

THE CENTRE FOR SEARCH RESEARCH

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

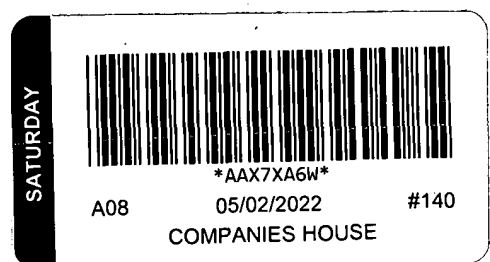
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Company Number

3421851

Charity Number

1064927



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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,
DCC Rachel Bacon, Andrew Huddleston and
Dr Andrew Jenkins

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

SECRETARY AND TREASURER

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31st August 2021.

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 2020, together with January, March, April and July 2021.

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. Progress on some of the activities listed below was limited by Covid-19 restrictions on meetings and travel.

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 both the UK Missing Person Behaviour Study and the app MISPER-UK.

Using drones to search for missing persons: a computer model to simulate searching by drone was constructed but its performance was limited by the capacity of the Charity's computer. The work was able to continue with support from Newcastle University Computing Department and valuable results were obtained. The University has funded two PhD students to develop this work, starting in September 2021. Our own research in the field was carried out with the Charity's drone. An MRes project has been agreed with Newcastle University Computing Department and it is hoped that a sponsor can be found for this work.

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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

Restrictions on travel and gathering in groups had a significant impact on our provision of training courses.

Initial Response Incident Management: during the year only one course was taught to 11 volunteers, with the Charity donating a total of £220 to subsidise their training.

Field Search Skills: no courses were taught during the year. We have continued to provide training for Northumberland National Park Mountain Rescue Team throughout the Covid-19 restrictions.

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

Drone model: the two preliminary reports on the results from the drone model were placed on the Charity's website.

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

The Centre for Search Research website: the new website went live during the year. It has been well received and attracted visits from many users.

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

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 working relationship with departments within Newcastle University.

Fundraising has helped to update our ICT capability, produce an app, develop a new website and purchase a drone to assist with our research into the use of drones in searching for missing persons.

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

11-Jan-22

**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 2021**

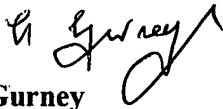
In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of The Centre For Search Research for the period ended 31st August 2021 set out on pages 5 to 11 from the company's accounting 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 2021. 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: 11th January 2022

ALBERT GURNEY ASSOCIATES Ltd



A Gurney
Chartered Accountant

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources					
Activities for generating funds					
Commercial Activities	3	1,902	0	1,902	10,266
Fund raising and donations		220	0	220	5,500
Interest		7	0	7	52
Other		0	0	0	0
Total incoming resources available for charitable application		2,129	0	2,129	15,818
Less cost of generating funds					
Commercial Activities	4	10,069	0	10,069	16,034
Less: capital expenditure	5	0	0	0	0
Net incoming resources available for charitable application		-7,940	0	-7,940	-216
Charitable expenditure					
Donations – Volunteer Subsidies		220	0	220	1,180
Donations - Other		0	0	0	1,180
Field Trial Costs		0	0	0	0
Frank Parker Fund Expenses		0	0	0	0
Total charitable expenditure		220	0	220	2,360
Movement in total funds for the period		-8,160	0	-8,160	-2,576
Total funds brought forward		37,737	0	37,737	40,313
Total funds carried forward		29,577	0	29,577	37,737

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 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	5		2,069		2,073
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	6	0		510	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>27,948</u>		<u>35,694</u>	
		27,948		36,204	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>440</u>		<u>540</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			27,508		35,664
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>29,577</u>		<u>37,737</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7		0		0
NET ASSETS			<u>29,577</u>		<u>37,737</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	8		<u>29,577</u>		<u>37,737</u>

For the period ended 31st August 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

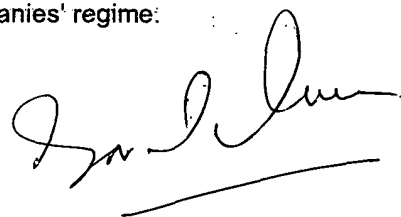
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476.

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 11th January 2022

David Owen
trustee



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

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 :

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income	1,902	9,086
Less : Operational costs	10,069	16,034
Operating Loss	<u>-8,167</u>	<u>-6,948</u>

4 COSTS OF OPERATION OF COURSES

Operational costs comprised:	2021	2020
	£	£
Advertising and marketing	3,000	2,080
Insurances and licences	1,150	1,301
Office costs	2,166	2,167
Travel and accommodation	1,736	8,222
Administrative, IT and sundry costs	772	912
Accountancy	440	540
Depreciation	804	812
	<u>10,069</u>	<u>16,034</u>

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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 2020	22,297	22,297
Additions	800	800
Disposals	0	0
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At 31st August 2021	23,097	23,097
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Accumulated depreciation		
At 1st September 2020	20,224	20,224
Additions	804	804
Disposals	0	0
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At 31st August 2021	21,028	21,028
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Net book amount		
At 31st August 2021	2,069	2,069
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At 31st August 2020	2,073	2,073
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6 DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors comprised:		
Other debtors	0	510
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7 CREDITORS

	Amounts due within one year		Amounts due after one year	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Creditors comprised:				
Payments received in advance	0	0	0	0
Accruals	440	540	0	0
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	440	540	0	0
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8	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	2021
		£	£	£	£
	Restricted funds	0	0	0	0
	General funds	37,737	2,129	10,289	29,577
		<u>37,737</u>	<u>2,129</u>	<u>10,289</u>	<u>29,577</u>

9 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no post balance sheet events requiring disclosure.

10	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	2021	2020
		£	£
	Amounts contracted for but not provided in the accounts	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>

11 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities requiring disclosure.