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Executive Committees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Legal and administrative information

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees, who are also directors of FOYLE SEARCH AND RESCUE for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1 - 2 .This report constitutes the Directors' Report required under the Companies Act 2006. The Directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective 1 January 2015 -(Charities SORP(FRS102)) ,in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the company.

Governing Document

Foyle Search and Rescue is a private company limited by guarantee without a share capital . Foyle Serach and Rescue commenced operating as a company limited by guarantee without a share capital from 01 April 2017.The company was established under a memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under it Articles of Association The company was incorporated on 31 August 2016.

Reserves Policy

The work of Foyle Search and Rescue can mean the difference between life and death.

The Management Committee will do its utmost to ensure the continued provision of this vital service and during the reporting period decided the Charity should have sufficient general reserves of 2 years turnover or £250,000, whichever is the greater.

These General Reserves will be used for unforeseen events and to respond to emerging and changing needs.

These reserves will also provide cover for:

- Project failure
- Creditors and running costs
- Salary contingent for long term sick-leave or maternity leave
- Refurbishment costs

Risk and Uncertainty

The Financial Control and Procedures Manual identified a number of potential financial risks and how the Charity will mitigate against them. Namely,

- Reduced Income
- Overspend
- Fraud
- Procurement of Goods and Services
- Reputational
- Theft

These have been rated as “Low” given the mitigating measures in place.

Investments

The Charity did not hold any or undertake any financial investments during the reporting period . The Charity did have cash on deposit on current accounts and did receive some interest on this.

Methods adopted for the appointment and recruitment of new trustees

The committee of Foyle Serach and Rescue are charity trustees for the purpose of charity law .People can make an application to the committee to become a memeber .Every application for admission shall be considered by the committee at their first meeting after it was made ,or as soon thereafter as is practicable.There shall be no discrimination between persona by reference to politics ,religion,race ,sex ,age ,physical or mental disability.

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Objectives and activities

Charitable objectives

The Preservation of life in and around the River Foyle. Death by drowning is minimised; People in crisis are signposted immediately to appropriate services; Body recoveries of missing people who have entered the River; Other agencies are supported to ensure that lifesaving equipment is well maintained; Public awareness of water safety around the river is improved through delivery of educational programmes and the issues of suicide and attempted suicides are highlighted to the appropriate statutory bodies. Our statistics identify how the benefits have been demonstrated. There is no harm arising from any of the purposes. We are a unique Charity in what we do and we are not restricted to helping one group of people – we help everyone who needs us regardless of age, gender, religion, race or background. There are no private benefits flowing from any of the purposes.

Chairman's Report (Stephen Twells)

This year marks a truly special occasion as we come together to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our charity. It is an incredible milestone that speaks volumes about the dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment of everyone involved in our mission-the preservation of life in and around the River Foyle.

Since 1993, FSR volunteers have stopped 6,082 people who were in danger of, or considered taking their own life, in the river. However, sadly, the number dying by suicide in the river has remained almost constant over the last 30 years since the formation of FSR, with an average of 5 fatalities each year.

The year just ending in March 2024 was another busy year for us. 24 rescues were carried out, while 198 people were stopped from entering the river, but tragically, we had the sad task of recovering 4 people who lost their lives in the river.

The work that our volunteers carry out is never done in isolation. We could not deliver our services, nor make the difference we make, without the help of the city centre CCTV team, Community Safety Wardens, PSNI, NIAS and NIFRS, who all provide vital support to us.

We are extremely grateful to Derry City & Strabane District Council, the Public Health Agency and the Western Health & Social Care Trust for their continued funding to us again this year, yet still, over 80% of all our annual income comes from public donations. We know there are many worthy causes in our city, deserving of peoples' appreciation, and financial support. To be there, when we are needed most, is the least we can do to repay that kindness and generosity.

Most of our activities this year revolved around either commemorating our 30 years of service, or taking action to make our charity better placed to face the future, while maintaining our duty nights, 24/7 pager response, educational activity and intensive training programmes.

We celebrated our 30th year with many fundraising events, as well as being invited to the Mayors Parlour for a recognition evening with Mayor Sandra Duffy. We were honoured with another award when we, unexpectedly received the Best of Derry 999 Hero Award. We held a glamorous Gala Ball in September, and what for me was the highlight of the year, a very poignant and moving Remembrance event in October, laying lanterns on the river to remember all those who have died in the river over the years. We also supported our local hero Danny Quigley, who swam 110km to raise awareness of mental health, while remembering those who have both died by suicide and those struggling with mental health issues.

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Chairman's Report(Continued)

We began a journey of transformation on how we function, with a new digital programme, still in development, aimed at simplifying many of our activities. We invested heavily across our multi-disciplinary teams, with upgrades to drones, more equipment for our sonar and swift water teams, better Personal Protective Equipment for our boat crews, and 2 new duty night team vehicles. We refurbished our two largest, most used boats with new engines as well as a drydock to help with their maintenance. We began to develop a multi-disciplinary command vehicle and implement new livery branding across our fleet of vehicles.

We invested in 2 new additional staff roles, a Volunteer Manager and, a Digital Lead in conjunction with the Rank Foundation, aimed at supporting our volunteers and management committee.

Unfortunately, throughout the year we incurred damage and loss to vessels and equipment which we either repaired or are working through a plan to replace within the coming 12 months. We also undertook a cost savings exercise and sold, or are selling some of our older, or under- utilised vehicle and vessel assets. This programme will continue throughout 2024 to deliver savings where we can. 2024/2025 will again be another challenging and exciting year in the life of FSR. It will bring more improvements as we continue with our digital transformation, more recruitment of new volunteers, investment in new defibrillators, swift water equipment, training, and sourcing a suitable multi-purpose boat that will support both our normal operations as well as sonar searches.

We will be going through our 3rd re-evaluation of our coveted "Investing in Volunteers" accreditation, which recognises good practice within volunteer management, and we will re- invigorate our management committee with new members. We will also continue to work with the Danny Quigley Foundation to develop a symbolic "Lighthouse" which will be a beacon of light and a practical place to help and information around mental health.

The biggest project that we hope to complete will be seeing phase 2 of an extension to our base, after a prolonged delay due to the recent pandemic, which will bring much needed storage and workspace.

FSR volunteers have been providing support and encouragement to thousands of people since 1993, giving hope, strength and courage to a stranger, to face another day. We are not just about searching for, and rescuing people; we are about compassion, empathy, and the unwavering belief that every life is worth saving. It's about being there in the darkest hours, offering solace and support to those who have lost their way.

During the last 30 years, the River Foyle has flowed, and the tides have turned, but our resolve to save lives has remained constant throughout any obstacles and challenges we faced.

So many people have been involved in FSR over the years, and at this special milestone, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our volunteers, staff, supporters, partners, funders, past and present as well as the entire community. Together, we have made Foyle Search and Rescue what it is today - a beacon of hope, a symbol of compassion, and a lifeline for those in need. Together we have saved lives. Together we have made a difference.

We are only the custodians for the next generation. As we look ahead to the future, let us continue to work together, to innovate and to grow, so that we may save even more lives in the years to come. Our charity and all of our supporters are a shining example of everything that is wonderful about this great city of ours, and is something we can all be very proud of.

Thank you for being a part of our journey so far. Here's to the next 30 years of making a difference in the lives of those we serve, and may the light of hope continue to shine bright in our hearts, and along the Foyle River

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Sonar Team (Paul Lynch)

Our Sonar team carry out searches of the river using specialist equipment when someone goes under the surface and does not resurface.

The Sonar team consists of 10 volunteers, who put in a lot of time and effort particularly when a search happens, but also throughout the year.

2023 was a significant year for the team for many reasons.

In May 2023, we conducted a training session in collaboration with the Inishowen Sub-Aqua Club, who provided divers so that we could simulate a sonar search for a body. Many thanks to Aodhán McDaid and the Inishowen SAC crew for their support.

This was followed in June by a weekend's training with the Norbit support team.

In July, the team were tasked to perform a multi-day sonar search for a missing person in the Foyle. The individual was eventually found safe and well elsewhere.

In August, the team were again tasked to search for a missing person who was believed to have entered the river. This was again a multi-day search, and the team were able to eliminate several search areas before the individual was eventually located downriver.

In Oct 2023 we welcomed 3 new Team members, to further strengthen the team. They were soon called into action when in late October we performed a multi-week search of Westlake for a missing person. A SARDA dog had indicated the person had possibly entered the lake. This was a challenging search - access to the lake was difficult and the lake itself was not conducive to multi-beam scanning due to high levels of vegetation getting tangled in the sonar head. This gave us the opportunity to trial our new Garmin LiveScope side-scan unit, which is a small transducer suitable for use in difficult-to-access areas and in shallow waters. The Sonar team was able to completely scan the small lake and rule it out of the search, and ultimately the missing person was found elsewhere.

The team had a further training weekend in November, with the Norbit support team. We trialled a LiDAR unit from Norbit (which scans above the water line to add shoreline reference details to any sonar scan). This was conducted in Creggan Country Park.

In November we also welcomed our new Sonar Coordinator Danielle Francis, who took over the reins from Seamus McCloskey.

Feb 2024 saw the resumption of regular Sonar training - we conducted sessions for all members at base and in Creggan Country Park. We unfortunately lost our regular Sonar boat (Spirit of James), as it had to be retired from the fleet. For now, we are capable of operating Sonar from the Steady, and we are exploring further options for a replacement boat suitable for Sonar.

In March 2024 we participated in a multi-week, multi-agency search for a male who entered the river at Strabane. This was challenging as the search area was huge, and the river is uncharted and hazardously shallow in places. We therefore focused on using the Garmin LiveScope to conduct a side-scan sonar search, and used the Norbit Multibeam only on specific deeper areas of the river. The search times were very dependent on tides and limited daylight, nevertheless we managed to get teams out for a good number of searches.

A special thanks to all members of the sonar team; Danielle (Sonar Coordinator), Paul (Deputy Coordinator) Anthony, Aodhán, Don, Frances, Gareth, Marc, Paddy, Séamus. The team put in a great deal of time and effort into Sonar operations and we could not make the advances we are making without their level of commitment.

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Swift Water(Gerard O'Kane)

Over the past 12 months the Swiftwater team has made great strides in investing and further developing our operational capabilities by investing in new and upgraded PPE and through our new CPD training programme which serves to continually maintain and upskill our volunteers abilities to respond to difficult and technical rescues in and around the river Foyle and further afield.

We currently have 7 Swiftwater Rescue Technicians and 8 Flood First Responders on the team.

Over the past 12 months the team has responded to requests of assistance from the PSNI to localised flooding in Co. Tyrone and also conducted some water safety cover in both Co. Derry and Co. Donegal with the highlight of those being the annual Hard As Oak event. The team will also be providing water safety cover at this year's event and are eagerly looking forward to assisting all those participating at the event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers in the team who selflessly give up their time to help develop, grow and maintain our team and to all the staff, Co-ordinator's and Committee members who continue to assist, help and support our team at every opportunity, none of it would be possible without all of your efforts, thank you

HEALTH & WELLBEING (Dawn Grieve)

Volunteer wellbeing will always be of the highest importance for me as Volunteer Manager. So as part of the health and wellbeing programme I have run a variety of different events through the year. From evenings out, to relaxing facials and food at the base. I would encourage everyone to get involved. This is your base, to come & use it as you please.

August saw the amazing fun day to end Danny Quigleys Lifford to Kinnego Bay swim. I think I speak for all volunteers when I say that being part of this event was a highlight. The fun day was a great day for not only the public but our volunteers and their families.

In September we held our 30th Anniversary Gala Ball. This was an amazing evening with lots of laughs thanks to Tim McGarry. It was lovely to get glammed up and celebrate Foyle Search and Rescue. The room was set up beautifully thanks to our Charity Manager's vision and 3 people won great prizes in the form of holiday vouchers!

October saw the roll out of an 8 week fitness programme held at ProBox Gym. It was great to see volunteers have a laugh together and it allowed everyone to let off steam when they let loose on the pads. Another fitness programme will be rolled out later in the year.

A health and wellbeing event, which included a variety of beauty treatments and a hot meal, was held in November. This event was open to everyone and everyone left feeling fantastic! This event will definitely return in the near future for both male and females!

Of course December couldn't pass by without the big man in the red suit calling by! And what a visit it was, Santa did a great job, so much so that all the children were saying that he was the best Santa they have seen and that he was very funny! The kids enjoyed a hot meal and lots of sweets were consumed!

Our highly anticipated volunteer Christmas party was held in January in the Thirsty Goat. Its fair to say that this was a great night, the food was amazing, the music great, and the dancing was... well.

The volunteers who have attended these events have all provided great feedback. I would encourage more of you to get involved, it is great team building and also great craic. Lots more to come in 2024/2025

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Health and WellBeing (Continued)

Lastly, due to the nature of the tasks carried out by our volunteers I will always promote the counselling service provided by Lorraine Rogan at 'Peace by Piece'. Although many feel it is enough to discuss incidents with other volunteers to help process what you have witnessed and assisted in, sometimes it helps to speak to someone you don't know. This service is not limited to Foyle Search related situations, if a volunteer has something going on in their life that they need support with, please contact Lorraine.

SHORE TEAM (Mark Buckley)

LEADERSHIP

2023 saw the introduction of a new Shore Coordinator. This transition began in April and the role was fully taken over at the beginning of May. The New Shore Coordinator worked very closely with the Office staff and other Coordinators to identify the needs of Foyle Search and Rescue regarding operational and training needs. Additionally, two Deputy Shore Coordinators (Rohan Chada and Adrian McMenamin) were added to the leadership team to assist in all aspects of training and operations.

SHORE TRAINING

The training during this year covered many areas, both practical and theoretical. The diverse range of training provided received excellent feedback.

In November 2023 we conducted practical Shore duty-based training. This training incorporated key skills such as Client approach, throwline deployment and electronic communications. This was hugely beneficial and challenged the volunteers on their approach to people in distress using a wide range of techniques to deescalate highly challenging situations. This training encompassed both verbal and non-verbal communication along with strategies to approach people in distress. We also conducted electronic communication training and throwline deployment. This training was based on the "Crawl/Walk/Run" approach, where we build towards upcoming training to provide opportunities for our volunteers to be able to use the real application of these skills.

The online training provided to our volunteers in the first quarter of 2024 allowed all volunteers to learn about other aspects of Foyle Search and Rescue at their own pace. The online training covered various topics such as Foyle Search and Rescue SOPs, Jessip training and Manual handling, these were key training areas that all volunteers benefitted from. The training included refresher training on the organisations SOP's and also provided the volunteers with better situational awareness of our role in emergency multi-agency situations (Jessip).

In June 2023 We were very privileged to welcome ARC. We received training on dealing with distressed individuals who have addictions or who are recovering from addictions. This training received very positive feedback from volunteers who said that it gave them a greater understanding of these issues.

TEAM LEADERS

In 2024, our new Team Leadership training was successfully rolled out. This training was designed to give a volunteer the correct skills to lead teams on duty and have the knowledge and confidence to deal with highly challenging situations. This was implemented by classroom-based lectures covering all aspects of Team Leader responsibilities. We then covered all the practical aspects of duty from arriving at base/going out on duty/dealing with the public and signing off after duty. This training continued with a mentoring program where existing Team Leaders would assist the new Team Leader on duty nights until they reached a stage where they were confident to lead independently.

Throughout the year Foyle Search and Rescue held multiple Team Leader meetings which provided our Team Leaders with opportunities to assist with shore training, gain new skills and facilitate a knowledge/idea skill share environment.

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UPCOMING TRAINING

We are planning Shore training in July 2024. This training will see the "Walk" phase of our training plan. Shore volunteers can expect to be tested on Client approach/Medical/Communications/Throwline deployment/S1-Code 1 protocols and teamwork. This will allow the volunteers to experience a dynamic training scenario which requires decision making and situational awareness.

In September, we hope to roll out external leadership training with the opportunity for Team Leaders to gain leadership qualifications.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Volunteers in Foyle Search and Rescue who have displayed the highest levels of professionalism and commitment during duty, training and Searches over the past twelve months. Your time given to the charity is very appreciated, extremely valued and makes an extraordinary difference to people lives. I would also like to thank the other Coordinators and Staff who have shown me a huge amount of support during the past year settling into the new role as Shore Coordinator.

Boat Team(Seamus McCloskey)

In September 2023, I was appointed as Boat Coordinator. Whilst I don't necessarily come from a boating background externally, I have been on boat for approximately 6 years within the charity. I also have 3 years previous experience of being a coordinator and have been involved with boat training for several years.

Upon taking the role, I moved to identify key areas where adjustments could be made to help bolster the general operations of boat. It will not come as a surprise that I have always been a firm believer in the importance of training. It improves safety, but it also improves morale and teamwork.

Early 2023 brought the introduction of a new boat training plan. It became mandatory for all crew joining boat to be trained to RYA Level 2, crew would then work towards getting sessions on the boat so they could progress onto Personal Water Craft and once this was achieved, they could continue adding sessions until they were eligible to go through the new Foyle Search and Rescue coxswain assessment. A lot of work went into designing this, with research being carried out with other search & rescue groups to see what they provide their crews.

Between April 2023 and March 2024, 11 new crew members joined boat. 2 volunteers joined boat crew with external certificates whilst 2 coxswains returned to the charity. Myself and Gareth also became RYA PWC instructors which allowed us to certify 11 more volunteers in PWC. 16 volunteers who did not have their RYA powerboat level 2 certificate were also certified and there was a VHF course delivered externally to 15 volunteers on boat. A further 2 volunteers became coxswains and in 2024 mandatory training was introduced again so that time could then be diverted into upskilling all our boat volunteers. This period of time saw the most training and progression we have ever had within the charity. There are over 40 volunteers now on Boat with over 20 qualified as coxswains and 30 of which are also PWC trained

Its fair to say it has been a very busy year for our boat training team. The boat training team is made up of a group of highly experienced boat volunteers who bring a wide range of skills. Myself, Gareth, Paul Mullan, Colm, Liam and Avril are the volunteers within the boat training team. In December this team was expanded as we welcomed 4 new members, Amy, Danielle, Ryan Murphy, and Conor all successfully joined the team to assist with training, its great to have their experience and skills to add to the team. They ensure that our volunteers are well trained and provide invaluable experience so that when any of the crews are out on the water, they will be able to face any challenges they may encounter. Between April 2023 and March 2024, the boat training team as a whole contributed a total of 505 Hours of training. Thankyou to the entire team for dedicating so much time to this.

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During this time, we also unfortunately retired 2 vessels, the Spirit of Adrian and Spirit of James. These vessels were involved in multiple shouts, duties and searches for many years within the charity and served the charity well during their lifespan. Plans are ongoing to replace these 2 boats with one multipurpose vessel.

The 2 main response boats, Spirit of John and AOD13 also got new twin 150HP engines fitted to improve response times and reliability. All of our maintenance is now outsourced to contractors who do a fantastic job ensuring our vessels are fit for purpose and operational. Thanks to Stevie, Stormtec and Jet products for the work they do.

On PPE and equipment, our volunteers moved to using crew saver lifejackets in August 2023. Again, research went into what other rescue groups used. In September we introduced new drydocks to help protect our vessels with funding secured for the project. These have proven to be very useful in preventing damage to boats during storms but also in reducing barnacle build up during warmer temperatures.

During the summer we were involved with a huge fundraising event organised by Danny Quigley where he swam from Lifford to Kinnego Bay. The boat team was involved in providing safety cover during this event as Danny swam day and night to achieve his goal. Thanks to all our boat volunteers who helped out during this, it was a great experience for all.

Boat team also participated in 3 searches during this time frame, 2 on the Foyle, and 1 upriver in Strabane. Some of the conditions were challenging but boat teams managed to attend these searches and help the families impacted by them. Another change I brought was the creation of a boat general maintenance team. This team is made up of Myself, Gavin, Don, Katherine, Mark Doherty, Cormac, Anthony Brady, Paddy Mullan and Paddy Bowen. Every month members of this team come in and give the vessels a good deep clean and also check all the inventory on board to make sure our boats are in good working order. A massive thanks to them also for all the time and effort they put in.

Going forward I intend on continuing to provide a high level of training so that our volunteers are highly skilled and able to deal with anything they may encounter. Training events will be planned with other groups and agencies also. There will be further investment into equipment and maintenance ensuring our boats are available and kitted with the correct equipment to assist us in our tasks. Its also important to acknowledge the work and support the staff do for boat operations, thankyou for that.

In closing I would like to express special thanks to all the men and women who crew our boats. Thank you for what you do. You have welcomed me as your boat coordinator, participated in training and adapted to changes that were brought in. Not every change maybe suited or was welcomed by everyone but they were always made with best intentions for the safety of you and the wider team. Sometimes the tasks we do are not pleasant, however many people have been rescued and are alive today because of the work that you do and the hours you sacrifice for training, searches, duties and other boat events throughout the year. Over the years many families received closure by getting their loved one's home because of the work and tasks you do, and this year was no exception so again thank you. None of that would be possible without you

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UAV TEAM (Ryan Murphy)

Throughout the past twelve months, the UAV team have continued to demonstrate how they can play a significant supporting role during search and rescue taskings on the river Foyle and surrounding areas. The team have been involved in a wide variety of taskings ranging from live S1 aerial support to searches for high-risk missing persons, supporting both duty nights and emergency response team callouts on a regular basis. Furthermore, the team provided substantial support in the search for Jordan Gallagher, searching extensive areas of the river and riverbanks using a range of UAV technologies as part of the combined FSAR team and multi-agency effort to bring Jordan home as quickly as possible.

This year, the UAV team introduced a new UAV to the fleet; the DJI Matrice (M)30T, which has been integrated into the team supporting emergency response operations given its ability to be deployed rapidly, coupled with its advanced thermal and optical features similar to its big brother in the fleet, the DJI Matrice (M)300rtk.

In November 2023, Foyle Search & Rescue took delivery of its new Mobile Incident Command Unit which will serve as a command post and surveillance unit during emergency taskings. The project, lasting some 18 months from conception to completion, was managed by the UAV team and supported by the office team. Mechanical and electrical build was completed by Primo Coachworks in Co. Offaly and information and communication systems were installed and commissioned by Telent Technologies. The ICU provides new capabilities to the UAV team and wider organisation, providing vital field support to all disciplines in both search and rescue operations and enabling the latest in SAR technology to be deployed in support of our operations.

For the year ahead, the UAV Team will continue to enhance and develop the skills and competence of the full flight crew and seek opportunities to maintain a strong and resilient flight crew through recruitment and upskilling.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the flight crew for their continued efforts and commitment throughout the year. Furthermore, on behalf of the team, thank you to the staff and management committee of Foyle Search & Rescue for their continued support, hard work and efforts in the background throughout the year.

FIRST AID (Conor Hargan)

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their time and commitment towards first aid as it can be a very tough experience at times. Year 23/24 saw a number of incidents where first aid was required, both on land and from water related incidents. Everyone involved in these incidents have excelled themselves and have shown professionalism, courage and have given hope to the persons involved. Lives have been saved by you.

Within the last year most of the charity was trained and/or recertified in RYA first aid, with additional skills in the use of medical gases to 28 volunteers bringing this to the largest amount of people in the history of the charity trained up to provide this service throughout all disciplines. We have delivered external training courses in partnership with City Centre Initiative to local businesses and organisations within the city, this has allowed us to generate a small income for the charity.

There were also opportunities for mental health first aid training which in the coming year I hope to expand and roll out to more volunteers.

This last year saw the standardisation of new medical kit bags, containing essential, life-saving equipment for both shore and boat to ensure easy access in time critical situations. We continually review our supplies to ensure that we can continue to deliver effective pre-hospital care.

As part of our 'show and tell' experiences delivered to PSNI, University of Ulster student paramedics and nurses they observed how we operate, were encouraged to ask questions and made aware of the charities first aid capabilities. Quality time is invested to build on our strong working relationships with the ambulance service so we can work effectively together.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way to support me in my role. I would encourage everyone to keep up the good work, which will build more confidence in your abilities, as well as reflecting positively on our charity as a whole.

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VOLUNTEER MANAGER UPDATE (Dawn Grieve)

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for warmly welcoming me back to the charity. This has made my transition from previously being a volunteer to now being staff, very easy. In my first 9 months (to the end of the financial year) I have overseen duty night attendance, managed time out, assisting volunteers to make decisions which suits their needs in that moment, monitored training commitment and assisted coordinators as and when required. I also introduced my first survey which allowed me to get a feel of the thoughts and feelings of our volunteers and began putting plans in place, where practical, to react to suggestions expressed.

In my role as Volunteer Manager I have been reviewing all policies and procedures and making amendments where needed, all of which have been communicated. This is in preparation for our Investing in Volunteers Certification renewal through Volunteer Now which will take place in the new financial year. Renewing this certification allows us to ensure that, as a charity, we are doing everything according to the guidelines to provide the best volunteer experience we possibly can.

I have recently completed the process of renewing volunteer uniforms which should be rolled out late summer. This by no means has been an easy process as I wanted to ensure that the best garments were sourced to suit the whole charities needs.

With regards to volunteer numbers, we currently have 97 volunteers on our books, 66 of these are operational, 23 of these are part of the fundraising team, 2 are non-operational volunteers who help with education talks or maintenance around the base and 2 are Professional Expertise Volunteers (PEV) both currently active in our UAV team. I want to thank all our volunteers for their commitment and dedication to the charity over the last year. It is becoming increasingly hard for all volunteer organisations to find people committed to giving up their time in the longer term, we so are lucky to have a great bunch of volunteers who are all here for the same reason 'The preservation of life in and around the River Foyle.'

Together with the committee, I am currently working on remoulding the entire recruitment and selection process. We anticipate that we will be in a position to open recruitment in July with an intake of new volunteers by the end of August.

INCIDENT OVERVIEW

In 2023/24 financial period, Foyle Search and Rescue attended 226 incidents, 131 of which were attended by our Duty Night Teams and 95 of which were Emergency Response Pager Team incidents.

24 individuals were rescued directly from the water alive, 81 distressed individuals were removed safely from the railings and bridges surrounding the river, we had 115 causes for concern and we sadly recovered 4 bodies in this financial reporting period. Emergency response team also dealt with 2 miscellaneous incidents.

A special thank you must go to all our operational volunteers on duty nights and pager for your dedication and persistence in the number of lives you have saved. These statistics are the main tool that we have in gauging how successful our service is and how many people we help. Although we helped 226 people directly in our life preservation crisis response capacity, the actual number of people we helped throughout the year is much greater than that. It is there to be seen by all, especially those who serve alongside you.

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Financial review

General (Cormac O'Hare)

The 2023-24 Financial year plans, were to make the largest ever annual investment in the Charity. This would be across all aspects of the charity. Investment in full time staff, in new volunteer recruits, in PPE for our Boat, Sonar, Swift Water and Drone teams, in our support vehicles, in our watercraft and investment in our base infrastructure. We also planned to support a number of events to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the charity.

Income

Income from April 2023 to March 2024 exceeded last year and the last full year before the COVID Pandemic. Public support through personal and company donations, collection boxes, support of our Bucket Appeal, Flag Day, Sponsored Walk, Zipline and Danny Quigley's marathon swim of the complete length of the river Foyle, remained our greatest source of income.

Funding was received from The Rank Foundation, Derry & Strabane District Council, the Public Health Agency, Department of Justice, Developing Healthy Communities, SBS South Bank Square, and CAF which helps us continue to support our staff and volunteer development as well as some of larger capital investments

Expenditure (Financial Review Continued)

Our initial spending budget was just over £600k(including capital expenditure), with actual spend in the period 3% above budget.

The majority of the investments, were as planned, with the major additional expenditures being on accidental damages to our watercraft and the replacement of two additional engines on one of our fast response boats. Fuel and Insurance costs were also higher than expected.

These higher investments were balanced by delaying training of additional recruits, as volunteer levels were assessed as sufficient at the time and delaying the planned extension of our base infrastructure, which is now planned for financial year 2024-25.

Credit again must be given to all those involved in the charity, to relentlessly challenge all expenditures for justification and assurance that they are aligned with driving the charity forward.

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for the year ended 31 March 2024

Review of fundraising and Education (Christina Mc Keegan)

What a year we had! It was a year of our 30 year celebrations and what an action packed year it was.

We would like to begin by saying a massive thank you to all the local businesses who choose us as their Charity Partner of the Year 2023.

These partnerships not only bring in amazing funds through all their hard work and dedication but the awareness around our services and other local services that are available.

The biggest shout out goes to all our volunteers for their dedication to our annual and monthly internal events. Like clockwork, the Box Run Volunteers were out each month in rain, hail, snow and with very little sunshine, to collect around all the local shops. Their dedication to the monthly box run is reflected in the amount that was brought in to the charity, £33k. Our annual bucket appeal brought in £11k. Both our winter and summer flag day were carried out within the city centre and we would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers and staff who came out in force to help which raised £6,500. These events are well supported by the amazing people of our city, and each and every penny goes toward training, equipment and PPE for our volunteers.

We could not go without saying a massive thank you to the team of volunteers who come in each month to help count all the coins collected through the monthly box runs, flag days and bucket appeals. Your dedication to this role works hand in hand with the collection team and is key to the charity continuing to carry out these internal fundraisers.

As this was our 30th Year we held a number of additional events to celebrate the occasion, kicking off the year with a sponsored walk, which saw over 100 people take to the pavements and was such a success we have decided to make this an annual event. The big event for the year was our Gala Ball where volunteers, family members, and supporters of the charity got glammed up, and had big belly laughs from the comedy legend Tim McGarry who hosted the evening and also gave a comedy performance. Everyone then danced the night away to the astounding Lee Roy Brown Band. We had great giggles in making the promotional video for the biggest raffle we have ever held in which the prizes were holiday vouchers and winners were announced live at the Gala Ball.

This year saw the return of the Zipline Across the Foyle, where we partnered with 3 other charities to bring a fun-filled weekend to the city, all supporting worthwhile causes.

As a self-funded charity, we wouldn't be able to carry out our role of 'The Preservation of Life' without the continued support from members of the public and their donations, local business choosing us as their charity partner or holding fundraising events, community groups and schools putting their all into raising funds. We would like to thank each and every one of you for donating, supporting and raising awareness for our charity. You are the reason that we continue to operate and we are forever grateful for this. It is hard to mention every donation, but we would like to highlight some of the events that happened throughout the year.

As with every other year, the support that we received from the schools and higher education institutes in 2023 was above and beyond. We are extremely grateful for your continued support over the years. In 2022/2023 we facilitated 15 talks to schools, community groups and workplaces. The majority of visits this year were more substantial than last year, with our education teams even carrying out talks addressing over 700+ students within a single session, conducted multiple times over a number of days. We found great benefit in attending the Yes project twice this year, which involved a range of schools from across all sections of the community and of various age groups.

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Review of fundraising and Education Continued

An estimated figure of 3,500+ people benefitted from our educational service. The success of our education visits is measured by the number of talks we carry out, the number of attendees at these talks. We feel that this prevention area of our work is invaluable in making both younger and older people aware of the issues of suicide within our city, as well as how to safely use the different types of waterways.

We also carried out partnership work with PSNI, where new police recruits who joined the force from 2020 have been visiting our base every 2nd week, in groups of 12/20 to tour the base, see the equipment we have, meet the team members and have a boat tour of the bridge & quay for "you see what we see" giving the officers a better understanding on what our teams see and hear when on the boat, which will help with future incidents. A total of approx. 250+ officers availed of this opportunity, which was also offered to NIAS.

We would like to mention as many local businesses who have supported us in the last year, it is truly amazing the many businesses within our city and some further afield that support our charity. Thank you to Hugh Keirney from Cooley Jewellers who dawned the Santa Suit again this year and donated £1,000.

The continued support that our charity receives each year from the same business and people is immense. We are always proud to be chosen as a charity partner as the hard work and awareness that is raised through this is always outstanding, well done to everyone involved. Thank you to Hard as Oak, Fairytale Wedding Cars, Ryan Dillon, The O'Donnell Family, Foyle Food Group, The Inner City Trust, and BSG Civil Engineering who continue to, each year, raise funds for our charity and raise great awareness around mental health and the services within our city. We are always overwhelmed with the continued support and extremely grateful, and we look forward to continuing to build on our future relationships.

Fundraising for 2023 was a great success, but I couldn't finish this report without highlighting and congratulating the machine that is Danny Quigley. What a week this was "The Celebration of Life". Danny swam 110KM from Lifford to Kinnego Bay to raising vital and valuable awareness and helping shatter the stigma of suicide. Each kilometre was in memory of a loved one.

He celebrated all those wonderful people who lost their lives to suicide. He remembered them for who they were, a person not a statistic. He remembered their music, their hobbies, favourite foods, their families, and he celebrated their lives. To end the event the legends of the city came out for a final celebration in which we held a funday with the support of local musicians, vendors, community groups for which we are truly humbled and thankful. This is only the beginning of of a wonderful partnership with Phase II of the event coming in 2024 titled the 'Lighthouse Project'.

Therefore, we would like to say a final big 'thank you' to everyone who got involved in raising funds, raising awareness and supporting Foyle Search and Rescue, and a final 'thank you' to all our volunteers, staff and their family and friends. Without you all, our charity would not be able to carry out the life saving work that we do. Giving up your time allows us to meet our aims and objectives of 'The Preservation of Life in and around the Rover Foyle'.

Thank You

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Acknowledgements 2024

Volunteers & Staff

General Public - North & South of the Border/ The Mayor & Staff

Public Health Agency

Derry City & Strabane District Council / Department of Justice

Gilliland Family/ Emergency Services

NISAR Rescue Organisations/ City Centre Initiative

Inner City Trust

Western Health and Social Care Trust

Four Star Pizza/ Dominos /Paolos Pizza

Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum/ Diamond Corrugated

The Rank Foundation

Print Chameleon/ CCTV

CAF UK SAR Fund

SBS South Bank Square/ RYA

GoSafe

Storm-Tec Marine/ Jet Products

Plans for future periods

2024/2025 outlook

The anticipated trend for 2024-25 will be an increase in operating costs and a decrease in the availability of Statutory Agency funding.

In 2023-24 we successfully recruited a Volunteer Manager as the charity grows in complexity. In 2024-25, we plan to further enhance our Staff, by recruiting a Fundraising Coordinator and to reinvigorate the charity by inducting and training new volunteer recruits.

We plan to find capital support to design and build a watercraft vessel, capable of supporting fast response and our Sonar Team, after the retirement of two of our boats which proved to be uneconomic to remain operational.

We plan to complete ground works at the base, to provide a multi-purpose extension, provide additional vehicle and equipment storage and provide swifter access to our pontoon.

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of FOYLE SEARCH AND RESCUE for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

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

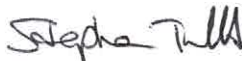
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, comprising FRS102 , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

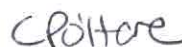
This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



Stephen Twells

Director



Cormac O'Hare

Treasurer

23 October 2024

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of
FOYLE SEARCH AND RESCUE.

I report on the accounts of FOYLE SEARCH AND RESCUE for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 3 to 29.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination. It is my responsibility to ,

- examine the accounts under 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the charities act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Green of Paul Green Accountancy and Taxation Limited
Chartered Accountant (Chartered Accountants Ireland))

Independent examiner

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23 October 2024

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Charitable activities	2	60,551	101,556	162,107	177,582
Other trading activities	3	242,586	7,000	249,586	229,532
Investment income	4	14,979	-	14,979	3,416
Total incoming resources		<u>318,116</u>	<u>108,556</u>	<u>426,672</u>	<u>410,530</u>
Resources expended					
Expenditure on Charitable activities	5	341,511	101,994	443,505	353,612
Other Expenditure	6	2,051	-	2,051	435
Total resources expended		<u>343,562</u>	<u>101,994</u>	<u>445,556</u>	<u>354,047</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers					
		(25,446)	6,562	(18,884)	56,483
Transfer between funds		(19,365)	19,365	-	-
Net movement in funds/Net income/(expenditure) for the year		<u>(44,811)</u>	<u>25,927</u>	<u>(18,884)</u>	<u>56,483</u>
Opening Balance brought forward		872,441	933,370	1,805,811	1,749,328
Total funds carried forward		<u>827,630</u>	<u>959,297</u>	<u>1,786,927</u>	<u>1,805,811</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		1,035,225		927,230
Current assets					
Debtors	12	25,540		20,788	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,014,301		1,123,604	
		<u>1,039,841</u>		<u>1,144,392</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(17,674)</u>		<u>(14,895)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,022,167</u>		<u>1,129,497</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			2,057,392		2,056,727
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(19,620)		(25,312)
Accruals and deferred income	15		(250,845)		(225,604)
Net assets			<u>1,786,927</u>		<u>1,805,811</u>
Funds	16				
Restricted income funds			959,297		933,370
Unrestricted income funds			827,630		872,441
Total funds			<u>1,786,927</u>		<u>1,805,811</u>

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet (continued)

**Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 March 2024.

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:

(1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 23 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Stephen Twells
Director



Cormac O'Hare
Treasurer

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102 effective 1 January 2015) Charities SORP (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Foyle Search and Rescue meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The Financial Statements are prepared on a going concern basis. Taking account of the risk review undertaken by the trustees they do not consider there to be any risk to the going concern of the Charity.

1.2. Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small company.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants relating to revenue shall be recognised in income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are

Grants relating to assets shall be recognised in income on a systematic basis over the expected useful life of the asset.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

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1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Property Renovations	-	Straight line over fifty years
Plant and machinery	-	15% Reducing Balance
Boats and equipment	-	15% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	-	15% Reducing Balance

1.6. Defined contribution pension schemes

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity during the year.

1.7. Capital Grants

Capital grants received for specific capital assets are treated as deferred capital grants and released to income in line with the related depreciation charge of the asset acquired.

2. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
HSC Public Health Agency	-	31,523	31,523	30,471
Rank Foundation	-	29,615	29,615	32,000
Derry City and Strabane District Council	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Capital Grants Released	39,619	-	39,619	39,812
Clipper Coverage	-	-	-	11,100
NISAR Resources	-	14,000	14,000	14,000
Insurance receipt	-	-	-	21,374
CAF	20,932	11,418	32,350	13,825
	<u>60,551</u>	<u>101,556</u>	<u>162,107</u>	<u>177,582</u>

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3. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fundraising and Donations	242,586	7,000	249,586	229,532
	<u>242,586</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>249,586</u>	<u>229,532</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank Interest Received	14,979	14,979	3,416
	<u>14,979</u>	<u>14,979</u>	<u>3,416</u>

5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Staff costs	45,838	54,576	100,414	72,441
Pension Costs	2,189	-	2,189	1,648
Volunteer and Fundraising Expenses	9,443	-	9,443	20,758
Accountancy fees	2,400	-	2,400	2,220
Insurance	21,058	14,000	35,058	24,683
Base Repairs and Maintenance	17,201	7,000	24,201	9,860
Light and Heat and Water	11,546	-	11,546	8,871
Staff Travel and subsistence	34,351	-	34,351	-
Printing, postage and stationery	4,667	-	4,667	1,165
Boats and Vehicle Operations	44,212	15,000	59,212	77,775
Telephone and Pagers	24,898	-	24,898	19,025
Training Costs	30,242	11,418	41,660	21,574
Depreciation and amortisation	108,545	-	108,545	92,408
General Expenses	5,539	-	5,539	1,184
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets for the charity's own use	(20,618)	-	(20,618)	-
	<u>341,511</u>	<u>101,994</u>	<u>443,505</u>	<u>353,612</u>

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6. Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
PAYE Interest and Penalty	-	-	81
Hire Purchase Interest	1,872	1,872	312
Bank Charges	179	179	42
	<u>2,051</u>	<u>2,051</u>	<u>435</u>

7. Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year

	2024 £	2023 £
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	108,545	92,408
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	<u>(20,618)</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Employees

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	96,821	70,795
Social security costs	3,593	1,646
Pension costs	2,189	1,648
	<u>102,603</u>	<u>74,089</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023 : None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Management and Admin	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

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9. Pension costs

The company operates a pension scheme as required by the pension auto enrolment provisions in respect of applicable employees. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pension charge	<u>2,189</u>	<u>1,648</u>

10. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and Buildings	Boats and Equipment	Plant and Machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
Transfer from unincorporated	703,156	446,098	511,647	166,356	1,827,257
Additions	35,340	70,705	70,444	48,583	225,072
Disposals	-	(30,000)	-	(25,000)	(55,000)
At 31 March 2024	<u>738,496</u>	<u>486,803</u>	<u>582,091</u>	<u>189,939</u>	<u>1,997,329</u>
Depreciation					
Transfer from unincorporated	219,890	317,744	267,265	95,128	900,027
Charge for the year	14,770	29,106	47,224	17,445	108,545
On disposals	-	(24,980)	-	(21,488)	(46,468)
At 31 March 2024	<u>234,660</u>	<u>321,870</u>	<u>314,489</u>	<u>91,085</u>	<u>962,104</u>
Net book values					
At 31 March 2024	<u>503,836</u>	<u>164,933</u>	<u>267,602</u>	<u>98,854</u>	<u>1,035,225</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>483,266</u>	<u>128,354</u>	<u>244,382</u>	<u>71,228</u>	<u>927,230</u>

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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

Asset description	2024		2023	
	Net book value £	Depreciation charge £	Net book value £	Depreciation charge £
Motor vehicles	19,869	3,506	23,375	4,125
12. Debtors			2024	2023
			£	£
Trade debtors			7,814	7,546
Other debtors			17,726	13,242
			<u>25,540</u>	<u>20,788</u>
13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			2024	2023
			£	£
Bank overdraft			1,215	712
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts			5,692	5,692
NICTS			1,756	-
Other taxes and social security			453	47
Accruals and deferred income			8,558	8,444
			<u>17,674</u>	<u>14,895</u>
14. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			2024	2023
			£	£
Net obligations under finance leases			19,620	25,312
			<u>19,620</u>	<u>25,312</u>

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15. Accruals and deferred income	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred Capital Grant		
Transfer from unincorporated	(225,604)	(265,416)
Capital Grants received in period	(64,860)	-
	<u>(290,464)</u>	<u>(265,416)</u>
Released in year	39,619	39,812
At 31 March 2024	<u>(250,845)</u>	<u>(225,604)</u>

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	759,068	-	759,068
Current assets	68,562	959,297	1,027,859
	<u>827,630</u>	<u>959,297</u>	<u>1,786,927</u>

17. Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General Unrestricted Fund	<u>872,441</u>	<u>(25,446)</u>	<u>(19,365)</u>	<u>827,630</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

For use in the administrative department.

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18. Restricted funds	At	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At
	1 April 2023				31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Genral restricted Fund	821,060	-	-	32,284	853,344
Restricted Fund Prehen Extension	57,720	-	-	22,280	80,000
Restricted Fund Drones Insurance	21,374	-	(21,374)	-	-
Restricted Fund Rank Foundation	18,391	6,562	-	-	24,953
Restricted Fund Joshy Simon	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Restricted Fund Charitable Aid Foundation	13,825	-	(13,825)	-	-
	<u>933,370</u>	<u>6,562</u>	<u>(35,199)</u>	<u>54,564</u>	<u>959,297</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Redundancy ,running costs

Completion of phase 2

Wages

Cold water /shock Education

19. Controlling interest

The company is a company limited by guarantee without a share capital. The trustees/Directors are collectively considered to be the charity's ultimate controlling party. There were no beneficial transactions on behalf of the trustees/directors during the period under review.

20. Company limited by guarantee

Foyle Search and Rescue is a private company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member ,or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for

- payment of the company's debts and liabilities contracted before they cease to be a member
- payment of the costs ,charges and expenses of winding up ,and
- adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.