







Report to Witney Town Council

From: Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire

Subject: Impact of 2025 Grant Funding – Water Trailer Purchase

Date: 2nd November 2025

Introduction

Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Witney Town Council** for their generous grant of £2,495 towards the purchase of our new **water trailer this year**. This funding has been instrumental in enabling us to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our water search and rescue operations across Oxfordshire.

Fundraising and Delivery

Following a dedicated six-month fundraising effort, we were delighted to take delivery of the new trailer in **mid-October**. Impressively, it was **immediately deployed during an emergency call-out over the past weekend**, demonstrating its value and necessity to our operational work.

Use and Capabilities

The water trailer serves a dual purpose:

- **Equipment Transport:** It allows our team to safely and efficiently transport essential water rescue and sonar equipment to incident locations.
- **Mobile Office Hub:** The trailer is also designed as a mobile operations base, providing a space for our water team to **monitor**, **process**, **and assess sonar data** collected from beneath the water's surface during search operations.

With approximately 90% of our call-outs in Oxfordshire involving water, this trailer is an essential addition to our resources. It ensures that our volunteers have all the necessary tools and technology at their disposal when responding to emergencies—supporting faster, safer, and more coordinated rescue efforts.

Conclusion

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The contribution from Witney Town Council has had an immediate and meaningful impact on our ability to serve the community. The new water trailer has already proven its value in live operations and will continue to play a crucial role in saving lives and supporting multi-agency responses across the county.

On behalf of everyone at Lowland Rescue Oxfordshire, we would like to thank the Council for their continued support of our work and for recognising the importance of investing in local volunteer emergency services.

Kind regards,

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