SARAA-Scotland

SEARCH AND RESCUE AERIAL ASSOCIATION - SCOTLAND

Scottish Charity Number: SC048519

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 July 2026

Providing specialist aerial search support to help locate missing and vulnerable people throughout Scotland.

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Charity details

Charity name	Search and Rescue Aerial Association - Scotland (SARAA-Scotland)
Scottish charity number	SC048519
Legal form	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)
Correspondence address	Brook Linn Cottage, Leny Feus, Callander, Stirlingshire, FK17 8AU

Charity trustees

The trustees listed on the OSCR register at the time this report was prepared are David MacPheat, Malcolm Murray, Darryl Ashford-Smith and Stewart Gibson. The trustees are responsible for the governance, management and strategic direction of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

SARAA-Scotland is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity is governed in accordance with its constitution. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution and oversee the charity's operations, finances, regulatory compliance and future development. The organisation is volunteer-run and works to maintain an effective aerial search capability for use in search and rescue operations.

Charitable purposes

The charity's purposes are to facilitate, through the use of uncrewed aerial systems and other airborne assets in land search and rescue, the saving of lives, the advancement of health, and the location and relief of people who are lost, injured, missing or otherwise in need of assistance.

Activities and achievements

During the year ended 31 July 2026, SARAA-Scotland continued to maintain an aerial search capability to support searches for missing and vulnerable people throughout Scotland.

The charity maintained and developed its remotely piloted aircraft, batteries, associated equipment, operational software and supporting systems. Training continued for volunteer pilots and observers to maintain operational standards, readiness and compliance with the charity's Civil Aviation Authority Operational Authorisation.

The charity's aerial capability can provide search managers with optical and thermal imagery and can assist in searching difficult or inaccessible terrain. This capability is intended to complement ground search resources and support safe and effective search operations.

During the year, funds were also used to support the maintenance and development of operational equipment and the charity's continuing search and rescue capability.

Financial review

Total receipts for the year were **£16,914.61** and total payments were **£9,981.50**, giving a surplus for the year of **£6,933.11**. Cash and bank funds increased from **£7,917.13** at the beginning of the year to **£14,850.24** at 31 July 2026.

Financial summary	2025-26

Opening cash and bank funds	**£7,917.13**
Total receipts	**£16,914.61**
Total payments	**£9,981.50**
Surplus for the year	**£6,933.11**
Closing cash and bank funds	**£14,850.24**

Income was received from donations, grants and other charitable receipts. The trustees are grateful to the individuals and organisations whose support enables SARAA-Scotland to maintain its operational capability. Expenditure was directed towards the charity's search and rescue activities and the equipment, systems, training, insurance and regulatory costs required to support them.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet essential operating commitments and provide resilience against unexpected expenditure. This is particularly important because donations and grant income can vary from year to year, while operational costs such as insurance, equipment maintenance, regulatory fees, software and communications continue. At 31 July 2026, the charity held cash and bank funds of **£14,850.24**. The trustees consider these funds important for continuity of operations and future equipment needs.

Acknowledgements

The trustees thank SARAA-Scotland's volunteers, donors, grant providers, supporters and the search and rescue organisations with whom the charity works. Their support enables the charity to maintain and develop a specialist aerial search capability for Scotland.

Approval

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the charity trustees and signed on their behalf.

Date: 5th October 2026

Signed: D.MacPheat

Name: D.MacPheat

Position: Charity Trustee