	22,207
Asset and investment purchases				
Equipment	4,837	-	4,837	7,437
Sub total	4,837	-	4,837	7,437
Total payments	**26,093**	**-**	**26,093**	**29,644**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**71,510**	**12,000**	**83,510**	**8,527**
Cash funds brought forward	54,933	-	54,933	46,406
Cash funds carried forward	**126,443**	**12,000**	**138,443**	**54,933**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Cash funds		
Current account	13,800	8,825
Reserve account	124,611	46,076
Petty cash	32	32
Total cash funds	**138,443**	**54,933**
Tangible fixed assets retained for the charity's own use		
Mercedes van	65,000	65,000
Ford Ranger 4x4	18,000	18,000
Mercedes van (donated)	-	-
Total tangible fixed assets retained for the charity's own use	**83,000**	**83,000**
Current assets		
Trade debtors	409	-
HMRC VAT refund due	803	1,360
Total current assets	**1,212**	**1,360**
Current liabilities		
Accrued expenses	960	-
Total current liabilities	**960**	**-**

The receipts and payments and account and statement of assets and liabilities on pages 4 to 5 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mr D Terrett, Trustee

Date

Mrs L Taylor, Trustee

Date