CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1 January 2025 To 31 December 2025**

**Charity name: Surrey Search and Rescue**

**Charity registration number: 1194397**

## Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | As defined by the Constitution, the statutory objectives of Surrey Search & Rescue are:<br><br>1. To preserve and protect life by providing a dedicated search and rescue service for vulnerable missing persons in Surrey and surrounding areas.<br><br>2. To advance the efficiency and capability of the emergency services through specialized deployment (including water rescue, search dogs, drone imaging, and lowland tracking).<br><br>3. To advance the education of the public and partner agencies in search and rescue techniques, water safety, and missing person behaviour. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | During 2025, Surrey Search & Rescue delivered its charitable purposes through frontline search and rescue operations, specialist capability deployments and public safety education. The team responded to 54 operational callouts on behalf of Surrey Police and partner agencies, including 16 deployments involving water rescue specialists, 9 involving search dogs and 1 involving drone imaging.<br><br>921 volunteer attendances were made across these callouts, representing 6,022 volunteer hours, and the team ran 167 training sessions during the year to maintain operational readiness.<br><br>All of this activity was delivered with no charge to the public purse and to the emergency services. |

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| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.<br><br>All services, from active ground searches to community safety education, are provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with no charge to the public purse or emergency services |

**Additional information (optional)**
You **may** choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | Our services are entirely provided by unpaid volunteers who dedicate their time to fundraising, training, management of the charity and operational deployments.<br><br>During the year, the team contributed over 6,022 hours of operational deployment time alone, in addition to further hours contributed across 167 training sessions. |

## Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | • Operational Callouts**:** Our volunteers responded to 54 operational callouts requested by Surrey Police and partner agencies. These deployments varied from complex high-risk missing person searches across rural and urban terrain to specialist water and lowland responses.<br><br>• Capability & Equipment Development: We continued to maintain and upgrade our operational readiness, investing in water rescue equipment, search dog capability, drone imaging technology, and our vehicle fleet.<br><br>• Specialised training schedules ensured our search technicians, dog handlers, drone operators and water operators maintained the rigorous competencies mandated by Lowland Rescue national standards.<br><br>• Volunteer Workforce: Our work is entirely performed by unpaid volunteers |

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| | | who dedicate their time to training, fundraising, charity management and operational deployments. During the year, the team contributed over 6,022 operational hours (with further hours contributed across 167 training sessions), delivering an estimated social value of £90,330 to the community. |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | Income during 2025 showed a good balance between member/team fundraising activity and corporate donations. Fundraising by individual members made a significant contribution to the charity's ability to invest in new equipment. |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

# Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The charity's financial position is strong and stable. The trustees maintain a robust and thorough approach to financial planning and to managing cashflow throughout the year, with a detailed understanding of income and expenditure supported by Section Leaders managing spend in a considered and prudent fashion. This has enabled the trustees to predict future cash flow with confidence and to invest in new operational assets, particularly in drones, fleet and water rescue capability, while continuing to fund day-to-day operations. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The charity established a reserves policy back in 2024 to ensure financial stability during periods of income and expenditure uncertainty.<br><br>The level of reserves held are set by the Trustees which is 12 months of operational costs. The charity has been compliant to this policy since its inception. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £50,000 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | N/A |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | N/A |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | The trustees have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. |

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | The charity's principal sources of funds are member and team fundraising activity and corporate donations. |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | The costs of maintaining the charity's fleet and water assets have noticeably increased due to maintenance requirements. The trustees continue to exercise vigilance over the charity's finances to ensure it does not experience short-term cash flow challenges, while planning to fund new vehicles, sonar and radio technology in the longer term. |
| Other | | |

## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | The Charity is governed by its Constitution (Version 1.3), first adopted in February 2021 and most recently reviewed on 28 September 2023. |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Under the Constitution, the charity must have not less than three and not more than seven elected charity trustees, each of whom must also be a member of the CIO and be aged 18 or over. Trustees are elected by the members by resolution at the Annual General Meeting. At every third AGM, one-third of the trustees retire by rotation (the longest-serving being those who retire) and may stand for re-election. The members or the existing charity trustees may also appoint a new trustee at any time, whether to fill a vacancy or as an additional trustee, subject to the maximum of seven; a trustee appointed in this way by the trustees retires at the conclusion of the next AGM. No person or body other than the members has a constitutional right to appoint a trustee. |

**Additional information (optional)**
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | There are two leadership teams responsible for ongoing management of the Charity. The Management Committee is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Charity and is comprised of designated Section leadership roles. The Trustee play an oversight and governance role to both the Management Committee and to the charity in its broadest construct.<br><br>Operational activity is organised into specialist sections, including search technicians, dog handlers, water rescue operators and a drone team, each led by a Section Leader, alongside support |

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| | | functions covering finance and income generation/fundraising.<br><br>The charity works closely with Surrey Police and other statutory emergency agencies, and maintains the competencies mandated by Lowland Rescue, the national body for lowland search and rescue in England and Wales. |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | The charity's principal operational relationship is with Surrey Police on whose request search and rescue deployments are undertaken, and with Lowland Rescue, the national association setting operational training standards for the sector. |
| Other | | |

## Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Surrey Search and Rescue |
| Other name the charity uses | Surrey SAR |
| Registered charity number | 1194397 |
| Charity's principal address | 15a Monument Way East<br>Woking<br>GU21 5LY |
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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cameron Prentice | | Resigned 09/07/25 | |
| 2 | Monique Stephens | Chair | | |
| 3 | Oliver Dibbens | | | |
| 4 | Kate Marten | | | |
| 5 | Karl Linale | | | |
| 6 | Jamie Mitchell | | Appointed 09/07/25 | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

**Additional information (optional)**

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

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

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| **Signature(s)** |  | |
| **Full name(s)** | Monique Stephens | |
| **Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)** | Chair | |

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| **Date** | 11/09/2026 |

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| Charity Name | No (if any) |
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| SURREY SEARCH & RESCUE | 1194397 |

# Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 01/01/2025 | To | Period end date 31/12/2025 |
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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** | | | | | |
| Donations & grants received | 52,194 | 45,790 | | 97,984 | 51,848 |
| Grants received | | | | - | |
| Sale of Assets | - | | | - | - |
| Interest received | 1,100 | | | 1,100 | 483 |
| VAT reclaimed | 13,394 | | | 13,394 | - |
| Costs shared with other SAR teams | 2,100 | | | 2,100 | - |
| Transfer from previous charity | | | | - | - |
| | | | | - | - |
| ***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)* | 68,789 | 45,790 | - | 114,579 | 52,331 |
| **A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total receipts*** | 68,789 | 45,790 | - | 114,579 | 52,331 |
| **A3 Payments** | | | | | |
| Administrative expenses (incl insurance) | 8,952 | | | 8,952 | 13,605 |
| Equipment - running costs | 3,381 | | | 3,381 | 1,747 |
| Equipment - purchases | 6,503 | 12,790 | | 19,293 | 8,878 |
| Office rent & service charges | 329 | | | 329 | 3,184 |
| Training | 5,014 | | | 5,014 | 8,938 |
| Vehicles - running costs | 13,928 | | | 13,928 | 14,229 |
| Vehicles - purchases | - | | | - | - |
| | | | | - | - |
| | | | | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** | 38,107 | 12,790 | - | 50,897 | 50,582 |
| **A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total payments*** | 38,107 | 12,790 | - | 50,897 | 50,582 |
| ***Net of receipts/(payments)*** | 30,681 | 33,000 | - | 63,681 | 1,749 |
| **A5 Transfers between funds** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **A6 Cash funds last year end** | 47,576 | 1,442 | - | 49,018 | 49,018 |
| ***Cash funds this year end*** | 78,257 | 34,442 | - | 112,699 | 50,767 |

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

### B1 Cash funds

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Bank account balances | 78,257 | 34,442 | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | ***Total cash funds*** | **78,257** | **34,442** | **-** |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

### B2 Other monetary assets

| Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | - | - |
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### B3 Investment assets

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| | | - | - |
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### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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### B5 Liabilities

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|---|---|
| Simon Owen | Simon Owen (Treasurer) | 28/09/26 |
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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| **Report to the trustees/ members of** | Charity Name **Surrey Search & Rescue** | | |
| **On accounts for the year ended** | **31st December 2025** | **Charity no (if any)** | **1194397** |
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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| **Signed:** | A. Wig | **Date:** | 11 Sept 2026 |
| **Name:** | Alan Wigley FCA | | |
| **Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** | Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales | | |
| **Address:** | Kimber William & Co<br>Ground Floor, 8 Magellan Terrace, Gatwick Road<br>Crawley, West Sussex RH10 9PJ | | |

| Section B | Disclosure |
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| **Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose**. | None |

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|---|---|---|---|
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### B3 Investment assets

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| | | - | - |
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### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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### B5 Liabilities

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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| **Name:** | Alan Wigley FCA | | |
| **Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** | Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales | | |
| **Address:** | Kimber William & Co<br>Ground Floor, 8 Magellan Terrace, Gatwick Road<br>Crawley, West Sussex RH10 9PJ | | |

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