

THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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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:

Chair	David Owen
Others	David Perkins, Peter Roberts, Carl Hamilton, Gordon Milward and Prof. Stephen Hughes

Sir Humphry Wakefield, a former director and trustee, has been the patron since October 1999. The trustees are aware of their gender imbalance and are considering ways to resolve it.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER	David Perkins
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REGISTERED OFFICE	Office 10 Advance Northumberland Workspace Green Lane Ashington Northumberland NE63 0EE
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ACCOUNTANT	A Gurney, Chartered Accountant 4 West Terrace Seaton Sluice Northumberland NE26 4RE
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BANKERS	Barclays Bank Plc The South East Northumberland Group Northumbria House Cramlington Northumberland NE23 6QP
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31st August 2019.

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 2018, together with January, March, May and July 2019.

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 procedure for collecting data about missing persons continues to operate as part of the national mountain rescue incident reporting system. This provides the data for the UK Missing Person Behaviour Study and the app currently being developed.

Using drones to search for missing persons: we met with members of Newcastle University on a number of occasions in relation to the development of a computer simulation model to investigate drone sweep width; overall progress on the project was limited due to staffing constraints. We attended a seminar on project funding by MoD associated bodies, which indicated some potential opportunities. We visited Dronesar in Dublin to carry out field trials similar to the work done in Exercise Northumberland in May 2017, and to see their drone control software in operation.

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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

Initial Response Incident Management: during the year four courses were taught to a total of 97 volunteers, with the Charity donating a total of £1,840 to subsidise their training.

Field Search Skills: two courses were taught to a total of 20 volunteers, with subsidies provided by the Charity totalling £600.

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

App: an app to allow users to access UK Missing Person statistics is in the final stages of testing.

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

The Centre for Search Research website: we continue to add documents to our website and use it to publicise our courses. A specification was produced for its redesign.

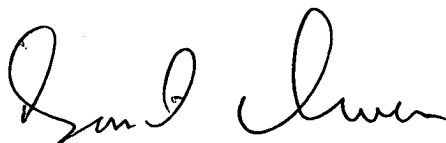
The International SAR Alliance website: the material that this holds is free to users, and continues to get visits from many countries.

Object 5: to cooperate with other organisations

We continue to have a good relationship with a number of organisations, in particular the Irish Coast Guard, Northumbria Police and SAR organisations in the UK and overseas, and have developed a relationship with departments within Newcastle University.

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
7th January 2020

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 477
OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the period ended 31st August 2019 set out on pages 6 to 12 and you consider that the company is exempt both from an audit and a report under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

Date: 7th January 2020.

A GURNEY



Chartered Accountant

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

The Companies Act 2006 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to :

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently

make judgements that are reasonable and prudent : and

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with statutory requirement. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
incoming resources					
Activities for generating funds					
Commercial Activities	3	16,704	0	16,704	13,778
Fund raising and donations		5,900	0	5,900	0
Interest		70	0	70	41
Prior year adjustment		0	0	0	4,368
Total incoming resources available for charitable application		22,674	0	22,674	18,187
Less cost of generating funds					
Commercial Activities	4	23,589	0	23,589	15,238
Less: capital expenditure	5	0	0	0	0
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		-915	0	-915	2,949
Charitable expenditure					
Donations - Volunteer Subsidies		2,900	0	2,900	3,340
Donations - Other		0	0	0	0
Field Trial Costs		0	0	0	0
Frank Parker Fund Expenses		0	0	0	0
Total charitable expenditure		2,900	0	2,900	3,340
Movement in total funds for the period		-3,815	0	-3,815	-391
Total funds brought forward		44,128	0	44,128	44,519
Total funds carried forward		40,313	0	40,313	44,128

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st AUGUST 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		396		172
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	6	2,055		6,199	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>38,985</u>		<u>39,256</u>	
		41,040		45,455	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>1,123</u>		<u>1,499</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			39,917		43,956
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>40,313</u>		<u>44,128</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7		0		0
NET ASSETS			<u>40,313</u>		<u>44,128</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	8		<u>40,313</u>		<u>44,128</u>

For the period ended 31st August 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

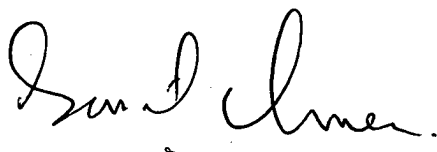
Directors' responsibilities:

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 7th January 2020



David Owen

trustee

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2019

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 also applicable accounting standards.

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

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cashflow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No 1 on the grounds that it qualifies as a small company under the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements set out on pages 6 to 12 are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (Effective January 2015)

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the company'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 :

	2019	2018
	£	£
Income	16,704	13,778
Less : Operational costs	23,589	15,238
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Operating Loss	-6,885	-1,460

4 COSTS OF OPERATION OF COURSES

Operational costs comprised:	2019	2018
	£	£
Accommodation Costs	0	3,771
Advertising and marketing	2,074	150
Office costs	3,449	3,325
Travel and accommodation	13,433	5,691
Administrative and sundry costs	3,733	1,519
Accountancy	540	540
Depreciation	359	242
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	23,589	15,238

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5 FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

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

	Equipment	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£
At 1st September 2018	19,225	19,225
Additions	583	583
Grants Received	0	0
Disposals	0	0
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At 31st August 2019	19,808	19,808
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Accumulated depreciation		
At 1st September 2018	19,053	19,053
Additions	359	359
Disposals	0	0
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At 31st August 2019	19,412	19,412
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Net book amount		
At 31st August 2019	396	396
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At 31st August 2018	172	172
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6 DEBTORS

Debtors comprised:	2019	2018
	£	£
Other debtors and prepayments	2,055	6,199
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7 CREDITORS

	Amounts due within one year		Amounts due after one year	
Creditors comprised:	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Payments received in advance	0	200	0	0
Other creditors	583	759	0	0
Accruals	540	540		
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	1,123	1,499	0	0
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8	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	2018	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	2019
		£	£	£	£
	Restricted funds	0	0	0	0
	General funds	44,128	22,674	26,489	40,313
		44,128	22,674	26,489	40,313

9 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no post balance sheet events requiring disclosure

10 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the accounts

2019	2018
£	£
nil	nil

11 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities requiring disclosure