

**THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH**

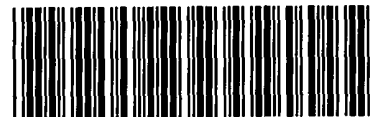
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025**

**Company Number**  
**3421851**

**UK Charity Number**  
**1064927**

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## **THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025**

#### **CONSTITUTION**

The Centre for Search Research was incorporated in August 1997 as a private company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. It became a registered charity in October 1997.

#### **TRUSTEES**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

<b>Chair</b>	David Owen
<b>Others</b>	David Perkins, Peter Roberts, Carl Hamilton, CC Rachel Bacon, and Dr Andrew Jenkins

Sir Humphry Wakefield, a former director and trustee, has been the patron since October 1999.

<b>SECRETARY AND TREASURER</b>	David Perkins
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<b>ACCOUNTANT</b>	A Gurney, Chartered Accountant 4 West Terrace Seaton Sluice Northumberland NE26 4RE
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<b>BANKERS</b>	Barclays Bank Plc The South East Northumberland Group Northumbria House Cramlington Northumberland NE23 6QP
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## **THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31st August 2025.

Legal and administration information is set out on page 1 of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, and the Statements of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

#### **OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY**

The purpose of The Centre for Search Research is to protect and preserve the lives of persons who are missing or endangered by accident or natural hazard by conducting research into all aspects of the techniques used for searching for such persons; to disseminate the useful results of such research; and to assist the voluntary and statutory emergency services in connection with such work.

#### **ORGANISATION**

The Trustees met six times during the financial year. These meetings took place in September and November in 2024, together with January, March, May and July in 2025.

#### **REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS TOWARDS MEETING THE CHARITY'S OBJECTIVES**

The work done on behalf of the Charity towards meeting its objectives has been carried out by David Perkins, Peter Roberts and Carl Hamilton. Their work has been voluntary and unpaid.

##### **Object 1: to conduct research into all aspects of the techniques used for searching for missing persons**

**UK Missing Persons Behaviour Study:** the Charity's app MISPER-UK, which provides statistics about missing persons for Search Managers, has been modified to accept automatic data updates from the Mountain Rescue (England and Wales) incident reporting system.

**Using drones to search for missing persons:** the Charity continues to support three PhD students at Newcastle University who are working on topics relating to searching for a missing person using a drone. The Charity organised an extended detection experiment (Exercise Northumberland 2) in Northumberland in May 2025 involving drones from mountain rescue teams and police. The results will be posted on the Charity's website. In July 2025 the Charity purchased a second drone using funding donated for that purpose. This will allow the Charity to extend the scope of its research in the field.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - continued**

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**Object 2: to provide training for voluntary and statutory emergency services in respect of missing persons**

During the year four courses were taught to a total of 74 volunteers with subsidies worth a total of £2,737 provided by the Charity from its Frank Parker Fund.

**Initial Response Incident Management:** three courses were taught to a total of 62 volunteers.

**Field Search Skills:** one course was taught during the year to 12 volunteers.

**Object 3: to publish materials to assist voluntary and statutory emergency services in respect of missing persons**

The report on Exercise Northumberland 2 will appear on the Charity's website in due course.

**Object 4: to collect and disseminate information relating to searching for missing persons**

**The Centre for Search Research website:** the website continued to disseminate information free of charge throughout the year.

**The International SAR Alliance website:** the material that this holds is free to users and continues to attract visits from users in many countries.

**Object 5: to cooperate with other organisations**

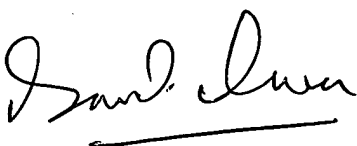
We continue to have a good relationship with many organisations, in particular the Irish Coast Guard, Northumbria Police, Newcastle and Northumbria Universities, and SAR organisations worldwide.

**Frank Parker Fund:** this was founded on two bequests from the estate of the late Frank Parker, the first of which was received in 2011. It is managed by the trustees and is used to subsidise training for volunteers.

**Financial Policy:** the trustees have created a ring-fenced fund equivalent to one year's running costs. The value of this is currently set at £7,500.

**SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS:** these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**



**DAVID OWEN**

6th January 2026

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH**

**Accountant's Report to the Board of The Centre For Search Research on the  
preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025.**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Centre For Search Research for the period ended 31st August 2025 set out on pages 5 to 11 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations given to us.

You consider that the company is exempt from an audit for the period ended 31st August 2025. You have acknowledged, on the balance sheet, your responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These responsibilities include preparing financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of its profit/(loss) for the period.

We have not carried out an audit or review of the financial statements of The Centre For Search Research. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**ALBERT GURNEY ASSOCIATES Ltd**



**A Gurney  
Chartered Accountant**

**THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Activities for generating funds					
Commercial Activities	3	7,873	0	7,873	20,043
Fund raising and donations		10,900	0	10,900	7,500
Interest		446	0	446	327
Other		0	0	0	0
<b>Total incoming resources available for charitable application</b>		<b>19,219</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,219</b>	<b>27,870</b>
Less cost of generating funds					
Commercial Activities	4	24,520	0	24,520	15,422
Less: capital expenditure	5	0	0	0	0
<b>Net incoming resources available for charitable application</b>		<b>-5,301</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5,301</b>	<b>12,448</b>
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Donations - Volunteer Subsidies		2,378	0	2,378	1,460
Donations - Other		0	0	0	0
Field Trial Costs		0	0	0	0
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>2,378</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>1,460</b>
<b>Movement in total funds for the period</b>		<b>-7,679</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-7,679</b>	<b>10,988</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>34,449</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,449</b>	<b>23,461</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>26,770</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,770</b>	<b>34,449</b>

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the year.

**THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31st AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	5		7,497		139
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	6	1,687		2,289	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>20,026</u>		<u>32,541</u>	
		21,713		34,830	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>2,440</u>		<u>520</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			19,273		34,310
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>26,770</u>		<u>34,449</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7		0		0
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>26,770</u>		<u>34,449</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	8		<u>26,770</u>		<u>34,449</u>

For the period ended 31st August 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

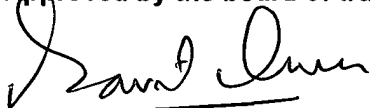
Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on



David Owen

trustee

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# THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102) and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 issued under the Charities Act 2011. There were no material departures from the standard.

The financial statements set out on pages 6 to 12 are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the Charity's affairs.

#### (a) Incoming resources

Income from donations are included in incoming resources in the period in which the monies have been received.

#### (b) Commercial trading activities

Income from commercial activities is included in the period in which the Centre is entitled to receive the income

#### (c) Donations and grants

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows:

when donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

when donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions of use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in restricted funds when receivable.

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#### (d) Interest receivable

Interest is included when receivable by the charity.

#### (e) Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories.

#### (f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are written off over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

Equipment	20% per annum
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#### (g) Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either :

**Unrestricted general funds** - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

**Designated funds** - these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

**Restricted funds** - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

## 2 LEGAL STATUS OF CHARITY

The charity was established in 1997 and is registered under charity number 1064927.

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#### 3 COMMERCIAL TRADING ACTIVITIES

These constitute the organisation of training courses and conferences carried out by the Centre, the results of which can be summarised as follows :

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income	7,873	20,043
Less : Operational costs	24,520	15,422
<b>Operating Loss / Profit</b>	<b>-16,647</b>	<b>4,621</b>

#### 4 COSTS OF OPERATION OF COURSES

Operational costs comprised:	2025	2024
	£	£
Advertising	0	975
Commissions	1,382	0
Course costs	6,427	112
Insurances and licences	2,552	1,799
Office costs	2,674	2,335
Travel and accommodation	6,630	7,228
Administrative, IT and sundry costs	2,118	1,717
Accountancy	600	520
Depreciation	2,137	736
	<b>24,520</b>	<b>15,422</b>

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**5 FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE**

The movement on these accounts during the period was as follows:

	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1st September 2024	23,488	23,488
Additions	9,495	9,495
Disposals	0	0
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At 31st August 2025	32,983	32,983
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<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>		
At 1st September 2024	23,349	23,349
Additions	2,137	2,137
Disposals	0	0
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At 31st August 2025	25,486	25,486
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<b>Net book amount</b>		
At 31st August 2025	7,497	7,497
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At 31st August 2024	139	139
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**6 DEBTORS**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Debtors comprised:		
Other debtors and prepayments	1,687	2,289
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**7 CREDITORS**

	<b>Amounts due within one year</b>		<b>Amounts due after one year</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Creditors comprised:				
Payments received in advance	1,840	0	0	0
Accruals	600		520	0
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	2,440	0	520	0
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<b>8</b>	<b>MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Re- Allocation</b>	<b>2025</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	General funds	34,449	19,219	26,898	0	26,770
	Funds re-allocation	0	0	0	0	0
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		34,449	19,219	26,898	0	26,770

**9 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There were no post balance sheet events requiring disclosure

**10 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts contracted for but not provided in the accounts	nil	nil

**11 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

There were no contingent liabilities requiring disclosure