

Association of Lowland Search & Rescue

Annual Report 2018/2019

ABOUT LOWLAND RESCUE

The Association is a charity comprised of Trustees elected from its member teams, and Operational Officers who develop standards and governance. These Officers are appointed from member teams and outside agencies, and comprise experts in pre-hospital medical care, search, flood response and safety.

Lowland Rescue units are individual charities formed, with some local exceptions, to serve individual police services and provide expertise in search planning, management and on-the-ground resources. The last five years has seen Lowland Rescue (which is itself a separate charity that counts amongst its trustees Lord Bernard Hogan-Howe and DCC Gareth Pritchard) move from a representative body to a governing body, and with that change develop national standards in search excellence.

Sitting at the same table as the RNLI and Mountain Rescue, Lowland Rescue is a member of the UK Search & Rescue Framework. They are the least well-known blue-light agency, but one which has robust and sustainable communications, scalable deployment capabilities and specialist resources including search dogs, drones, water-search and 4x4 vehicles.

We are a charity that saves lives from hill to high water.

Over 1,800 members across England, Northern Ireland and Anglesey – so far – are on-call to respond as a resource when high-risk missing persons need locating. Many units have developed civil-contingency responses for flood and major incident response where there is a local need.

What is evident is that the most successful relationships are those which are nurtured by senior ranks, facilitating close-working and shared resources. Thought of as more than just a tool to use somewhere down the line in an investigation, well-embodied Lowland Rescue units are saving lives and reducing the need for search-trained officer deployments and NPAS hours. Given access to early information and a trusted to form a search plan, Lowland Rescue Search Managers have been proven to make a difference to the effectiveness of a police force's response, and the outcome of hundreds of searches.



OUR VISION

TO SET THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR EVERY INLAND SEARCH & RESCUE ORGANISATION AND PROVIDE ONE COHESIVE VOICE.

OUR MISSION

TO SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES THROUGH DELIVERING THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF SEARCH AND RESCUE AND BUILDING OUR PARTNERSHIPS AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL.

OUR VALUES

TO CONTINUOUSLY DEVELOP SKILLS TO SAVE LIVES WHEN EVERY SECOND COUNTS.

DELIVERING ON OUR MISSION

THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY SHALL BE TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AMONGST PERSONS ENDANGERED BY ACCIDENTS, INCIDENTS OR NATURAL HAZARDS AND THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:

1. Promoting adequate Search and Rescue arrangements in the inland areas of the United Kingdom, Ireland and the Channel Islands in co-operation with its members, partners, government bodies and other relevant organisations.
2. Ensuring appropriate consistent training standards and use of first aid by members in Lowland Search and Rescue techniques.
3. Promoting appropriate standards and conduct amongst Members with the aim that all UK police forces will accept Lowland Rescue members as appropriate and effective partners for Search & Rescue operations.
4. Where required, to advise and assist its members in ensuring their appropriate use by their local police service or other agency.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

RAISE AWARENESS OF LOWLAND RESCUE



COMMUNITIES
Close community involvement



INDIVIDUAL GIVING
Significantly grow and retain regular givers



LEGACIES
Launch a legacy campaign



CORPORATE
Increase the number of corporate partnerships



MAJOR DONORS
Launch a major donor campaign



PHILANTHROPY
Secure long-term grants and donations from charitable trusts, foundations, family foundations and monetary trusts

CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A WORLD-CLASS SERVICE FOR THE MISSING PEOPLE OF THE UK



DEVELOP RESPONSE TO MAJOR INCIDENTS
Continue to work with our partner agencies to develop the response to major incidents



DEVELOP MISSING PERSONS STATISTICS
Through the further development of the Lowland Missing Person Incident Reporting System, provide better information on the frequency and characteristics of missing persons in the UK



DEVELOP EARLY DEPLOYMENT OF TRAINING DOGS
Early deployment to missing persons search by providing training dogs through the Channel Coast Search Team and the Phoenix Pathways Society



LAUNCH OF THE LOST AND MISSING PERSON SEARCH MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (LAMPSEF)
Launch the LAMPSEF as a tool for the collaboration between the local search organisations (Lowland, British Cave Rescue Council, Mountain Rescue, and others) and the Police National Search Centre. This is the first national standard for all search managers and is signed by Police of Scotland



REQUEST AMENDMENTS TO THE HUMAN MEDICINES REGULATIONS 2012
The new drug safety to Lowland from the perspective of the search teams and the UK's response to the ability to deliver and provide appropriate support to missing persons. This is the first national standard for all search managers and is signed by Police of Scotland



EXTEND THE RANGE OF WATER SEARCH AND TECHNICAL RESCUE STANDARDS
Continue to ensure that we have the best water and technical rescue standards and provide a standard that meets all our needs. With our partner agencies in Scotland, we improve to major incidents

Following on from the 2017/2018 restructure of the organisation and the formation of the various Directorates, this has indeed been a busy year. The benefits of the restructure have brought more professionalism and support to all our Teams for which a big thank you to the Trustees and Directorates for their continued valuable contributions and commitment to Lowland Rescue, is well deserved.

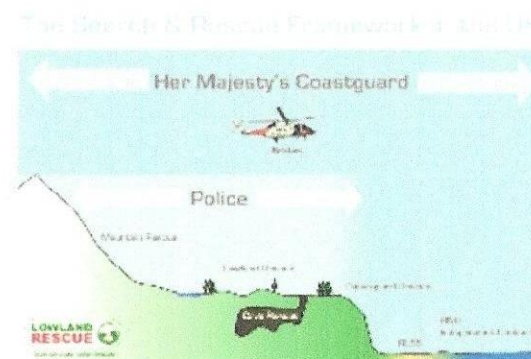
Our thanks are also extended to the external SMEs from the various disciplines who all bring a fantastic range of experience and support; this has resulted in some great work by all these departments.

We continue to maintain close relationships with other organisations, such as Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW), British Cave Rescue Council (BCRC) 4x4 Response UK, and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) to name but a few. This, coupled with our strong representation at the UK Government's UKSAR Operators' Group, ensures the recognition of the valuable work being done by all our Teams.

Out stats for 2018/2019 reflect the growth we are seeing within our Teams as well as the commitment of our volunteers – Our 35 teams comprised 1,883 volunteers and we attended 1,873 callouts with c88,000 hours donated. The equivalent economic cost of this was c£5,300,000.

Our members come from all walks of life, including trades people, single parents and professionals. Their personal contribution to Lowland Rescue and the search and rescue for a vulnerable missing person is immeasurable. Added to this, is the personal contribution made by our volunteers' friends and family members to whom we would like to say a big thank you. Our volunteers are called out day and/or night in all sorts of weather and under some very stressful conditions, to search for a vulnerable missing person and the support our volunteers receive from their friends and family, is invaluable.

Lastly, we would like to extend a big thank you to all the members of our communities who support our Teams through the long days and late nights of operations, training, fundraising and a myriad of other related activities.





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	ASSOCIATION OF LOWLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE		
On accounts for the year ended	31 MARCH 2019	Charity no (if any)	1150317
Set out on pages	1-2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2019.

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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

5/12/19

Name:

ANDREW CHAPPELL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.

Profit and Loss Report for ASSOCIATION OF LOWLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE

For Period:01/04/2018 to 31/03/2019

INCOME

General Sales	225
Training Course Sales	7,040.00
Team Subscriptions	3,080.00
Assessment Fees: Dogs	260
LRFR Med kit sales	5,158.91
Miscellaneous Income	20.4
Donations - Unrestricted	2,104.20
Grants for ALSAR	190,955.55
Total income	208,844.06

LESS COST OF INCOME:

General Purchases	-19,244.35
Discounts Taken	678.6
Conference Purchases	-98.46
External Trainers	-8,763.77
Training Course Costs of Sales	-381.36
Med Training Kit	-3,373.79
LRFR Medical Kits	-11,143.50
VTF Dog fund	-172.9
LRFR Course Costs	-3,453.28
Dog Equipment	-14,281.76
SDH - Restricted Fund	-1,800.00
Carriage	-213.82
VAT on SAR purchases	-4,677.69
Total cost of income	-66,926.08
GROSS PROFIT:	141,917.98

LESS EXPENSES:

Sub-Contractors	-16,213.00
Dog Handler - Support contribution	-6,210.00
Advertising	-1,174.39
P.R. (Literature & Brochures)	-13,590.00
Meetings External	-481.5
Meetings Internal	-9,136.20
SDH Insurance contribution	-360
Miscellaneous Expenses	8.01
Adjustments	-61.09
Fuel and Oil (MOTOR)	-582.3
Miscellaneous Motor Expenses	-1,886.45
Travelling	-1,027.30
Hotels	-13,922.52
Overseas Travelling	-2,478.08
Subsistence	-1,986.87
Mileage Claims	-8,697.06
Printing	-75.8
Postage and Carriage	-26.84
Telephone and Mobile Charges	-69.74
Stationery	-2.95
Hosting Fees and IT Consumables	-12,880.45

	Legal Fees	-9,155.00
	Audit and Accountancy Fees	-354
	Consultancy Fees	-700
	Bank Charges	-205.64
	Currency Charges	-349.29
	Med Kit Depreciation	-3,000.00
	Bad Debt Write Off	-220
	Subscriptions	-278.57
	Clothing Costs	-4,446.60
	Training Costs	-19,814.58
	Insurance	-1,176.00
	Refreshments / Staff Welfare	-487.93
Total expenses		<u>-131,042.14</u>
Surplus for year		<u><u>10,875.84</u></u>



1883 VOLUNTEERS
35 TEAMS



**LOWLAND
RESCUE™**



**1873
CALLOUTS**

DESPPNDENT – 28%

DEMENTIA – 16%

MEDICAL
INCIDENT

CASUALTY
SEARCH

CHILD

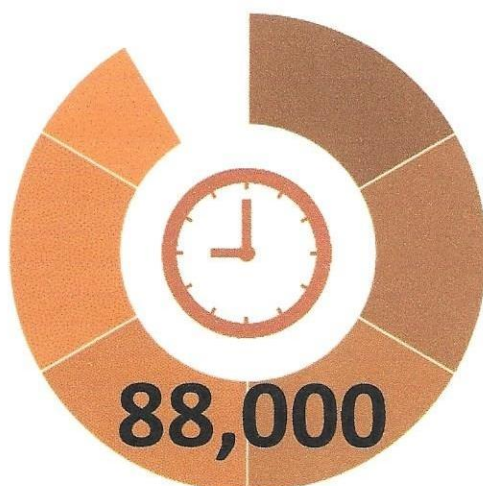
FLOOD

FIRST AID

MENTAL
HEALTH

OTHER

TYPES OF OPERATION



**88,000
HOURS DONATED
2018**



**£5,300,000
EQUIVALENT
ECONOMIC COST**