

Community Rescue Service Limited

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 30 June 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Community Rescue Service Limited

Charity registration number 106359

Company registration number NI631720

Principal office and registered office Kilcranny House
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The trustees

Mr S McCarry
Mr R Patton
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Structure, governance and management

Community Rescue Service is a private limited company managed by a Board of Directors which is responsible for the governance and management of the premises and equipment owned by the organisation (ie: insurance, maintenance, utilities) and ensuring that the income and property of CRS is applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the company. The Board of Directors includes the Regional Commander who is responsible for operational matters and for the overall management of the Search and Rescue teams of volunteers. Our organisation carries out its purposes through:

- The provision of highly trained specialist land and waterborne search and rescue teams to assist in the search and rescue of persons missing or endangered by accidents or natural hazards in the area of benefit both independently and in association with the full emergency services and other statutory and voluntary aid agencies.
- The provision and maintenance of apparatus, equipment, vehicles and vessels for the saving of life and assistance of persons in distress within the area of benefit.
- Advancing the education of the public in all matters relating to on land and inland water safety and awareness, waterborne rescue, first aid and the safe and appropriate use of outdoor environments.
- The provision of community safety officers to any location or event within the area of benefit where any statutory body or organiser requires, or the Directors deem public safety to be at risk and to assist in any way possible to ensure the safety of the public.

Objectives and activities

The primary objectives of the company are:

- The relief of human suffering and distress from disaster on urban and rural lowland environs and on inland waters
- The protection and preservation of health and the saving of lives
- The advancement of education, conflict resolution and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and other countries (ie: the area of benefit) as the Directors may from time to time think fit

The Charity's beneficiaries are the local community in Northern Ireland, ie: the general public and, in particular, those members of the public who are vulnerable through any form of mental or physical illness or at risk from themselves. The Charity provides support for both the vulnerable and their families.

Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements and performance

The achievements and performance of the company are evidenced through the number of call-outs and searches and the number of interventions and preventions and also the number of rescued, found and returned to their families. Performance is also evidenced by the outcomes of the fundraising activities of our teams and of the general public and the benefits are further evidenced by the number of public events supported by the Charity.

Financial review

The net incoming resources for the period amounted to £210,226 (2022 - £504,606). The company reserves at the year end were £1,423,962 (2022 - £1,213,736) of which £1,069,110 is unrestricted funds. The trustees aim to have a reserve of three to six months expenditure at any given time.

The full results are set out in the accounts which form part of this report.

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Plans for future periods

Our plans are to continue and promote and expand our search and rescue activities by growing our teams and equipment and by increasing our fundraising activities.

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 24 June 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Sean McCarry

Mr S McCarry
Trustee

John Patton

Mr R Patton
Trustee