

**SOUTH & MID WALES CAVE RESCUE TEAM/
TIM ACHUB OGOF AU DE A CHANOLBARTH CYMRU**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1016463

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Holding Trustees

J Carter
S Drew
G Evans
A Garman
B Jopling

Treasurer

S Drew

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Charity Registration Number

1016463

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The South & Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team (the 'Team') is an unincorporated charity, registered with the charity number 1016463 and is governed by its constitution. The Team was previously called West Brecon Cave Rescue Team/Tim Achub Ogofau Gorllewin Brycheinog and was renamed to its current name in 2010. It became a registered charity in January 1993 and the constitution was last updated on 17th January 2021.

Trustees

The charity is managed and administered by an elected Executive. The members of the Executive will assume the role of Management Trustees (as defined by charitable law). A full list of the Executive can be found on the contact us page of our website, www.smwcr.org.

The charity also currently has five Holding Trustees who are:-

	Date of Appointment in the year	Date of Resignation in the year
J Carter	-	-
S Drew	-	-
G Evans	-	-
A Garman	-	-
B Jopling	-	-

The Holding Trustees are responsible for assets and liabilities of the charity and they are elected by a general meeting and, if appointed, shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution of a general meeting.

The Chairman of the Executive is nominated as the person to appoint new Holding Trustees within the meaning of section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925. The Trustees shall be indemnified by the members of the Team for all expenses and other liabilities properly incurred by them in the discharge of their duties, and provided they act in accordance with the lawful directions of the Executive, the Trustees shall not be held liable for the acts and defaults of the members.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity shall be to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons or animals endangered by accident or natural hazards underground by the provision, at the request of the police, of search and rescue for any persons or animals endangered.

The charity is operated by volunteers to an extremely high standard. The service provided is professional and as such proves a valuable addition to police resources in their response to SAR underground and on land and major disaster. In addition to the above, the team has also been requested to respond to international rescues including the 2018 Thailand incident. These services are provided to any member of the public, without charge.

Achievements and Performance

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has continued to have significant impacts on the Team throughout this year. Although the rollout of vaccines has allowed the world - including the sport of caving - to return to some semblance of normality, the Team has still been required to mitigate against the risk of spreading the virus by following the various protocols that were introduced in 2020. Despite the impacts of the virus, we have comfortably maintained full operational capability throughout the year, responding to all incidents without delay.

It has been another relatively busy year in terms of call outs. SMWCRT has attended a total of 9 incidents in 2021, and has been involved in the rescue of 5 people, 2 dogs, 1 pony and 1 search for a missing person.

Of particular note was the rescue of a severely injured caver from the Ogof Ffynnon Ddu (OFD) cave system on 6-8 November 2021. This was the longest underground stretcher carry in UK history, covering a distance of approx. 3.5km, with a total duration of 54 hours. The scale of this rescue was unprecedented in the UK, and clearly beyond the resources of any single rescue team. SMWCRT called in 9 other Cave Rescue teams from around the UK to assist us, with a total of more than 300 volunteers taking part. The operation was a resounding success.

The OFD rescue also drew major media attention, and the coverage was overwhelmingly positive. Rarely has cave rescue been shed in such a good light, so prominent in eyes of the general public, and this is testament to the fantastic work and professionalism from all involved.

The OFD rescue also highlighted the great progress achieved by the British Cave Rescue Council (BCRC) in recent years in bringing together the different Cave Rescue teams from around the UK. The publicity around the OFD rescue has also resulted in a flurry of new members joining the Team. This injection of new blood should be welcomed, as it brings with it fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and skills.

Training wise, we had several well-attended practices this year, as well as running additional training courses for First Aid and Mountain Navigation. Training is integral to our capability as a rescue team, not only as a way of developing and maintaining our skills, but also as a way of getting to know our fellow Team Members so that we can work together most effectively when it comes to a real rescue.

Over the course of the year we have continued to make good progress in our projects to modernise the Team and its equipment. Our new Digital Control setup, new stretchers and digital radios (all purchased through our 2020 Modernisation Programme) are all now fully operational, and have been used in anger very successfully at recent incidents. Improvements to this equipment and technology continue to be made as we learn valuable lessons from their use on an ongoing basis.

We undertook another major fundraising project this year, raising a total of £5,562 which has allowed us to fund the purchase of additional comms equipment (£3,162), upgraded search kits (£1,400) and new drills, batteries and chisels (£1,000). On top of this, we also held a very successful fundraising auction, raising in excess of £1,000.

Our next major modernisation project in the pipeline is to rebuild the Team's Call Out Database using modern technology that can be integrated with the Digital Control setup and other IT systems. Work has begun, and will be progressed further over the coming year.

The late Helen Farr, who sadly passed away in 2020, bequeathed a very generous sum of money to SMWCRT in her will. At the time of writing the exact amount is still to be confirmed, however it is known to be highly significant. We will ensure that this money is earmarked for a suitable project that will benefit the Team for many years into the future, providing a fitting legacy to Helen and her generosity.

Independent Examiner

The charity has elected to dispense with an audit of the accounts. Ian Ross, a director in the firm Lowndes Halsden & Partners Limited, has been reappointed as Independent Examiner of the charity.

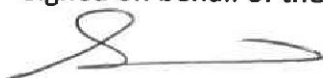
Financial Review

Total income for the year was £63,920 (2020: £37,277). This year we received some of the monies due from the H Farr bequeath and donations and fundraising income was boosted due to the OFD incident mentioned above. The monies received from the H Farr bequeath has been allocated to the H Farr Reserve.

Total expenses for the year was £18,658 (2020: £22,871). Lower costs than last year due to most of the 2020 grant award monies were used in 2020. The General Fund at the year end has decreased to £7,571 but the Emergency Reserve has been created within the year to help in the better management of resources and to increase the financial stability of the charity in the future. The monies held in this reserve will equate to two years minimum estimated annual running costs of the Team.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Spencer Drew FCA, Trustee

5TH MARCH 2022

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	(GENERAL FUND)	2021	(VEHICLE FUND)	2020
	General Fund	Vehicle Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations Received	5,788	-	5,788	2,546
Fundraised Income	32,301	-	32,301	15,267
Grants Received	1,206	-	1,206	18,921
First Aid Course Income	1,325	-	1,325	540
Bank Interest	-	3	3	3
VAT Refund	3,297	-	3,297	-
H Farr bequeath	20,003	-	20,003	-
Total	63,920	3	63,923	37,277
Payments				
Equipment Purchased	11,763	-	11,763	9,795
Medical & Food Expenses	418	-	418	1,105
Vehicle Costs	639	-	639	1,122
Headquarters & WW Costs	1,984	-	1,984	3,057
Administration Costs	72	-	72	643
First Aid Course Costs	1,543	-	1,543	1,028
Rescue Communications Costs	169	-	169	56
Other Course & Meeting Costs	2,070	-	2,070	6,065
Total	18,658	-	18,658	22,871
Net Receipts/(Payments) Before Transfers For The Year	45,262	3	45,265	14,406
Transfers Between Funds	(20,971)	20,971	-	-
Net Receipts/(Payments)	24,291	20,974	45,265	14,406
Total Funds Brought Forward	15,283	29,026	44,309	29,903
Total Funds Carried Forward	39,574	50,000	89,574	44,309

The notes on pages 7 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	2	-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		89,574	44,309
		<u>89,574</u>	<u>44,309</u>
Creditors			
Amount falling due within one year	3	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Assets/(Liabilities)		89,574	44,309
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>89,574</u>	<u>44,309</u>
Funds of the Charity			
General Fund		7,571	15,283
Vehicle Fund		50,000	29,026
H Farr bequeath Reserve	3	20,003	-
Emergency Reserve (2yrs ann exp costs)	3	12,000	-
		<u>89,574</u>	<u>44,309</u>

This statement was approved by the Chairman and the Treasurer of the Executive Committee on behalf of the Executive Committee.



Chairman
Tom Ford

5 March 2022



Treasurer
Spencer Drew

5th March 2022

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis under the provisions contained in section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended and in accordance with the provisions contained in the guidance for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

2 Tangible Assets

The trustees consider that the market value of the ambulance, is not exceeding £50,000 in aggregate.

3 Liabilities agreed by the Team prior to the year end but paid post year end

The General Fund at the year end is £7,571. £12,000 has been allocated to the Emergency Reserve which covers the expected minimum running costs of the Team for two years. The H Farr Reserve includes all the monies received from the H Farr bequeath at the year end.

4 Trustee Emoluments

No trustees received remuneration or expenses for their roles as trustees during the current or prior period.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH & MID WALES CAVE RESCUE TEAM**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ian Ross DIP PFS
Independent Examiner