

TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI/ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1073441

Details

Other names	OUTWARD BOUND WALES SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1999-01-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: SEARCH FOR AND RESCUE PEOPLE IN DIFFICULTIES IN ANY LOCATION AND IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF TO DEVELOP SEARCH AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES AND TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TEAM

Activities: Provide a search and rescue services in support of the police forces of north and mid Wales. This includes on the hill, urban areas plus a swift-water capability

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£45,702	£38,368	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,718	£14,171	-	-
2023-03-31	£21,937	£14,819	-	-
2022-03-31	£29,643	£55,839	-	-
2021-03-31	£18,341	£11,466	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID WILLIAMS		2012-12-17
DESMOND BRIAN GEORGE		2012-06-22
Phillip John Britton		2020-05-06

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TEAM LEADER'S REPORT

Operational team membership stands at 48 members, and the team continues to grow in skill and confidence.

Total number of callouts for 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025 was 54 with team deployments to 43. The remainder resolving themselves or with advice from call handlers. In comparison 23/24 was 50 and 37, 22/23 was 50 and 41, 21/22 was 56 and 43.

The Total number of operational hours spent on the 54 callouts for 2024 to 2025 was 189. The total of individual team member hours was 1,803. In comparison 23/24 was 146 and 1,353, 22/23 was 182 and 1,573, 21/22 was 347 and 2,187.

Sustainability due to call out pressure within mountain rescue teams in certain areas of England and Wales is a concern. However, the callout level for Aberdyfi team is sustainable currently.

An area of concern is increased hours spent by team members working on compliance with external requirements be they Insurance, qualifications, record keeping and many other back-room aspects. Work carried out on these tasks is not recorded and not reflected in the above hourly figures.



There have been adjustments to the composition of the operations group and the elected committee which has helped clarify areas of responsibility.

This year has seen a focussed period of self-reflection and self-evaluation supported by an externally facilitated peer review. The whole exercise was positive and worthwhile and we are excited to have identified some areas for development to look at in the future.



Once again, the team was involved in recordings for the second series of 'SOS extreme rescue' for BBC TV.

The team enters the next year in a good position.

Phil Britton, ASART Team Leader

TREASURER'S REPORT

A summary balance sheet for the financial year April 2024 to March 2025 is in the Appendix below. This shows funds at the end of the financial year standing at £53,870.74.

The summary shows a surplus of income over expenditure of £8,098.33 for the year. Both income (£46,466) and expenditure (£38,368) were significantly higher than in recent years.



A primary reason for this was the purchase of quality waterproof jackets and trousers for all team members at a total cost of £20k, of which £15k was incurred in this financial year and £5k is anticipated soon. This was matched by a successful fundraising campaign which raised £25k for this and other personal protective equipment. Other donations have maintained a healthy level this year. Expenditure has also included some significant upgrades in equipment, particularly for technical rope rescue, and the routine replacement of the majority of our ropes which had reached end of life.

A VAT claim for £5,215.11 is now being submitted to cover expenditure in the 2024-5 financial year. This is much higher than in recent years due to the increased spend.

Gift Aid of £753.43 is also to be claimed for qualifying donations received during the 2024/25 year.

The deposit account opened just before the start of this year has accrued a total of £764.88 interest over the year

The annual income exceeds the Charity Commission threshold of £25k which requires us to submit an independent examiner's report from a suitably qualified financial professional.

Paul Aslin, ASART Treasurer

EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

This year we've completed the transition to Gearlog for keeping track of all of our technical equipment and PPE. All technical equipment has a recommended lifespan from the manufacturer which we can't exceed and has to have a thorough inspection every six months in addition to pre- and post-use checks. Gearlog lets us keep track of inspections and manufacturing dates in a much more convenient way than our old paper-

based system. Alongside Gearlog there is now a system of tagging bags of equipment to mark that they are complete and packed properly.



Most of our technical rope rescue equipment was replaced in 2015 during a reorganisation which means that quite a lot of items are reaching their end-of-life in 2025. We've bought 1000m of rope this year (a mix of 11mm and 9mm) to replace old equipment, and because new technologies are becoming available, we've been able to purchase ropes that are stronger and have a higher cut resistance than our old ones.

We've reorganised the technical rope rescue setup again, reviewing decisions about what to carry and how to carry it on the hill, and we've made some purchases because of this. We've bought new belay devices, vehicle anchor slings, a new ground anchor system and some new bags to store everything in. We've also bought a stock of replacement slings and prusik cord.

This year the fundraising officer ran a very successful campaign to raise money for new waterproofs. We've bought Gore-Tex jackets for every team member and are currently working on putting together an order for Gore-Tex trousers. We've also bought a number of replacement headtorches for team members since this is an area where technology has advanced considerably in the last few years.



Tom Hooley, ASART Equipment Officer

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

Our aim for training each year is to provide a wide ranging and appropriate training programme which keeps us revolving through our core competencies, maintain the team's operational capacity, efficiency and safety.

We cover a large geographic area nearly 1000 square kilometres, engaging 50 team members who live throughout and beyond the area keeping training exciting and purposeful.

The team training programme is varied and interesting drawing in external help such as North Wales Police Drone unit.

The training events vary from online lectures, demonstrations, taught sessions and live reality scenario training, we cover a wide variety of subjects included in our core competency lists

- Fatal incident protocol, wellbeing and communication skills
- Steep ground and extraction
- Navigation and search
- Medical and trauma scenarios
- Packaging and transportation
- Area orientation
- Common callout issues



Over the year the team held 29 full team training sessions, the average attendance for these events was 20 team members.

There were 18 specialist group trainings (including Remote Rescue Medical Technician RRMT, Technical Rope Rescue TRR and Swiftwater Rescue Technician SRT).

Our whole team training events over the year total 398 volunteer team members attending, which totals approximately 995 of volunteer hours whole team training.

This excludes all the hours of setting up the training led by a wide variety of team members, additional group trainings and travel to external training such as Bristow coastguard helicopter base.

Training attendance percentages range from 6% to 52%, this is something we as a team need to work on, encouraging the less regular attendees to keep up competencies and keep on with team building.

Training assessment is an area we can work on building on during the coming year, observation, critical friend and constructive feedback helping us to develop.



The recent Peer Review as highlighted some good areas to work on maintaining attendance, competency and recording development.

We are hoping that our growing group of non-hill going supporters might engage with us as scenario casualties, so get working on your acting skills!

Thank you to all folks both internal and external who have been involved this last year in supporting of planning and carrying out training events.

Rob Goodsell, ASART Training Officer

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

This year has been one of exceptional activity and collaboration for our medical team, with numerous call-outs for both trauma and medical incidents. Many of these were multi-agency operations, reflecting the strong partnerships we have developed across services.



Our operational work has been supported by a robust programme of ongoing training to ensure our team is always ready to respond.

We are proud to have 20 operational Remote Rescue Medical Technicians on the team, following a joint training course delivered in collaboration with South Snowdonia, Aberglaslyn, and Ogwen Valley teams, kindly hosted by Magnox.

Over the past year, we organised 23 medical training sessions, ranging from full-day scenario exercises to clinical governance reviews, focused skills sessions, and specialist workshops. In a particularly exciting session, a local trainee-doctor programme returned with 10 new trainee doctors who acted as simulated casualties in a full-day training event. We also participated in a Dyfi Bike Park mass-casualty training exercise alongside the ambulance and fire services and are currently planning joint sessions with the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust for later in 2025.



In addition, we helped to coordinate an Advanced Remote Rescue Medical Technician Day, bringing together representatives from South Snowdonia, Aberglaslyn, North East Wales, Llanberis, Cave Rescue, Mon SAR, and Ogwen Valley teams. Events like these are vital for sharing expertise and strengthening relationships across our community of rescuers.

This year, we made significant updates to our medical equipment, including the introduction of enhanced catastrophic bleed control items such as tranexamic acid, haemostatic dressings, and tourniquets. We have also expanded our kit to better serve paediatric casualties by increasing the range of equipment sizes available. Our training equipment has been upgraded to mirror the operational gear our technicians carry, ensuring that training is as realistic and effective as possible.

Finally, we are delighted to report that 2 team members have completed Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) and Casualty Care Train-the-Trainer courses. These qualifications further strengthen our operational capacity and improve our ability to deliver high-quality training within the team.

We are deeply grateful to all our volunteers and partners for their dedication and support in delivering an outstanding year of lifesaving service.

Esther Thew, ASART Medical Officer

IT OFFICER'S REPORT

As with all other MREW Teams and other Search and Rescue agencies such as Cave Rescue and SARDA, all Team members have an official team email address and access to the MREW G-suite to ensure that all communications and storage of MR related matters are kept in a secure controlled environment. All trainee members are assigned a Team email address for all correspondence on MR matters. This ensures compliance with the GDPR and eliminates the potential of sending confidential data to an incorrect personal email address. It also confirms to outside Agencies and other bodies that the email is a formal Team correspondence.

Trainee Team members moving up to Full Team status have all signed up to the North Wales Police Data Sharing Agreement which is a legal requirement of Team membership.

The full capabilities of the Digital Mobile Radios and repeater systems are being explored to ensure that the Team can make full use of the system. This includes Zello which is a phone or PC based application that enables two way communications through the repeaters of the DMR system which is then accessible via the internet. The digital radios can revert to the analogue channels for working with other Teams and Agencies who are yet to implement the system and can provide a separate channel for use during incidents where additional communication routes are needed.

The G-Suite Meet application is used for any online meetings as it is a part of the system provided by MREW.

The Team maintains an online presence on platforms such as Facebook and X as well as regular updates of incidents on the Team website. A section detailing the history of mountain rescue and the origins of the Team has been updated on the website.

What3Words is becoming more prevalent and recognised by the general public with the 3 word descriptor being provided for locations and addresses similar to postcodes. Many organisations are now including the W3W data for locations and assets on their documentation so is recognised more by the general public and more likely to be given to the Team than a grid reference.

As with all new technology, the Team has to be conversant with the application and how to translate a given three word location to Ordnance Survey Grid Coordinates to work with our mapping applications.

The Ordnance Survey are currently offering free access to their mapping application for all individual Team members within MREW. This is a valuable resource and can provide substantial cost savings to the Team and members, who are all volunteers.

SARCALL is the established method of notifying Team members of training events or call-outs, in the format of an SMS sent to members' registered mobile telephones. Team members respond with a positive, a delayed or a negative response where possible so that call handlers and the Team Leader on the hill have an idea of resources available.

The Team has an email notification facility as a backup or due to inadequate mobile signal and this is set up for anyone that requires it. A secondary back up system using a cascade list of telephone numbers is maintained and can be used in the event of a problem with the local mobile network. Built in redundancy is vital to maintain communications within the Team and other agencies.

The use of Gearlog as a central database of Team equipment and personal issue kit is being further developed to include various competencies and qualifications to ensure that all the information is accessible as required.

The use of smart tags on all equipment makes identification and logging a quicker process and saves a lot of work by eliminating the paperwork that was previously used. As all Team owned equipment has to be formally inspected at least twice a year this is a considerable time saving for the Team. The Professional version of Gearlog is now used which has an annual cost implication but is considered to be good value.



At National and Regional levels, work is still ongoing on the updating of the Emergency Services Network used by agencies such as the Police, Ambulance, Fire, Coastguard etc. and to which the Teams have controlled access to via the Police. It is expected that Search and

Rescue organisations will be included when the new system is implemented but that this could take some time and the existing systems will remain in use during the transition phase.

Huw Evans, ASART IT Officer

ROPE RESCUE OFFICER'S REPORT

Rope Rescue Capability: Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team (ASART) maintains a full technical rope rescue capability for all of the crags and steep ground across the Team's area and is often called on for assistance by neighbouring teams. As part of this capability, ASART has a specialist rope rescue group that assists the full team with rope rescue. The team maintains a full set of technical rope rescue equipment for each of its two vehicles, including 700 m of rope (in different lengths) assigned to each vehicle.

Membership: The rope rescue group has 22 active members and a small number of trainees. Of these 8 hold the Rescue 3 Rope Rescue Technician's (RRT) qualification and 8 have a Rescue 3 Rope Rescue Operator's (RRO) qualification.

Call-outs: The skills of the rope rescue group have been required during at least nine call outs over the last 12 months making this the busiest period for rope rescue in at least the last decade. Three of these rescues involved hauling up a vertical rock face using a full rope rescue system, while the others required the use of a single rope to either secure a



stretcher carry on steep ground, or to confidence rope a walking casualty off the hill. In June 2024, we assisted South Snowdonia Search and Rescue Team with the rescue of an injured climber in the Rhinogydd. In March 2025, a rope rescue system was used during a multi-agency response to a gentleman who had sustained injuries having fallen into Minllyn Quarry near Dinas Mawddwy. ASART rope rescue group has been called out twice alongside the Water Rescue Team to rescue dogs from the steep-sided gorge on the Afon Clywedog

(known as the Torrent Walk), and a further two more times to rescue crag fast dogs in two other areas.

Training: The rope rescue group trains several times each year. The group runs training for the rest of the team in technical rope rescue and rescues from steep ground. Several team members completed Rescue 3 RRT and RRO courses in the last 12 months

Sam Doyle, ASART Rope Rescue Officer

WATER OFFICER'S REPORT



Over the year the team maintained its Swift and Flood Water Response Capabilities with two Call Outs in the period involving animal rescues.

In the last quarter however, Swift Water Rescue Technician qualifications for a number of team members expired. Availability for courses will be sought to re certify those out of date.

Despite the above, the team maintains four qualified Swift Water Rescue Technicians one of whom also re certified as a Swift and Flood Water Rescue Instructor through R3 Europe.

Ian Pilcher, ASART Water Officer.

FUNDRAISER OFFICER'S REPORT

Introduction

The focus of this year's fundraising was to undertake a transition from relying on general donations to a more focussed approach asking for contributions for a specific campaign.

Alongside this was a trial of different merchandise to sell at the various shows and events that we attend. This was to see what, if any, branded merchandise was desirable and at what price point.

An attempt was made to research charitable trusts and foundations to see what funding might be available to an organisation such as ours.

Activities

It was decided that we should start a campaign to equip each team member with lightweight waterproof jackets and trousers. A target of £25,000 was set.

With the help of supporters, a GoFundMe campaign was launched.

The Team attended several events throughout the summer, such as fell races and summer shows, and it was found that the donations the Team would normally receive were doubled and trebled when they were attributed to a specific campaign.

The Team was invited to attend the annual Red Bull Hardline Event and thanks to the support and generosity of the Atherton family the Team raised £6000 which was a great start to the campaign.



Printed mugs, slate coasters, slate place mats and wooden chopping boards, all with our logo and an outline of our local mountain Cadair, proved to be popular at these events.

A total of five applications to charitable groups were made, three of which were successful. Two of the applications were specifically for the waterproofs campaign and the other was for general team funding to support community activity. NWMRA kindly donated £9800 and Dulas Ltd Charitable Committee also kindly donated £2000.



Ongoing donations to collections continued with some being boosted by publicity of the waterproofs campaign.

Some independent fundraising events took place by groups that had been involved in a rescue or had heard about the team through the BBC SOS series.

Conclusion

The fundraising campaign raised over £25,000 with thanks to the funding from NWMRA, Dulas Ltd, Dyfi Bike Park, the committees of Ras y Gadair- Ras y Train and Ras Tarren Hendre, as well as all those who saw the campaign on Facebook, Instagram and GoFundMe.

This campaign clearly demonstrated that people and companies will give more generously towards a specific cause that they feel they can help with.

Having merchandise does encourage people to engage at events and enter into a transaction rather than just them feeling obliged to donate.

Matt Young, ASART fundraising officer

PRESS OFFICER AND SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER'S REPORT

Over the past year, Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team has continued to use social media and local media outlets to share information about our callouts, promote mountain safety, thank our supporters, and show a bit of what goes on behind the scenes. This report gives an overview of what we've been up to online, how people have responded, and some thoughts for the year ahead.

Social Media Overview

Growth

- Our Facebook following grew by about 12% over the year.
- Instagram saw around a 20% increase, with more people enjoying the photos and short videos we post from callouts and training.
- Twitter (now called X) stayed steady, mainly useful for getting quick updates out during busy incidents.
- Some of our posts reached between 3,000 and 10,000 people without any paid promotion.
- A few callout reports, especially rescues on Cadair Idris, were picked up by news sites, helping to spread our safety messages even further.

What We've Been Posting

We try to keep our content varied and useful. Over the last 12 months, we've shared:

- Callout reports — Written to share what happened without naming those involved. These posts are often our most widely read.
- Safety advice — Often linking with national campaigns like AdventureSmart, reminding people how to stay safe in the hills.
- Behind-the-scenes updates — Showing training exercises, kit maintenance, and giving a flavour of the work that goes into keeping the team operational.



Help Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team buy essential new kit

£15,405 raised
£25K goal · 80 donations



- Fundraising news — A major focus this year was the fundraising campaign to raise £25,000 for essential team kit. Thanks to fantastic support from the local community and beyond, we hit the target. Social media played a huge part in promoting the campaign and showing people exactly how their donations would be used.
- Recognition posts — Thanking supporters, marking long service awards, and celebrating successful partnerships.

- A bit of humour — Our April Fools' post this year introduced our new team of search alpacas for rough ground work! It reached thousands of people, raised a few smiles, and gave a big boost to our page engagement.

New Developments

- We are very grateful to Gwenlli, who has recently come on board to provide ongoing Welsh translations for our posts. Being able to communicate bilingually is really important to us, given the strong Welsh-speaking community we serve. It's helping to make sure our messages are accessible to everyone.

- Thanks also go to Sam, who has been working on improving the team website, moving it to a more user-friendly format. Early steps have already made the site a lot easier to navigate, but It has also highlighted that a major update will be needed in the near future to properly bring the site up to modern, mobile-friendly standards. A lot of people now access information through their phones, so this work is essential — however, it is likely to involve significant costs for professional development and design.

How People Have Responded

- On Facebook, our posts have been getting around a 6% engagement rate — well above average for voluntary organisations.

- Instagram Stories and Reels showing dramatic landscapes or bits of kit have proved popular, especially with a younger audience. Some posts, like video clips of helicopter-supported rescues, reached over 40,000 people and brought in a lot of positive comments from the public.



Press Releases and News Coverage

When there's been a significant callout or event, we've continued to send out press releases to local and national news outlets. Getting the facts out quickly helps to avoid speculation and keeps the focus where it should be: on promoting safety and recognising the hard work of volunteers. Some of our rescues this summer were featured by BBC Wales, S4C, and other regional outlets. Good coverage

like this doesn't just highlight the team's efforts — it also helps reinforce important messages about being properly prepared in the outdoors.

Challenges

Like many volunteer organisations, we face a few challenges:

- **Managing misinformation:** Now and again, we see speculation on social media before official details are released. We encourage people to wait for verified updates.
- **Volunteer time:** Creating and managing posts takes time — and with all team members being volunteers, it's a careful balancing act alongside training and operations.
- **Social media algorithms:** Changes to how posts are shown meant some good content didn't reach as many people as expected. We've been trialling different posting times and formats to adjust.

Looking Ahead

Things we're looking to develop over the next year:

- More short videos showing a "behind-the-scenes" look at life in the team.
- Closer working with other rescue teams to spread key safety messages further.
- Continuing to provide bilingual content on all platforms.
- Planning and fundraising towards a full website redevelopment to make sure our online information remains accessible, especially for mobile users.

We'll also be keeping up the tradition of our April Fools' post — given how well the search alpacas went down!

Conclusion

Social media and press engagement have become a big part of how we connect with the public, promote safety, and thank the many people who support the team. Over the past year, we've seen strong engagement, a warm response from the community, and some great exposure for important safety



messages. A big thank you goes to everyone — volunteers and supporters alike — who help make it happen, both on the hills and behind the scenes.

Jemma Barratt and Sarah Purdon, ASART Press Officer and Social Media Officers.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

The team continues to monitor individuals' wellbeing and welfare, as a team we've conducted full team training as well as periodically reminding team members at training and via email we have a welfare/wellbeing point of contact, and how important team wellbeing and welfare is.

A number of key members of the team have also attended regional wellbeing/welfare days looking at how the organisation and region is dealing with wellbeing and welfare and how they support individual teams.

So far this year we've made no reactive welfare/wellbeing calls to individuals and no requests for additional welfare/wellbeing support or training has been requested by team members.

Gareth Davies, ASART Welfare Officer

NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Having taken over the role of Chairperson at the AGM in April 2024, it is clear that Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team remains a dedicated group of volunteers, maintaining strong links with our peer Mountain Rescue Teams within the North Wales Region, Partner Agencies, and local Communities.

Despite Aberdyfi Search and Rescue being a volunteer operated charity, the reliance upon Mountain Rescue Teams nationally seems to be on the rise and with this comes an increased expectation from the Public and Other Agencies for professionalism, with which comes accountability, and liability.

“Professional is not a label you give yourself - it's a description you hope others will apply to you.” (David Maister)

Futureproofing the team in a changing world and meeting the expectation for Professionalism comes with inevitable challenges, for volunteer organisations but as a Team is something that is incumbent upon us to continue to align ourselves to.

The past twelve months have seen the Team continue to strengthen and develop not just operationally but also in strategic (non-operational) areas. Work concluded earlier in the year to change the charitable status of the Team from an Unincorporated Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

This establishes the Team as a legal entity, bringing with it a number of benefits and affords the Trustees, Officers and its members greater protection and opportunity.

Registration of the new CIO was approved by charities commission in November 2024. The newly formed CIO now lies dormant (alongside new bank accounts) pending ratification from our members for the change to be implement.

In parallel and to support the proposed change in Charitable Status, there has been an increased focus on improving Governance within the Team. This saw the roll out of a new Operations Committee sitting alongside the Teams Management Committee. The development of new Policies and Procedures, forward Financial Planning / Forecasting and Fundraising have become more closely aligned and there is increased emphasis on Risk Management (Operational and Organisational)

Over time, the teams Governance Framework will continue to develop to a level which is proportionate to in order to support the Charity in achieving its stated aims and objectives.

A review of Organisational Risks and Opportunity has identified the need for the team to start to consider the practicalities of having two lockup garages in which it currently stores vehicles and team equipment. (Outward Bound Aberdyfi and Dolgellau). The team have therefore commenced a project to look at different options and locations for alternative premises to consolidate and centralise the Team's holdings and assets. Despite a modest list of requirements / criteria, it is clear that suitability, affordability and long terms sustainability need fully assessed and understood.

During the year, the Team underwent a Peer Review facilitated through Mountain Rescue England and Wales. Notwithstanding that fact that the process is intended to be reflective, the reviewers sought to measure the level to which the team is developed and its fitness for purpose in a range of areas.

Encouragingly the team received positive feedback in the vast majority of the assessed areas. Further consideration will be given to the Peer Review feedback over the next twelve months; focussing on areas considered less developed, but some quick wins have already been identified and actioned.



Our operational capabilities have continued to be supported through the delivery of training and development of our members, this coupled with the improvements made to the onboarding process for new members, improvements in technical aspects and equipment continues to strengthen the position of the team and operational resilience.

Our presence on social media and associated outputs this year including through the medium of Welsh have grown in strength and popularity and assisted with fundraising campaigns through the year.

All told, the team continues to strengthen year on year, testament to the dedication of its members.

To close this report, I would like to extend thanks to:

1. All our team members for the time they give as volunteers attending callouts and training, and in particular those who take on additional duties or hold roles as officers, the additional time and commitment for which should not be underestimated.
2. The family, friends and employers of team members for their understanding and forbearance. Without their support, members would not be able to go out on rescues at all hours of the day and night.
3. Members of the public, local businesses and third-party groups who provide financial support and donations to the team. Without this support the team would not remain operational.

4. Our Non-Operational supporters who have assisted officers of the Team with administrative tasks when called upon.

Diolch/Thank you!

Ian Pilcher, ASART Chair.

ASART Annual Report 2024 to 2025

APPENDIX:

**Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team.
Statement of accounts 2024-2025.**

As of 31 Mar 25

Current Account

Brought Forward 1/4/24

£5,738.74

Income

Income Box	£1,060.81
Income Donation	£24,054.24
Income Online	£9,061.31
Income VAT refund	£1,549.87
Income MR Grant	£9,814.00
Income misc	£161.57

Expenditure

Administration	-£1,339.00
Building & Storage	-£3,045.35
Training	-£1,291.02
Medical	-£2,469.49
Vehicle	-£2,474.26
Fuel	-£1,438.63
Equipment	-£26,310.60

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Annual surplus/deficit

£7,333.45

Transfers

Trans to/from deposit account -£9,000.00

Current Account balance at 31/3/25

£4,072.19

Deposit Account

Brought Forward 1/4/24 £40,033.67

In £23,000.00

Out £14,000.00

Interest £764.88

Deposit Account balance at 31/3/25

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI /
ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI /
ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM (Aberdyfi SART) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of Aberdyfi SART 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
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SIGNED:



NAME: Simon Longworth FCA (Shechem Ltd)

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Address: **Gwyndy, Llancynfelyn, Machynlleth SY20 8PU**

Date: 25th August 2025

TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI/ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1073441

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TEAM LEADER'S REPORT:

2023 was another busy year for Aberdyfi SaRT with 53 callouts. These were mainly in response to alerts from North Wales and Dyfyd Powys Police forces but also in support of our neighbouring teams South Snowdonia and Brecon.

The 53 callouts resulted in 39 deployments, 12 investigations and 4 no actions.

The figures for 2022 for comparison were 57, 43, 7 and 7 respectively.

Total people hours in 2023 spent on these callouts was 1,265hrs compared with 1,766hrs for 2022.

Much of the disparity in these figures was the result of a number of technical and difficult rescues long 2022 which required a higher degree of people power. In addition, 2022 had a number of multi day searches which also added to the total hours.

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The figures for the first 3 months of 2024 stand at 8 callouts resulting in 4 deployments, 3 investigations and 1 no action. By comparison, the same period in 2023 was 11, 6, 5 and 0 respectively.

The team continues to move forward and adapt to the requirements of Search and Rescue which results in both challenges and opportunities. One example of this is the recent introduction of Gearlog which is a digital system for recording and managing equipment checks. Credit must be given to all the officers and team members with areas of responsibility who work so hard to make things happen.

This last year has seen the introduction of an operations group with regular meetings to concentrate on purely operational issues; to examine the deployment procedures and ensure that different areas of responsibility such as medical, technical and vehicles are all interacting effectively to result in an efficient and safe response for casualties.

There are still potential challenges for the future such as the continued search for a base to give us a central location for our vehicles and equipment. The main challenge in this search is to enhance our operational ability and not to disadvantage ourselves from our present position.

In the early months 2024 Snowdonia SOS was aired on the BBC from filming compiled in 2022, this showed the team and indeed the whole North Wales Mountain Rescue community in a very positive light.



I am proud to be part of a team that continues to diversify with a more balanced gender, age and experience split. I am also continue to be amazed at the dedication of individuals to the team and personal training commitments.

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All in all, the team is in a good position moving forward with a wide range of skills and experience which will put us in a robust position for the future. This can be seen in the efficiency and professionalism shown on the callouts carried out so far this year.

Phil Britton Team Leader

Footnote, all statistical figures from MREW database.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A summary balance sheet for the financial year April 2023 to March 2024 is attached. This shows funds at the end of the financial year standing at £45,772.41.

The summary shows a surplus of income over expenditure of £16,579.98 for the year.

Expenditure of £14,172 was slightly down on recent years, whereas income of £30,752 was considerably greater due primarily to an extremely generous legacy of £10,000 which was received unexpectedly in February 2024. Other donations were also strong this year, led by the raffle of the Idris Chair created and donated by a team member, which raised a total of £3,558.



These factors result in a balance of approximately three times routine annual expenditure. The Committee has set a target level for reserves at between one and two times annual expenditure. Expenditure is “lumpy” and has been historically a little low this year so we are not complacent but the financial picture is generally healthy.

A VAT claim for £1,549.87 is now being submitted to cover expenditure in the 2023-4 financial year which is very similar to the claim for the previous year (£1,567.89) which was received in May 2023.

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Late in the financial year a deposit account was opened to gain interest on most of the reserves being held.

The legacy gift has taken the annual income over the Charity Commission threshold of £25k which requires us to submit an independent examiner's report from a suitably qualified financial professional. This was not necessary for '22-23 but was done for the previous year due to a large one-off grant.

In January 2023 we introduced a scheme to enable team members to claim a contribution towards fuel costs incurred in attending callouts. In January 2024 this was extended to include training and other team activities. There has been very limited take-up but this is considered to be a first step in a gradual move towards a model which compensates team members for the actual costs of their involvement with the team.

Paul Aslin

EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT :

The Team has need to use a great deal of equipment over the course of a year helping members of the public who have got into trouble in remote places. We work in the mountains and on moors in all weather, all times of day and night, and in all conditions underfoot. Therefore, we all have in our rucksacks plenty of clothing – waterproof jackets and trousers and insulated jackets to keep us warm and dry. We work in the dark so a headtorch is essential.

We use technical equipment too – so for protection we need harnesses, helmets, and leather gloves. Accessing steep cliffs requires ropes and the means to build secure anchors. An injured casualty may require a stretcher, warm bag to be put into, or even a vacuum mattress to stop further damage to broken bones. All this requires constant upkeep and replacements as things wear out, get damaged on a rescue, or simply go beyond their lifespan.

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This year, for example, we have had to buy almost 500 metres of rope, replace out-of-date flares (for helicopters to locate us on a dark hillside), medical drugs, and specialist equipment. We have also taken on 9 new recruits, all of whom need to be kitted out and trained to use technical equipment.

All these items of equipment have to be monitored and twice yearly inspected. Recording all this work has this year been transferred from paper files to a software database system called Gearlog.

Hopefully this will aid all the team in keeping track of this vital kit and knowing when to replace it, thus keeping us all a little safer in the world of Mountain Rescue.

Neil Champion

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT:

The team held 26 whole team training events throughout the year. This amounts to a figure of approximately 2000 volunteer hours of training time.

We have been covering the basic competencies and pick up any training needs in a rolling program this operates on a two-year cycle.

We have also expanded our range of training to include more mental health awareness and team cohesion.

Helicopter training is fundamental to the team's operational capability. We regularly update our online training and as a team we are almost up to date

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with live training, thwarted this year by a maintenance issue on the aircraft on the day of training.

As a team we are well prepared to react to the majority of incidents including regular rope and steep ground training, missing person search practices and water safety and search.

In the coming year we are aiming to roll out a standard of water safety search and rescue, continue with live helicopter training and prepare for the weather and conditions the mountains throw at us.

As always I am really impressed and grateful for all the hard work both people arranging the training events and attending the events put in.

Thank you to all volunteers.

Rob Goodsell

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:



There is a medical aspect to most call-outs for our team. Whether it's aiding a lost walker who is getting progressively colder, attending to someone with a pre-existing medical condition, or providing assistance to an injured individual, it's essential our team are prepared with the necessary medical training and equipment.

Over the past year, we've witnessed a notable increase in the proficiency of our casualty carers, attributable to the further training they've undertaken. Consequently, we've upgraded our medical kit to ensure we're equipped to handle a diverse array of emergencies.

For example, we've expanded the diagnostic equipment available in our medical bags and bolstered our supply of life-saving aids such as i-gels and

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celox. Additionally, we have updated our vacuum mattresses, which are crucial for safely extracting injured individuals from challenging terrain.

Our commitment to staying up-to-date with evolving medical practices is reflected in the ongoing refinement of our casualty care syllabus and the continual evaluation and enhancement of our drug inventory.

Presently, we have a team of 20 operational members adept in casualty care who carry essential medical kit with them in addition to the larger medical bags kept in the vehicles. Their training is refreshed regularly, and this year, we collaborated with neighbouring teams, South Snowdonia and Aberglaslyn Mountain Rescue, for a joint training weekend, which was kindly hosted at Coed y Brenin.



Furthermore, we organised a comprehensive mass casualty-training event working with trainee doctors. Throughout the year, multiple full-day scenario-based training exercises engaged the entire team, facilitating the optimisation of our response protocols for challenging situations.

Esther Tew

IT OFFICER'S REPORT:

As with all other MREW Teams, all ASART Team members are included on the MREW G-suite email system and all new probationers have been assigned a Team email address for all future correspondence on MR matters.

This ensures compliance with the GDPR and eliminates the potential of sending confidential data to an incorrect personal email address. It also

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confirms to outside Agencies and other bodies that the email is a formal Team correspondence.

The G-suite secure document storage makes provision for each Team member to store MR related documents and this is where all materials should be kept for GDPR compliance.

Trainee Team members moving up to Full Team status are in the process of signing up to the North Wales Police Data Sharing Agreement which is a legal requirement of Team membership.

The full capabilities of the Digital Mobile Radios and repeater systems will be explored in the near future to ensure that the Team can make full use of the system. This includes Zello which is a phone or PC based application that enables two way communications through the repeaters of the DMR system which is then accessible via the internet.

This is a work in progress and the Team are exploring the best way to make use of the application.

The digital radios can revert to the analogue channels for working with other Teams and Agencies who are yet to implement the system and can provide a separate channel for use during incidents where additional communication routes are needed.

The G-Suite Meet application is still used for any online meetings as it is a part of the system provided by MREW.

The Team maintains an online presence on platforms such as Facebook and X as well as regular updates of incidents on the Team website. A section detailing the history of mountain rescue and the origins of the Team has now been added to the website.

What3Words is becoming more prevalent and recognised by the general public with the 3 word descriptor being provided for locations and addresses similar to postcodes.

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As with all new technology, the Team has to be conversant with the application and how to translate a given three word location to Ordnance Survey Grid Coordinates to work with our mapping applications.

The Ordnance Survey are currently offering free access to their mapping application for all individual Team members within MREW. This can be a substantial cost saving.

SARCALL is the established method of notifying Team members of training events or call-outs, in the format of an SMS sent to members' registered mobile telephones. Team members respond with a positive, a delayed or a negative response where possible so that call handlers and the Team Leader on the hill have an idea of resources available.

The Team has an email notification facility as a back up or due to inadequate mobile signal and this can be set up for anyone that requires it.

An additional back up system using a cascade list of telephone numbers is also available in the event of a problem with the local mobile network. Built in redundancy is vital to maintain communications within the Team and other agencies.

The Team is now using Gearlog, an online database, for the registration of all Team and personal issue equipment and for subsequent inspections and checks. All Team and personal issue equipment have smart tags which will make identification and logging of equipment a quicker process.

There are minor issues which are in the process of being resolved and it is expected that the increased functionality of the professional version of Gearlog will be utilised in the near future.

Huw Evans

ROPE RESCUE OFFICER'S REPORT :

Rope Rescue Capability: Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team (ASART) maintains a full technical rope rescue capability for all of the crags and steep ground across the Team's area and is often called on for assistance by neighbouring teams. As part of the capability ASART has a specialist rope rescue group that assists the full team with rope rescue.

Membership: The rope rescue group has 22 active members having grown slightly from 18 in 2023. Of these 8 have an in-date Rescue 3 Rope Rescue Technician's (RRT) qualification and 9 have an in-date Rescue 3 Rope Rescue Operator's (RRO) qualification.



Call outs: There were two call outs involving full technical rope rescue in the last year. The first involved the extraction of a mountain biker with a femur fracture up a steep forestry track to a waiting Coastguard helicopter. The second was at the request of South Snowdonia Search and Rescue Team (SSSART) to assist with a multiagency call out to a walker who had fallen ~20 m from a waterfall near Coed-y-Brenin. Working closely with members from SSSART a Dual Capability Two Tension Rope System was constructed to extract the casualty, who had a femoral artery bleed, up a steep bank above the waterfall. This wasn't required in

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the end as the Coastguard helicopter was able to make a long winch rescue. The rope system was then used to safely extract the remaining personnel on site including mountain rescue team members and ambulance crew.

Training: The rope rescue group trains several times a year and each training has been well attended. The group also trains



the rest of the team in full rope rescue and rescues from steep ground.



External training has taken the form of Rescue 3 RRO and RRT courses and we have been fortunate to have had five places provided at cost by R3 SAR, four places funded by LIBOR, four places funded by MREW, and two places provided at cost on a course run by North East Wales Search and Rescue. We are very grateful for this generosity.

Sam Doyle

WATER OFFICER'S REPORT:

In the period of the last 12 months the team has maintained its Swift and Flood Water Response capability.

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This capability enables the team to deploy to water related incidents, both, within our own geographical area or to support wider regional deployments along with other responding agencies.

Certification / Qualifications.

- 11 Team members currently hold valid Mod 3 - Swift and Flood Water Rescue Technician (SRT) Certification.
- The above has reduced from 12 the previous year following one team member standing down from the team.
- The water team continues to benefit from a Rescue 3 Regional Instructor within in membership delivering focussed and accredited water training.

Training

Aberdyfi Search and Rescue have continued operate a combined (SRT) training calendar with South Snowdonia Search and Rescue.

These joint training sessions have continued to work well; not only has this approach afforded greater scope in terms of training content / delivery but,

better inter-team working has developed which improves Regional Operational Resilience.



Six STR Training Sessions ran in the period with one Full team “Water awareness” session held for non-water qualified members plus an introductory session for new trainees.

Call Outs

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There has been 1 operational deployment for the Teams Swift and Flood Water Rescue Technicians in the period.

Ian Pilcher

FUNDRAISING OFFICER'S REPORT:

As with previous years, the team continues to recognise and value the donations and financial support it receives from members of the public and businesses within local communities.

It is only through such support that the Aberdyfi Search and Rescue can maintain its operational status.

Through the year we have maintained and strengthened existing relationships as well as developing the profile of the Team and more widely Mountain Rescue England and Wales.

Donations

General fundraising activity has continued within the year, and we have seen a steady flow of donations in the period; be they from one off donations linked to a rescue, fundraising activities, the team providing event support or through local businesses.

Income from cash collection boxes has similarly continued and we remain grateful to those businesses who continue to support the team by having a collection box on their premises.

Notable in the year was the team's "Idris Chair" Prize Draw project which, through face to face ticket sales at various events (Aberdyfi Food Festival and Cadair Fell Race) plus online Crowd Funder ticket sales resulted in £3,613.27 income for the team.

Within the year, the team also started trialling team merchandise with the sale of branded Team mugs.

Sales of mugs have been steady, with opportunity to purchase at events, collection days and through Art Works in Aberdyfi who, also generously

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selected the team as its nominated charity. Developing their own range of gifts (Keyrings, greeting cards and coasters) featuring art work of the local landscape by local artist Nick Coldham, proceeds of sales have been donated to the team for which we give our thanks and recognition.



In November 2023 Ian Pilcher, stood down from the role of Fundraising Officer for the team after a tenure of 6 years in post, handing over to Matt Young.

PRESS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Beyond a regular presence on social media channels, and reports in local and occasionally national press outlets, probably the biggest public relations event for some years has been (finally) the screening of the BBC's "SOS Extreme Rescues."

The Team enjoys a reasonable prominence within the 12 episodes of this fly-on-the-wall look at rescues in North Wales, with at least 6 Team volunteers featuring in "talking-head" interviews along the way. With footage from as early as 2021, it seems like it has been a long wait, but the results are perhaps worth that wait.



For most of the Team, the filming was reasonably unintrusive and we were able to get along with business as usual without too much interference. Those called for interview found the process a little more inconvenient, and for the Press Officer there were times when dealing with request became almost a full time occupation.

As the BBC are sufficiently pleased with the production to have announced

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the commissioning of a second series, there will likely be a wide range of opinions, based on vastly differing experiences, as to whether we get involved in future programmes or just be happy with the work already done. Either way, it might be safe to say we got another 15 minutes of fame for our efforts.

To mark the Teams 50th birthday, an in-depth look at the history of the organisation was added to the website. Hopefully, it will stand as a resource to be built-upon in the future as new chapters in the Team's story are written.

Graham O'Hanlon

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT:

As a team we are still understanding, making adjustments to the new role of Welfare/Wellbeing officer. As a team we are broadly doing the same as others in the region, some are doing more and some are doing less. The role takes direction from team members and team management if we do need to make subtle changes to the procedures we have created. So far in 2024 13 welfare calls have been made and had one team member requested for additional support from an historic incident they were involved in. All team members within the team know how to contact the welfare officer and understand the role of the welfare officer in supporting the wellbeing of individual members.

Gareth Davies

NOTE FROM THE CHAIR:

2023 was a notable year in terms of it being the 50th Anniversary of the team's formation. It was an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the contribution and commitment of current and past team members and the many achievements/rescues resolved. Expressions of thanks from local communities and helped members of the public were testimony to the work done.



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It has also been a busy year with callouts, many challenging. We undertook a filming project resulting in SOS -Extreme Rescues: for the BBC, along with other teams in Eryri National Park. This has been well received by viewers, many of whom had little knowledge of the work we volunteer for.



This work is only possible through the commitment and energy of our volunteers. Much is undertaken away from the view of the public. Training, maintenance, fundraising and much more results in the assistance given to people in trouble on our patch.

Our thanks to the individuals and groups who have donated funds to the team to help meet running costs. Without these we would struggle to provide a relevant response to the many challenging rescues in our area.

Diolch/Thank you..

Dave Williams

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Appendix

**Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team.
Statement of accounts 2023-2024**

As of 31 Mar 24

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI /
ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI /
ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM (Aberdyfi SART) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of Aberdyfi SART 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
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Date: 31st July 2024

TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI/ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

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ASART is a member of Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW) and of the North Wales Mountain Rescue Association (NWMRA)

During the year 2021-22 the following positions were held within the team. The Committee met quarterly by video conference and minutes of the meetings are published on the members 'page of the team website.



POSITION	NAME	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP STARTED	ENDED
Chair	Dave Williams		
Team leader	Phil Britton	May 2020	
Deputy team leader	John Weale	May 2020	
Secretary	Sian Campion	May 2022	
Treasurer	Graham O'Hanlon	March 2013	May 2022
Medical	Phil Hooper	May 2020	
Equipment	Geoff Brittain	April 2014	May 2022
Training	Paul Aslin	Nov 2013	May 2022
Recruitment	Nick Young		
Fundraising	Ian Pilcher	March 2017	
Water rescue	Ian Pilcher	March 2017	
Technical rope rescue	John Weale		
Vehicles	Ben Wells		
IT	Huw Evans	March 2017	
Press & PR	Graham O'Hanlon	March 2013	
Other	Chris Maylon		
Other	Dugald Cameron		



Team Leader / Operations Annual Report

As always the call out potential for the Aberdyfi team remains as unpredictable as ever. The only thing that is predictable is the ever growing list of pickles, mishaps and accidents the general public can get themselves into. Of course there is still the luck factor and anyone of us at some time could just make that awkward slip which ends up needing external help. This is shown up by the fact there are still a number of well equipped, experienced hill walkers that just get unlucky.

In the MREW records we have 56 jobs logged, 43 which resulted in deployment with the team operationally active for 347 hours.

Last year's figures were 36, 24 and 86 respectively, obviously greatly affected by covid restrictions.

2,187 individual man hours were logged, that is over a year of full time employment! Our top call out individual is 35 incidents and 159 hours logged. The average across the team however is 11 call outs per team member.

Saturday and Sunday account for just under half of our call outs followed by Wednesday, Monday/Friday then Tuesday/Thursday.

August is our busiest month followed by September then July and then jointly February/May/October.

Cadair Idris accounts for roughly half of our call outs with the region south of the river dyfi being the next busiest with 7 call outs. 4 of these were searches for vulnerable people. The remainder are scattered around the region including 2 in the Arans and 2 in Coed y Brenin (supporting South).

It should be noted that a number of these call outs have put an emotional strain on the team and the individuals involved due to the seriousness of the injuries and/or the difficulties in the rescue. There have been additional challenges in a couple of cases due to the recovery of deceased casualties. The team leadership is promoting mental health awareness among the team to address these issues. Look out for each other, check in with each other after a difficult job, hot debriefs at the end of a job and the readiness to raise concerns about any individual affected.

At this time last year, with the effects of Covid entering a second year, the team was struggling with qualification renewals. A year on we are in much better shape with regards to casualty carers, water personnel and rope techs thanks to the persistence and hard work of the officers and of course the individuals involved.

After a year's hiatus we took on another cohort of 4 probationary team members in January and are trialling a revamp of our mentor scheme which is working incredibly well.

Two of our members, Tom Hooley and Alan Eusnof, have sadly left the team having moved away from the area. We wish them both the best for the future.

I would like to pay tribute to the various officers who put so much time and work into the role they fulfill. One of the challenges we face is around what seems to be slowly raising demands for legislation, paperwork, form filling, etc. etc. and much of it falls to these individuals. A special thanks goes to those officers stepping down after a number of years of dedication and service which of course makes way for others to pick up the mantle.



I believe that the team is in a good position to take on the challenges of the coming year. We have a good mix of old hands and team members with less years service but a quickly increasing level of experience and high levels of expertise.

Phil Britton

Rope-tech Annual Report

The Rope-tech group currently has 21 members. There are 11 members holding the Rope Rescue Technician (RRT) Certificate although 7 of these will expire later this year.

A NWMRA re-certification course was held, jointly with SSSRT, earlier this year where 4 members re-certified as RRT's for the next 3 years.

Regional courses are few and far between as a result of the Covid Pandemic. A backlog of re-certification candidates exists and it may take a few years to clear. This will also delay offers of courses to new candidates.

Training has returned to a normal programme, with Covid precautions being taken where appropriate.

A departure from previous years training has been to continue with day sessions throughout the Winter. This has been well supported, even through some dire weather conditions, with valuable experience gained.

Operationally, during the last 12 months, there has not been any call for a full rope rescue system deployment to assist persons but there was one deployment of the full system to rescue a dog.

One crag-fast person was airlifted by Rescue 936 as a Rope-tech party were about to deploy. However, ropes have been deployed by Rope-techs to safeguard stretcher lowers and provide safety hand rails on several occasions.

One notable job was the rescue of a crag fast walker from extremely steep and broken ground above Lyn Cau. Ropes were deployed to safeguard Rope-techs and the casualty, on a difficult traverse to safer ground. Several Team Members, including Rope-techs, assisted SSSRT in two difficult, rope assisted, casualty extractions in Coed y Brenin.

Setting up the system with stake anchors in poor weather.



A Rope-tech Team conducting a horizontal stretcher lower and raise at Penrhyn Gwyn.



The skill and competence level remains high and this is due to the enthusiasm and commitment to training that members bring to the Rope-tech group. I am confident that the group can effect a rescue, at any location that may be asked of them, within our operational area.

John Weale

Press Officer Annual Report

We continue to enjoy a good take-up of press releases by the local and national press. As previously noted, these are often in a barely re-edited format, the only major and consistent change being the name of the author. We continue to see this as a compliment to the writing and content. Whilst the press releases and our own website present our professional face (over 10,300 unique visits over the last 12 months), our social media output retains a slightly lighter and more humorous touch and maintains a good and growing following (currently 5010 on FB, 810 on Twitter).

Team members are well briefed that no photographs or posts relating to training or incidents are to be uploaded to personal social media accounts, and from a consent perspective, there is a policy of only using photographs sent directly to the press officer (as opposed to lifting them from other sources). Timing remains a challenge and we would encourage all you budding photographers to send on your best work as soon as possible after the event, so that the press release can be accompanied by our best photos.

Graham O'Hanlon



Treasurer Annual Report

The Accounts Statement follows below . Despite the ongoing challenging circumstances, the team has been fortunate to enjoy another comfortable year financially.

With the DMR project falling mostly within this financial year, spending has taken a predictable leap, with the total falling just below the £55k mark. Some of this may ultimately be refunded from regional sources. Excluding DMR, our annual spend (£14.5k) was within normal parameters (£11.5k last year, £19k the year before), and it remains a source of pride that we can provide the service we offer on such a comparatively small budget. We end the year with reserves of £22k, effectively a buffer of 1 years running costs.

Large donations relating to the DMR project mean that our income falls above the £25k threshold for requiring external examination, so we will once again be in need of a tame accountant to help. Donations remain our strongest source of income as detailed in the fundraising section. We claim Gift Aid where possible and reclaim VAT on eligible purchases. At the year-end there is about £9k in outstanding VAT to reclaim and no significant liabilities.

Graham O'Hanlon





**Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team.
Statement of accounts 2021-2022**

As of

05-Apr-22

Balance Brought Forward 1/4/21	Balance	£47,271.09
	made up from:	
	Virtual Digital Radio Fund	£25,000.00
	and General fund	£22,271.09

Money in

Income Box	£336.65
Income Donation	£26,966.53
Income MyDonate/Virgin Giving	£814.76
Income VAT refund	£0.00
Income Personal clothing/equip	£943.48
Income MR Grant	£582.00
Income misc	£0.00

Expenditure

Personal clothing/equip	-£942.68
Administration	-£403.85
Building & Storage	-£2,656.93
Training	-£507.40
Medical	-£2,333.31
Vehicle	-£1,941.06
Fuel	-£1,268.40
Equipment	-£4,463.99
DMR Handsets	-£24,524.34
DMR Repeaters	-£15,797.51

-£54,839.47 £29,643.42

Ring-Fenced

Virtual Digital Radio Fund	-£25,000.00
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Sub total (21/22) **-£25,196.05**

Total	£22,075.04
made up from:	
Virtual Digital Radio Fund	£0.00
General fund	£22,075.04



IT Officer Annual Report

All MREW Teams have now transitioned to G-Suite to provide a secure email service for Team members to ensure that emails are stored on a central server and not scattered around on personal email accounts.

This ensures compliance with the GDPR and eliminates the potential of sending confidential data to an incorrect personal email address. It also confirms to outside Agencies and other bodies that the email is a formal Team correspondence.

A secure document storage and sharing system has been implemented to allow standard documents to be shared by the Committee without the risk of multiple copies being retained by individuals. A secure document storage system has also been provided for each Team member to store Team related documents.

The change over to Digital Mobile Radio is a significant financial investment for Aberdyfi SaRT and a lot of work has been put in to raise funds to cover some of these costs. The project is well under way and the transition to DMR communications has now been made.

This provides improved communications on the digital channels while maintaining the ability to revert to analogue channels for working with other Teams and Agencies who are yet to implement the system.

Work is progressing to set up a number of Repeater sites around the Cader Idris range which will allow individual radios to transmit to a repeater which will forward the signal over a larger range and allow online access in some circumstances using a combination of internet and GSM data.

The use of Online meeting tools will continue for some meetings for the foreseeable future. It is intended to migrate from Zoom to the G-Suite application following some testing as this is provided free of charge with a better storage and recording facility.

The Team maintains an online presence on platforms such as Facebook and Twitter as well as regular updates of the Team website. Members are reminded that no photographs or posts relating to training or incidents are to be uploaded to personal social media accounts. Any photos of interest should be forwarded to the Press Officer who will upload the information onto the media feed or website as and when relevant.

What3Words have made changes to their system to provide improved error checking of the three words that are submitted to minimise chances of a similar sounding 3 words coming up with a nearby and feasible location.

As the three word references are being used on more websites and communications the Team has to be conversant with it's use and methods of transposing a 3 word location to OS GB. Any Team member who wants details of these can send the IT Officer an email for full details.

The take over of View Ranger by Outdooractive has now been completed and the process of updating Team member licenses to the new system is ongoing. There are a number of issues but the Team is working with their IT support to deal with these. The transition to the new application is also causing some issues but again they are being slowly resolved.

There is a private Facebook group for Team members only and access to this can be requested by emailing the Press Officer. This account is for Team use only and is not to be shared with anyone outside the Team.



TRACCAR is a small utility which is recommended for Team member phones. It is a low power application which allows Call Handlers to monitor the real time location of Team members on the way to an RV so having an idea of resources available. Any Team member wishing to install this on their phone or with any problem with it's functions can contact the IT Officer.

SARCALL is still the primary method of notifying Team members of training events or call-outs, in the format of an SMS sent to members 'registered mobile telephones. Team members should be conversant with the protocol and respond with a positive, a delayed or a negative response where possible so that call handlers and the Team Leader on the hill have an idea of resources available.

The email notification facility used by members as a back up or due to inadequate mobile signal has now been updated and is on the new G-Suite system. An additional back up system using a cascade list of telephone numbers is in the process of being updated.

A 2022 update of OS data for the MR Map software on the Team Laptop has now been made available. This program is used during searches or operations to pinpoint all Team members on the hill and is currently being tested with the new digital radio handsets.

The new trainee Team members are in the process of being signed up to the North Wales Police Data Sharing Agreement which is a legal requirement of Team membership.

Huw Evans.

Medical Officer Annual Report

Over the last year, COVID has been ever present in some form and this carries on. Whilst the deep sense of fear has past for many in our community; the task of keeping up with the ever changing guidance and perational implications continues to be challenging. Despite this and the environment in which we operate, the casualty care provided by all team members continues to be of a very high standard. The number of Casualty Care Certificate holders are now less of an impending concern than last year, holding at ½ to 1/3 of the team





call out roster. A total of 10 have attended and passed courses in the past year with another 3 due to partake in the coming weeks. The willingness and enthusiasm within the team to undertake the effort involved to attend, study and pass the course always instils a sense of admiration. The challenge for both organising and attending the course will be a fixture and a mark of the standard that is required and the privilege accorded to Mountain Rescue

The medical equipment has been a feature this year. A thorough overhaul is underway with a complete suite of new equipment due in the coming weeks. Additionally, the care of hypothermic patients has hopefully been significantly improved following the research and introduction of chemical heat pads plus improvements in the management of these patients. The new equipment is expected to be operational imminently.

Phil Hooper

Recruitment Officer Annual Report

Recruitment Day on the 30th Jan went well, with 4 new members joining as probationers, welcome Jade, Will, Ben and Adam.

The hill day assessment format works really well as a way of assessing applicants, and of them assessing us. The help of members of the team in attending these is greatly appreciated and makes for a really good day.

The probation and trainee period format has been honed this year, with Gareth and Jemma being the lead mentors for all 4 new probationers, working with myself.

Paul A has done sterling work revamping the competency doc to include space for them to take ownership and note their attendance, learning, development and also training gaps in order to better demonstrate when they hit the 'black lines' for team membership. We think this should work really well and help integration.

We've also run a few bespoke training sessions on team life, van set up, sarcall, stretchers, radios, simple ropes, BLS, mental health/wellbeing over the last two months, so that they're not facing these for the first time on an exercise in the dark surrounded by competent team members. These were really well received by those who attended, and thanks go to those team members who ran them.

The recruitment team feel that these additional sessions should become a standard part of the recruitment process for the team, and that they will help speed the transition from probationer to trainee.

We've also set the new recruits the challenge of working together to undertake some hill days during their probation/trainee period, to get their site knowledge up to a collective good level. I'm sure they'd value the invite

if anyone is going for a wander and wants to give them a shout!

We've had two new applications since January, and I have responded to say I'll keep their details, but the next window is likely be January 2023.

Nick Young,



Training Officer Annual Report

Covid restrictions on gatherings were lifted gradually around April 2021 and so attendance numbers have not been limited and this year's training programme was much less impacted than the previous year. The team sought to minimise transmission risk by conducting in-person training at outdoor venues, retaining an element of virtual training via Zoom video conferencing and maintaining protocols for PPE and social distancing as appropriate.

During this year we held 14 practical, in-person training sessions for the full team plus 6 virtual on-line sessions. Attendance was consistently high, averaging 21. (This attendance average was the same for in-person as for virtual events.) In addition to this the Swift-water Rescue Technicians held 9 training sessions and the Rope Technicians had a further 4. A recruitment exercise in January resulted in four new probationary members joining the team and we have laid on additional training sessions specifically for this group to bring them up to speed as quickly as possible in the core competencies required for full team membership.

Opportunities for Regional training alongside other North Wales team also opened up again, helping to address the lapse of certification which had developed during the Covid restrictions. Two- or three- day courses were held to cover Casualty Care (11 participants); Rope Rescue (10 on an internal course and 4 on an external re-certification); Water Rescue (8); and Fatal Incidents Protocol (6). At the end of February we had the first opportunity in over two years for live helicopter familiarisation and winch training which 8 relatively new team members were able to take advantage of. Further Regional and National training courses and opportunities are planned for later in 2022.

The training programme continues to be a mix of scenario-based practice and subject-based presentation with a variety of delivery styles. We rely largely on experience within the team to deliver these sessions and so it is particularly valuable when team members are able to attend external courses and bring their learning back to cascade to the rest of the team. It would also be beneficial to identify more opportunities to bring in expertise from elsewhere to deliver certain specialist topics. An example of this in the past year was a Zoom session on search management led by a NWP Police Search Advisor (Polsar).

Paul Aslin

Fundraising and Water Officers Annual Report.

FUNDRAISING MATTERS

In a year when the country continued to feel the effects of the Covid Pandemic it perhaps comes as no surprise that opportunity for "general fundraising" activity was again reduced this year. Similarly, events which we have historically supported were also cancelled.

Whilst our support at local events doesn't always result in a donation, they have provided a regular annual income which has been missed again this year. (Circa 5k based on pre covid trends).



Such events enable us to maintain existing relationships within the community as well as develop the profile of the Team and more widely Mountain Rescue England and Wales. Hopefully we will see normal service resumed over the next year.

It's not all doom and gloom though.

As always there have been positives during the year, from successful funding applications, to "one off" donations made by those whom we help or those who decide to support us.

Listed below are a few of note:

• Hf Holidays - Pathways Fund (DMR Funding)	£	
16,582.00		
• Aber Instruments – Dog Rescue	£	1,080.00
• Nifty Fifties - Jigsaw Library	£	700.00
• Matt Young (Aberdyfi SART) 50 th Birthday 150 th Ascent of Cadiar Idris	£	506.00
• Tywyn Rotary	£	500.00
• Tongue and Groove (Missing Person Search Machynlleth)	£	410.00
• Simon Campion – (C/O Sian Campion Aberdyfi SART	£	400.00
• Mountain Club Stafford	£	250.00
• Clwn Mynydda Cym	£	250.00
• Hodges	£	200.00
• Plas Caeardon	£	100.00
• Crag Fast Dog Tal Y llyn Pass	£	150.00
• Mair Lloyd	£	100.00

HF Holidays Pathway Fund – DMR

A sizeable and somewhat unexpected contribution to the team following an application made to HF Holidays toward the cost of our new Digital Radio System. Our thanks to the HF Holiday Board for approving the application, and the Team at Dolserau Hall – Dolgellau.



Collection Boxes

Income from cash collection boxes has been down during the year. Potential causes are generally perceived to be less cash used or in circulation with people opting to use contactless or pay buy card.

For the next year the viability and location of our collection boxes needs something of a shake up to hopefully maximise upon potential returns.

We obviously remain grateful to those businesses who have continued to accept one of our boxes collect on our behalf.



Online

Virgin Money Giving – The platform ceased at the end of November 2021 and proved a good portal for donations to the team over its effective life.

The teams chosen replacements for Virgin Money Giving are:

- Charities Aid Foundation (CAF – Donate)
- Paypal Giving.

The above were selected following comparison of the potential options within the sector and having evaluated associated charges, deductions, coverage, functionality, and ability to recouped gift aid.

Aberdyfi Search and Rescue's - Amazon Smile account has provided small income over the course of the year. Whilst Amazon smile does not generate huge return, it continues to tick over in the background.

Whilst fundraising and PR events are undoubtedly the less heroic side of team activities, it should be considered as integral a part of being a team member as training and turning up to call outs.

Where opportunity arises, we would urge all team members to play as active a role in this area as possible.

A thank you to those who have supported with fundraising related activity in the year.

Swift & Water Flood Rescue.

The team maintains its flood and swift water capabilities and is therefore able to respond to regional tasking within North Wales or as required in support of other teams / agencies.

Operational / Call Outs - Below are listed SRT related incidents in the period:

- July 21- Deployment to Llanidloes to support Brecon MRT as part of a multi-agency response in the search for High-Risk male undertaking bank and river searches on the Afon Clwedog and River Severn.
- September 22 – Team deployed in Machynlleth undertaking bank search taskings as part of multi-agency response in the search for High-Risk male.

- Jan 22 – Team placed on standby to assist NEWSAR and SSSART in search for two missing canoeists on the Afon Efyrrw near Llangadfan.
- Feb 22 – Team reviewing preplanning arrangements at the request of NWMRA Silver Cadre ahead of regional multi agency response to flood events associated with Storm Eunice.

Training.

- 11 SRT Training session ran in the period. Including 1 SRT recert / new entrant course.
- ASART and SSSART now operate a combined SRT training calendar. These joint training sessions are working well and not only afforded greater scope in training content / delivery but also foster better inter team experience affording operational resilience should we deploy jointly in future.

Certification / Qualifications.

- 11 Team members currently hold valid SRT Certification. Of these 3 will expire at the end of May 2022.
- Unfortunately, there are no regional recertification course planned prior to the end of May 22. This will reduce the number of certified team members down to 8.



Ian Pilcher

Vehicle Officer Annual Report

Both vehicles in good order with no immediate concerns.

Mobile 1 has had its MOT and service In January. It required rear springs. Mobile 1 will be 10 years old next year so as expected it will require more maintenance over the coming years.

Mobile 2 no issues and is driving well after the recent clutch issues. Although Mobile 2 doesn't require attention regarding MOT and service until October , it would be good to find a local (Dolgellau) garage that will now look after the vehicle. I have asked the guys in the council depot as I know them well and I'm waiting on a reply , other options would Gwyndaf Evans , other ideas and options welcome.

Vehicle wash.



We did ask around if anyone locally would wash the vehicles a while back and this is something I'd like to re address. Louis Hiatt from Srubadud services in Aberdyfi offered to clean Mobile one in exchange for some social media exposure.

Mobile 2 didn't have much response locally so if anyone knows anyone locally to Dolgellau that would be appreciated. I think the main opinion would be to use the local jet washes in Dolgellau and for team members to claim back the costs as they do for fuel. I could ask a local detailing and valeting chap I know if he could do the work discounted maybe done once a year? We have the cash and I feel it would be a good investment in our vehicles.

Drivers license checks.

Simon Thresher the MREW Vehicle Officer is currently rolling out a new Drivers License check system across all teams. Team member will be able to submit their licence for checking and details held with insurers. This is something been rolled out over the next few weeks. Many have expressed concern with their details been held by insurers, but this is common practise among most insurance company's. In the past people have been driving MREW vehicles without a full check which could compromise insurance or even invalidate the cover. Watch this space for details.

Ben Wells

Words of thanks from the chair

The year has been a busy one in terms of both the incidents dealt with and the various challenges of operating around the "covid" threat. Team members have stepped up to the mark on every occasion and we find ourselves in a healthy position for the challenges of the coming year. Officers and co-opted members of the committee have progressed the development of the team in a positive manner. Thank you to those who are standing down at this AGM for your valued work on our behalf.

The bottom line is that there are a number of individuals and groups who have reason to "thank you" for the assistance given to them day or night. Well done everyone.

Diolch. Dave Williams





Statement regarding Aberdyfi SART Accounts 2021-2

Oversight

Aberdyfi Search and Rescue Team is managed by a Committee, elected annually by the membership. This Committee meets quarterly and conducts business between meetings, primarily by email. The Treasurer provides quarterly reports to the Committee including a summary of income and expenditure and a full list of transactions in the period. This enables Committee members to see and query all transactions and specifically to check that any transactions, credits or payments, which they have been personally involved in have been correctly accounted for. Most donations are made directly to the bank account, via BACS, on-line giving agents or standing order, but some are received in the form of cheque or cash which may arrive via any member of the team and are passed to the Treasurer. There is also a small and reducing income from collection boxes located around the Team's area. These boxes are collected periodically by specified team members who report the sums to the Treasurer and Fundraising Officer and deposit in the bank. These and other cash and cheque donations can be checked by all Committee members in the quarterly statements. At least one other member of the Committee in addition to the Treasurer has access to the online bank account and is thus able to check activity in the account at any time and the Chairman conducts an annual review of the accounts with the Treasurer, generally prior to completion of the annual financial statement for presentation to the AGM.

Restricted Funds

Occasionally fundraising is targeted at specific objectives (for example the digital radio project in 2021-2) and when income is received for a specific purpose this is noted in the quarterly reports and the Fundraising Officer keeps track for the purposes of reporting back to the donor. However, there are no endowed funds nor any restrictions on any long-term income streams.

Commitments and reserves policy

With no salaries or buildings to maintain the charity has no substantial liabilities and there were no significant invoices outstanding for payment at year end. Vehicles and rescue equipment are maintained or replaced as necessary from routine donation income. VAT is reclaimed, periodically and reimbursement of £9,225 VAT relating to expenditure in 2021-2 had been claimed and was outstanding at year end. This sum was received on 9th May 2022. There is no definitive reserves policy but the Committee aim to maintain a balance of between one and two times the typical annual turnover of routine expenditure and donations. In recent years this typical annual sum has been around £15k and so the year-end balance of £22k, together with the VAT reclaim of £9k





met this criteria. There were no outstanding liabilities or restricted funds at the year end and so the Trustees are satisfied that the charity holds adequate reserves.

Expenditure in 2021-2 included £40k for the digital radio project for which reserves had been built up over a number of years and a specific donation of £16k received this year completed the fundraising for this project. These sums have skewed the annual turnover figures for this year.

The primary assets held by the charity are two vehicles, one trailer and a large collection of technical rescue and communications equipment. These assets are not depreciated and maintenance and replacement are factored into the financial plans and fundraising activities of the charity

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI /
ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of TIM CHWILIO AC ACHUB ABERDYFI /
ABERDYFI SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM (Aberdyfi SART) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of Aberdyfi SART 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Aberdyfi SART as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

SIGNED:

NAME:

SIMON LONGWORTH, FCA

