

OLDHAM MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1088825

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2001-10-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the CIO are to save life and relieve suffering and distress amongst any persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit") and in furtherance of the above, but not further or otherwise: (1) To provide search, rescue and first aid facilities, equipment and manpower within the area of benefit;(2) To provide association between persons interested in mountain and moorland rescue;(3) To provide facilities to train persons in the skills of mountain and moorland rescue.

Activities: The team is a voluntary organisation whose objective is to save life and alleviate distress, primarily in upland and mountain areas without cost or obligation. The team also helps the emergency services with search and rescue activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate, resources, experience or where our specialist skills are required.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER MANCHESTER AND ELSEWHERE
- Bolton
- Bury
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£64,810	£80,259	-	-
2023-12-31	£32,421	£53,666	-	-
2022-12-31	£92,361	£42,671	-	-
2021-12-31	£57,097	£63,616	-	-
2020-12-31	£59,075	£46,955	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Appleton		2026-03-03
David Wyatt		2022-03-14
Helena Skinn		2024-03-05
Ian Atherton		2023-03-07
Kathryn Johnson		2025-03-04
Michael Owen		2026-03-03
Rebecca Fitton		2024-03-05
Sean Richard Reade		2022-03-14

Accounts



Trustees Annual Report 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ([FRS 102] effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities:

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to save lives and relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available to support the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service during severe weather, major incidents or where our specialist skills are needed.

Public Benefits Statement

The Charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) Incidents we attend are debriefed as soon as possible after the event, when appropriate. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The trustees believe that the Charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties, their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.

- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods, wildfires and extreme weather events.
- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
- e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Team Leader's Report

At the annual general meeting of Oldham Mountain Rescue in March I was voted in as the new Team Leader. It was a great honour to be entrusted with the running of the Team. Our previous Team Leader, Rob Tortoiseshell, had led the Team for 5 years. It was a hard act to follow. Rob remained with the Team as an active member. Thank you, Rob, for all the hard work and time you have put in over those years. We hope you are now able to enjoy a little more family time.

Incidents for 2024 were up substantially on the previous year to 51 which resulted in 56 casualties needing assistance. The area around the Trinnacle and Birchen Clough continues to be a hot spot for rescues due to the popularity of the Trinnacle Trail. A staggering 2,435 person hours were spent dealing with all the incidents in 2024. These hours are in addition to the time team members have put in for training, maintenance, equipment checking, fundraising and running the charity.

Our new OM4 minibus went operational during the year. The purchase of the vehicle was made possible from funds from the Greater Manchester Police Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme. Thanks to the people and companies who helped get the base vehicle from a shell to a fully converted and liveried member of the fleet.

2024 marked the 60th anniversary of the formation of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team. Various events were held throughout the year in celebration including a teddy bear zipline at St Chads, an open day at our base in Greenfield and team member Andy Hadfield rode his motorcycle across Europe to Cyprus to raise some money for us. In September, team members old and new gathered to celebrate the anniversary at the White Hart. The meal was attended by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, who presented the King Charles III Coronation medal to team members. Local businessman and owner of Oldham Athletic Frank Rothwell was also in attendance as a special guest. A good night was had by all.

Thanks to all the team members for the incredible effort they have put in during the year. For many this would have meant sacrifices of family time and, we are grateful for the support and understanding that partners and families provide to allow us to help those in need.

Lastly, thanks to the local community and businesses who have supported us throughout the year. The continued running of the charity would not be possible without you.

Dave Wyatt
Team Leader

Incidents 2024

The objectives of the Team are as stated within the opening paragraphs of this report. The most practical way to demonstrate whether we have achieved these objectives is to list the incidents we have been called out to deal with.

Incident 01 – 02/01/24 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough. 28 Team members for 22 hours 18 minutes.

Request from GMP for search for 82-year-old male missing in and around Greenfield. Overnight and next day search of potential areas, assisted by HVMRT, GMRT, MRSDE. Casualty found deceased by member of the public at the top of Birchen Clough. Confirmed by Team Doctor and evacuated via Middle Edge Moss.

Incident 02 – 13/01/24 – Tintwistle, Bottoms Reservoir. 11 Team members for 4 hours 30 minutes.

Request from Glossop MRT for assistance with a Derbyshire Police search for a vulnerable missing person in the Tintwistle area. Sections deployed to assist. Stood down in the evening with no find. Missing person located the following day by Kinder MRT section.

Incident 03 – 20/01/24 – Dovestone, Dean Rocks. 15 Team members for 3 hour 33 minutes.

Request from GMP for 32-year-old female hiker with possible fractured ankle at Dean Rocks. Treatment by Cas Carer, evacuation by Coastguard helicopter due to hazardous nature of stretcher carry. Transferred to NWAS ambulance at Greenfield Reservoir, along with partner and 4x team members. Team member injured carrying stretcher to helicopter. Transferred to Greenfield Reservoir with casualty.

Incident 04 – 21/01/24 – Mossley, Roaches Lock. 12 Team members for 1 hour 42 minutes.

Alert from Team member to a casualty on the canal bank at Roaches Lock, Mossley with possible stroke. Ambulance requested by member of the public. Casualty packaged onto Team stretcher and carried to nearby carpark and handed over to the NWAS ambulance.

Incident 05 – 28/01/24 – Dovestone, Raven Stones Brow. 13 Team members for 24 minutes.

Alert from NWAS to a female with a leg injury after a fall, now trapped on a ledge. Team at base, stood down as deploying as casualty self-rescued.

Incident 06 – 02/02/24 – Shaw, Crompton Moor. 17 Team members for 2 hours 27 minutes.

Alert from NWAS for 40-year-old male attempted suicide at Brushes in Shaw. Casualty assessed by Cas Carer, then NWAS Paramedic. Multiple blister packs found. Casualty warmed & stretchered off to NWAS ambulance. GMP in attendance.

Incident 07 – 08/03/24 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough. 14 Team members for 1 hour 52 minutes.

Call from NWAS for a 23-year-old male with an ankle injury. NWAS location put the casualty at the foot of Birchen. Called informant and they described the location as not very far from the track below a waterfall. Casualty assessed and a box splint applied. Wrapped in winter cas bag and loaded onto a stretcher. Carried 10m down on East side of stream then crossed over to West side for the remainder of carry. Casualty placed in OM3 on stretcher and taken to Kinga of Tonga for handover to ambulance crew.

Incident 08 – 24/03/24 – Littleborough, Blackstone Edge. 16 Team members for 2 hours 26 minutes.

Direct call to Dave Wyatt mobile from NWAS for a 25-year-old male with knee injury on Pennine way north of M62, south of Blackstone Edge, with partner Grace. RV at Windy Hill. The casualty was given pain relief and his leg was splinted before being placed on stretcher for the short carry off to Windy Hill car park and the handover to the ambulance.

Incident 09 – 31/03/24 – Dovestone, Chew Track. 4 Team members for 58 minutes.

Call from NWAS - Caller states gone up mountain, can't get to patient. One patient is shouting but the other can't hear what is being said or reach them. Caller phoned NWAS again to let them know that their friend was not injured and no ambulance was required. NWAS phoned Dave Wyatt to let us know we weren't required. Spoke to Sean who wanted to confirm with informant that they were ok. Dave and Rob Jones drove up to check possible locations of informant - layby on Holmfirth Road, Binn Green, Dovestones cp, and sailing club. No sign of them. Waited for a person with headtorch coming off Indians Head - this wasn't them. Returned to base. Sean eventually got hold of informant who let us know that they were on their way back to car (possibly on Chew Track). Phoned again to say they were in car.

Incident 10 – 03/04/24 – Dovestone, Featherbed Moss. 15 Team members for 2 hours 40 minutes.

Email SARCALL message from GMP picked up by Dave W. (No SMS). Party of 4 including 2 children called to say they were walking from Marsden and are lost in the mist. Cold and wet, no reported injuries. Phone location from GMP put them in Featherbed Moss. Called informant but straight to answer phone. Team called, RV

Garage. OM1 and OM2 full and headed to Chew Res. Party headed for trig point. Fanned out from there. Quick find. Warm coats given to cas party before walking off. Slight concern one of the children had a sore knee. Stretcher sent as a precaution. Not required. Cas party warmed up in LR and returned to base where further warming, hot drinks and food provided. Temperatures taken and retaken before they left. Uber to Hadfield where overnight cottage had been booked.

Incident 11 – 21/04/24 – Saddleworth Moor, White Hill. 17 Team members for 2 hours 1 minute.

Call from NWAS about a male with chest pains on White Hill near the trig point. Passer-by called 999 for assistance with this person.

2nd RV at Windy Hill car park where ambulance crew were waiting. Given the nature of the patient's condition, the lead vehicle (OM3) was authorised to use blue lights. Adam and Iain Airth arrived at 2nd RV first and made way to cas site with ambulance crew. Whilst making way to cas, helimed arrived. Stretcher and people requested to carry casualty to helicopter. Query about whether cas could be stabilised enough for Heli transfer so stretcher wheel also requested. Iain and Adam assisted lift into Heli. Stretcher not required. Heli to Leeds.

Incident 12 – 29/04/24 – Dovestone, Dean Rocks. 21 Team members for 4 hours 45 minutes.

Call from Greater Manchester Police for assistance with a lost female in the Dovestones area who had called 999. She was unable to get down from the hillside and was feeling unwell. Initially her location was unknown but using Phone Find technology we were able to plot her below Dean Rocks. Team members were deployed to the area, some via Ashway and another group via Fox Stone to find her. One of our Remote Rescue Medical Technicians assessed the casualty and found she had injured her leg and was cold. Due to the potential long carry off a Maritime and Coastguard Agency helicopter was requested to assist with the evacuation of the casualty. The casualty was placed onto a stretcher, hauled up the steep rocky ground and loaded into the helicopter for transfer to Sheffield hospital.

Incident 13 – 05/05/24 – Dovestone, Wilderness. 10 Team members for 47 minutes.

Team out training on Robs Rocks noticed two females stopped in Wilderness Gully Far East. GMP contacted Adam on Airwave to let us know they had received a call from 2 females stuck in a gully nearby. Matt and Sean climbed up to meet them. Confirmed with FDO that these were the 2 females that had called. Rope used as a confidence rope to enable the two to down climb. Harnesses attached to a rope were used on them to get them out of the gully bottom as a safety measure. 1 female had slightly painful shoulder. Checked over by Iain A - nothing found.

Incident 14 – 06/05/24 – Dovestone, Wimberry Brow. 13 Team members for 1 hour 45 minutes.

Male fallen 30 ft from rockface. Indians Head Nr Wimberry Stones. On arrival at Chew Bridge informed that Helimed had picked up casualty who had managed to walk / crawl to the helicopter. Team arranged landing spot at Fletchers tip to transfer casualty to OM3 for the short trip down to Chew Bridge where the ambulance was waiting.

Incident 15 – 11/05/24 – Dobcross, Platt Lane. 8 Team members for 1 hour 15 minutes.

NWAS requested assistance from the Team due to terrain of incident, 13yr old fell off bike. C Spine tender, possible head injury. Casualty was prepared on scoop with headblocks when team arrived. Team carried cas short distance through woods on scoop to ambulance

Incident 16 – 13/05/24 – Littleborough, Blackstone Edge. 8 Team members for 3 hours 5 minutes.

65yr old female with broken leg unconscious on Blackstone Edge. Calder Valley contacted as on the boundary of areas. B&Ts authorised as Cat 1. CVSRT to RV at White House. OMRT to RV at Windy Hill. Helimed on route. 2 members of CVSRT arrived before vehicles and made way to rv with Helimed on top of Blackstone Edge. Paramedics splinted lower leg. Cas carried to helicopter by 2 members of CVSRT. No other team members went on the hill

Incident 17 – 13/05/24 – Dovestone, Wimberry Brow. 15 Team members for 2 hours 2 minutes.

Call from GMP. Runners coming down from Fox Stones reported hearing shouts for help from Wimberry / Indians Head direction. One runner ran part way up Rams Clough and saw someone at the top waving. Team deployed to Sailing club. NPAS aircraft deployed (helicopter not available) to search. On arrival at Sailing club 2 males spotted walking down from edge path between Indians Head and Bradbury's farm. OM5 dispatched to intercept. Party sent up Rams Clough to check top and rocks. 2 males ended up coming down through plantation were met by Police at Chew Bridge. Initially denied shouting. When spoke to MR they admitted shouting. Team completed search of Indians Head and hillside below rocks and swept through plantation. Nothing found. No other persons in the area. Aircraft not reporting anything else found. More than likely, it was these 2 males.

Incident 18 – 25/05/24 – Royton, Tandle Hill Park. 12 Team members for 2 hours 15 minutes.

Young male crashed bike going down steps at Tandle Hill Country Park near to monument. Possible broken collarbone. Drove up paved track near to monument. Casualty a short distance away at bottom of steps leading down from monument. Casualty placed in vac matt and stretchered to OM3. Carried in OM3 to park gets where transferred to NWAS ambulance.

Incident 19 – 09/06/24 – Oldham, Moorside Cricket Club. 7 Team members for 1 hour 4 minutes.

Ambulance crew attended incident for a knee injury at Moorside Cricket Club. Ambulance drove onto the pitch to deal with patient. On leaving the pitch, ambulance became stuck in soft grass. Ambulance towed out once turf removed to make it easier to pull out.

Incident 20 – 12/06/24 – Ashton, Park Bridge. 19 Team members for 1 hour 36 minutes.

41-year-old male fallen from mountain bike in woods at Park Bridge. Ambulance crew with patient. Team deployed. 2nd RV on Park Bridge Road. Casualty located short distance into woods up mountain bike track. Cas placed in vacuum mattress, loaded on stretcher and wheeled to ambulance.

Incident 21 – 16/06/24 – Saddleworth Moor, Black Hill. 14 Team members for 4 hours 25 minutes.

Call from PDMRO Duty Controller Andy Taylor about a Spine Racer with potential broken leg between Laddow and Black Hill. Call to him had come via Derbyshire Police and Cheshire Police. Team deployed to A635 Pennine Way crossing. Woodhead contacted to deploy from Holme Moss. Casualty leg splinted. Stretcher carry using wheel back over Black Hill and down to the end of Issues track. Casualty driven in OM1 to Holme village for handover to NWAS ambulance.

Incident 22 – 24/06/24 – Dovestone, Dean Rocks. 12 Team members for 3 hours 25 minutes.

Person reported falling from Dean Rocks. Calls from NWAS and GMP. Lee A initially headed to Sailing Club to meet with GMP / NWAS - redirected to Ashway when informed of job location. OM1 first on scene. Deployed kit from top of sluice. HEMS already providing medical attention when MR arrived. Additional support request from HVMRT. SAR-H requested for extraction due to location. Cas placed in vacuum mattress and on stretcher. SAR-H winched cas with highline and flew to Salford

Incident 23 – 24/06/24 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough. 13 Team members for 51 minutes.

Patient called Police, reporting dizzy and lost. GMP informed NWAS. NWAS called Team. Denzil B already at base, deployed with GMP officer. Found casualty on way to Birchen on hillside just past end of Greenfield Reservoir on south side of Greenfield Brook. Walked casualty a short distance down to track to be checked over by Adam K.

Incident 24 – 26/06/24 – Shaw, Crompton Moor. 6 Team members for 1 hour 5 minutes.

Team out on Eddies Revenge fell race cover. Runners report another runner feeling unwell on descent from mast. Matt T went to investigate. O2 and water requested. Section at mast came down with O2 and Dave W carried water up. Runner checked over, given water, and rested before being walked down hill to track where met OM2 for lift to race HQ.

Incident 25 – 27/06/24 – Carrbrook, Buckton Vale. 1 Team members for 6 minutes.

Request from NWAS for assistance with a male with a dislocated shoulder near to Buckton Reservoir. As the call was being progressed the male was located by the ambulance crew having self-extracted to the road head. The Team was immediately stood down as not required.

Incident 26 – 14/07/24 – Ashton, Daisy Nook Park. 12 Team members for 3 hours 20 minutes.

30-year-old-male called 999 feeling dizzy and sick near bridge at Daisy Nook. NWAS attempted callback but no answer. Location not clear from log. On speaking to control mobile location given as near main bridge (95% confidence). Sean and Catherine direct to 2nd RV. Found cas quickly in tent not far from visitor centre car park. Unresponsive. Ambulance requested. Cas stretchered to car park and placed in OM3 whilst waiting for ambulance. Transferred to ambulance once it arrived (30 mins wait in OM3).

Incident 27 – 17/07/24 – Littleborough, A58 Blackstone Edge Road. 10 Team members for 1 hour 42 minutes.

Request from NWAS for help with an 18 year old female following a motorcycle accident. Came off road down steep bank. Ambulance crew need assistance getting casualty up bank to road. RPMRT notified as incident on boundary. RPMRT called out. Matt T on scene first. Straightforward lift and shift up bank. Cas already on scoop, just needed personnel to carry up steep bank.

Incident 28 – 20/07/24 – Saddleworth Moor, Black Hill. 9 Team members for 3 hours 28 minutes.

HVMRT contacted us requesting assistance with a casualty near the A635 Old Pennine Way. Possible heatstroke. Assisted HVMRT with carry off to A635

Incident 29 – 23/07/24 – Stockport, Reddish Vale. 14 Team members for 2 hours 20 minutes.

Job came via Glossop and Kinder to OMRT. 45-year-old male fallen from mountain bike down 2 metre embankment. Conscious and breathing. Can't weight bear. Paramedic crew making way to scene. Location near weir in Reddish Vale. Team called out. OM1 and OM3 deployed to incident. Casualty packaged in a vacuum mattress and stretchered to the road and waiting ambulance.

Incident 30 - 24/07/24 -Newhey, Ogden Reservoir. 10 Team members for 2 hours 6 minutes.

Call from NWS to a 53-year-old female who has slipped injuring her left ankle. NWS crew making their way to scene but will require assistance with extraction. A vacuum splint was applied before a short stretcher carry to the waiting ambulance.

Incident 31 – 9/08/24 – Dovestone, Ashway. 4 Team members for 10 minutes.

Request from NWS for assistance accessing a casualty at the old Ashway House picnic site. Crew unable to get through locked gates. Callout Officer acknowledged the call and made contact with the ambulance crew. A resident at Binn Green allowed access using the combination lock on the gates allowing the crew to gain direct access to the casualty. Team members making to the incident were stood down.

Incident 32 – 11/08/24 – Dovestone, Binn Green Plantation. 7 Team members for 2 hours 5 minutes.

Request from NWS for help with a female with a lower leg injury, unable to weight bear, on the path in the woods towards Binn Green. The casualty was located in the woods on the middle path. After pain relief by the NWS crew a box splint was applied followed by a short stretcher carry down the hill to the main path. The casualty was transferred to OM2 for the short drive along the track to King of Tonga for transfer to the land ambulance.

Incident 33 – 13/08/24 – Uppermill, Den Lane Quarry. 16 Team members for 2 hours 31 minutes.

GMP requested assistance with an 88-year-old-male fallen 80-100ft below Ladcastle Rd towards Den Lane quarries. Initially stuck 60ft above ground and unresponsive. Police on scene reported that the casualty had fallen further to the bottom. NWS and Air Ambulance on scene. Rope system set up initially as hand rail to get people down to cas site. HEMS dealt with clinical side. HART team turned up later. One HART team member descended to cas site. A scoop stretcher was used to load the casualty into a vacuum mattress and then onto our stretcher. A rope system was used to haul the casualty out of the quarry hole. A short stretcher carry commenced to Mow Halls Lane where an ambulance was waiting.

Incident 34 – 14/08/24 – Dovestone, Alderman's Brow. 18 Team members for 1 hour 7 minutes.

Request from NWS for assistance extricating a fell runner with a dislocated ankle from Alderman's Brow. NWS paramedics had already splinted the injured limb and provided pain relief. The casualty was loaded onto a Team stretcher and carried down the hill to the waiting ambulance.

Incident 35 – 23/08/24 – Dovestone, Ashway Memorial Cross. 1 Team member for 6 minutes.

GMP request to assist with two people stuck on top of Dovestone. As further details were being obtained from GMP, NPAS had located the individuals, landed and transferred them to a Police vehicle waiting at the Sailing Club. The Team were then stood down.

Incident 36 - 28/08/24 – Shaw, Crompton Moor – 16 Team members for 1 day 2 hours.

GMP request to assist locating a high risk missing from home in the Crompton Moor area. Search carried out across Wednesday and Thursday with support from Peak and Mid Pennine Teams. All Teams stood down after the missing person was discovered deceased. OMRT assisted with the recovery of the body.

Incident 37 – 01/09/24 – Dovestone, Raven Stones. 16 Team members for 3 hours 27 minutes.

Request from NWS for assistance with the location and treatment of a 21-year-old male with a dislocated knee. The casualty was located just below the Trinnacle. After treatment by our Team Doctor and an NWS paramedic, the casualty was packaged onto our stretcher. Because of the long evacuation route, assistance was requested from HMC Rescue 912 who flew the casualty to the bottom of the valley for transfer to a land ambulance.

Incident 38 – 09/09/24 - Dovestone, Fox Stone. 19 Team members for 1 hour 35 minutes.

Call from GMP for a walker lost at Dovestone who can't find a way down towards the sailing club. Has stumbled and fallen with injuries unknown. Phone find confirms the location as Fox Stone. GMP have spoken to the casualty who confirmed no injuries. He has torch and will indicate position when he sees other lights. Initial party in OM2 dropped off at top of field. OM5 headed to fence. Cas located at Fox Stone cairn. Given a coat and head torch and walked off the hill back to OM2.

Incident 39 – 17/09/24 – Dovestone, Ashway Moss. 9 Team members for 1 hour 28 minutes.

Informant called police to ask for assistance for her dad who was 'completely lost' on the moor whilst cycling. Not injured but has a tumour. GMP officers had been out to Dovestones to look and called MR for help. Initial phone location from GMP was near Ashway stream crossing on the edge path. Used Phone Find to locate the cyclist below Ashway Memorial cross. A small party were sent up the hill to guide him down. GMP happy for him to continue his journey home by bike.

Incident 40 – 19/09/24 – Middleton, Hollins Bank. 11 Team members for 2 hours 57 minutes.

Requested by NWAS to help with the extrication of a male with a hip injury in a field. Team deployed. Andy H first on scene reports short carry to ambulance but over a gate. Helimed also on scene. Decided to carry on NWAS scoop to minimise transfers. Gate was open by the time carry started. Transferred patient to land ambulance. Team cleared area to allow Helimed to take off.

Incident 41 – 10/10/24 – Littleborough, Ealees. 10 Team members for 1 hours 45 minutes.

NWAS called the Team to assist with a casualty that had fallen down a slope into a river. He had hurt his ankle and was unable to weight bear. Sean arrived at the same time as the NWAS crew. NWAS administered pain relief and Sean advised that a short stretcher carry would be required. The casualty was extremely cold so we urgently loaded him onto the stretcher and carried him to the NWAS ambulance.

Incident 42 – 20/10/24 – Dovestone, Dovestone Reservoir. 19 Team members for 3 hours 31 minutes.

Initial call was that a child had fallen into Dovestones reservoir. OM1 deployed to Sailing club. Information from PCSO directed them to the northern side of the res. OM3 and OM2 headed to King of Tonga. Police van blocked gates on access track to King of Tonga. OM1 got through. OM3 did not. Raft transferred from OM3 to OM2. RV'd on reservoir path below King of Tonga. Commenced search from bankside back towards main dam and also towards Yeoman Hey. Too windy for rescue boat and raft. OM3 redeployed to incident command post near sailing club. Water team searched water side. As light was fading GMFRS incident commander decided that we were no longer required. Under water drone had been deployed and no other personnel were in the water.

Incident 43 – 23/10/24 – Oldham, Lydgate. 11 Team members for 1 hour 27 minutes.

30-year-old female dislocated her knee in a field near the White Hart Inn. NWAS paramedics on scene gave pain relief. Team applied a vac splint and carried the patient on a stretcher to the ambulance at the main road.

Incident 44 – 30/10/24 – Dovestone, Raven Stones. 11 Team members for 4 hours and 14 minutes.

Initial request from GMP for a walker with an ankle injury on the Dovestone trail. This was followed by a call from NWAS to the same incident. The Team mobilised to the weir at Birchen and proceeded to make their way to the incident site. Due to low numbers, and a potential long carry off, assistance was requested from Holme Valley. Due to poor weather and low cloud, helimed were unable to assist. Coastguard were requested and dispatched but had to abort short of the casualty location due to the low cloud and poor visibility. After splinting the ankle, the casualty was packaged before a stretcher carry around the edge path prior to descending at Ashway and handing over to the ambulance.

Incident 45 – 05/11/24 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough. 13 Team members for 1 hour and 42 minutes.

Request from GMP for two males lost near Yeoman Hey reservoir. Phone find had been unsuccessful. GMP officers making their way to Birchen Weir. Local Team members were requested and made their way to Birchen Weir. One casualty was located at King of Tonga uninjured. The second casualty was located just below the waterfall at Birchen. Two Team members made their way up the clough and assisted him down to the Team vehicles. After assessment and warming both casualties were transferred to their own vehicle at Binn Green.

Incident 46 -10/11/24 – Diggle, Black Moss. 18 Team members for 2 hours and 18 minutes.

Request from NWAS for assistance locating and treating a female on the Pennine Way above Diggle.

A group of 4 walkers were walking on the Pennine Way from Black Moss. A female slipped and banged knee on the slabs. Team deployed to Brun Clough. Matt and Andy walked in from CP. OM1 drove along access track to Black Moss. OM3 rv'd with Ambulance in CP and then drove to Black Moss. Box splint used on knee. Placed in winter cas bag then stretchered using wheel to OM3 at Black Moss. Driven to Brun Clough cp in OM3 for handover to ambulance.

Incident 47 – 24/11/24 – Heywood, River Roch. 11 Team members for 4 hours and 46 minutes.

Called by GMP on behalf of GMFRS to assist with a male who had gone missing, believed to have fallen into the River Roch. Job handed over to RPMRT as it was out of our area. Offered assistance to RPMRT with water trained team members. Water team deployed. Assisted RPMRT and GMFRS with bank searching. Search called off when light faded. Nothing found.

Incident 48 – 24/11/24 – Delph, Knarr Lane. 4 Team members for 2 hours and 56 minutes.

Assistance was requested with the transfer of a patient on a stretcher from an ambulance to a private residence. Access to the house was difficult with rough ground, a steep slope and awkward stairs. Team members assisted with the transfer until the patient was safely in the premises.

Incident 49 – 05/12/24 – Standedge, Brun Moor. 3 Team members for 56 minutes.

A call from GMP asking if we could assist in the recovery of a male who was stuck in a vehicle off the A62 near Brun Clough. Initial thoughts were that the male was just requiring his vehicle recovered. A direct phone call to the male confirmed that he was in no danger a simply required his vehicle pulling from a ditch. He was informed that we could only recover him and his friend if they were injured or in danger. Two Team members had made direct to the roadhead and confirmed that there was no danger to the caller. After a second call to the male to confirm this, the Team was stood down. GMP were informed of our actions and decision and they also closed the incident.

Incident 50 – 19/12/24 – Dovestone, Raven Stones. 9 Team members for 10 minutes.

Call from NWS for a male cyclist with head injury near to the Trinnacle. NWS received another call from the casualty to say they were walking off the hill and did not require an ambulance.

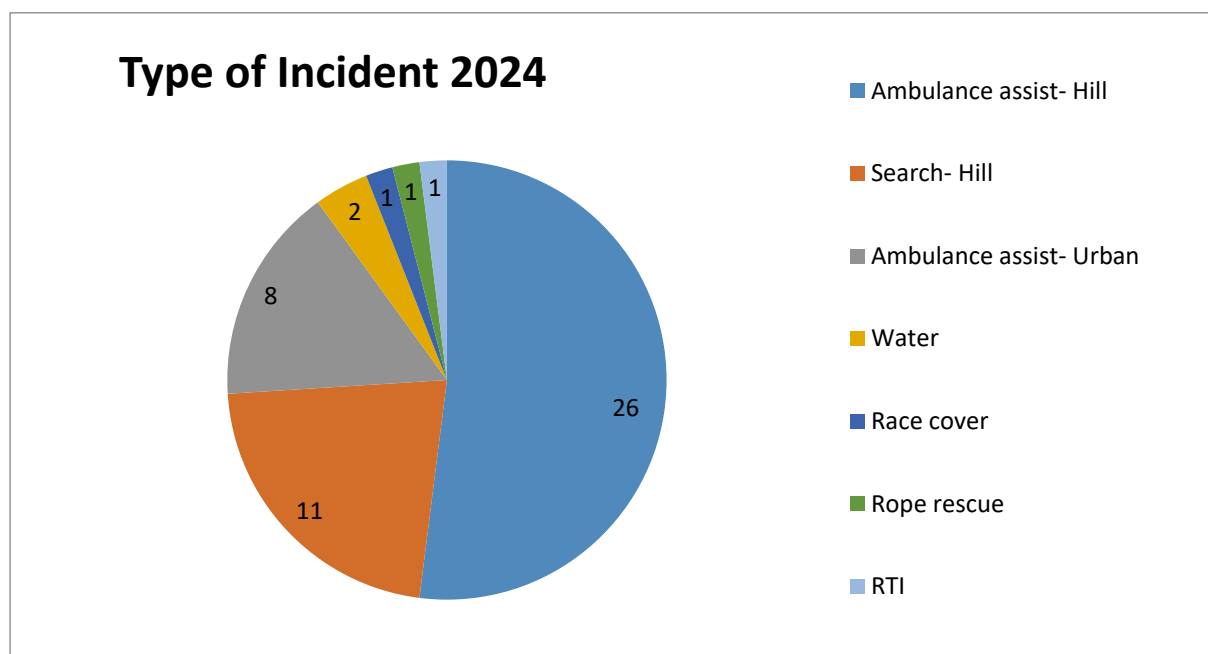
As the team were being deployed NWS stood the team down and the casualty made their own way to A&E.

Incident 51 – 25/12/2024 – Dovestone, Ashway Cross. 10 Team members for 2 hours and 58 minutes.

A call from NWS to assist with a walker with a broken ankle, unable to walk. Initial call placed the casualty on the edge path close to the Memorial Cross. Initial Team members deployed from the top of Ashway sluice. Due to low numbers, help was requested from Holme Valley Team for the protracted stretcher carry off. Helimed had already aborted due to low cloud and poor visibility. After splinting of the ankle, the casualty was carried down to the track at the side of the reservoir and handed over to the waiting ambulance.

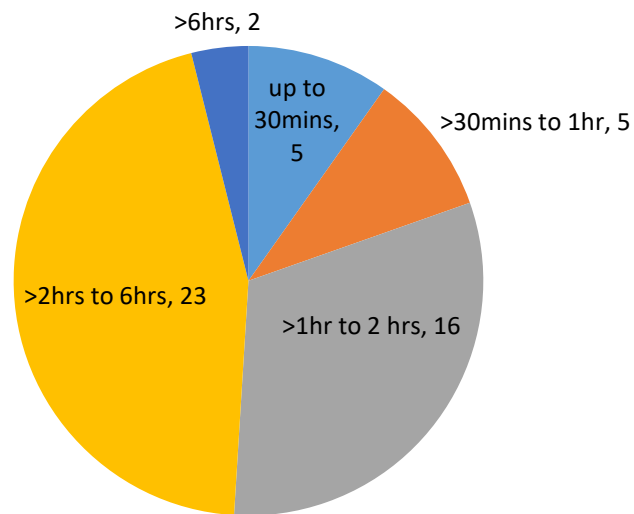
Over the year we assisted 56 casualties which was 14 more than those assisted in 2023. Team members volunteered 2,435 hours on incidents alone, which is in addition to the considerable time spent on training and equipment maintenance.

Aircraft assistance was requested on 9 occasions during the year which was provided by HM Coastguard, Northwest Air Ambulance and the National Police Air Service. Our thanks go to these organisations for their invaluable support.



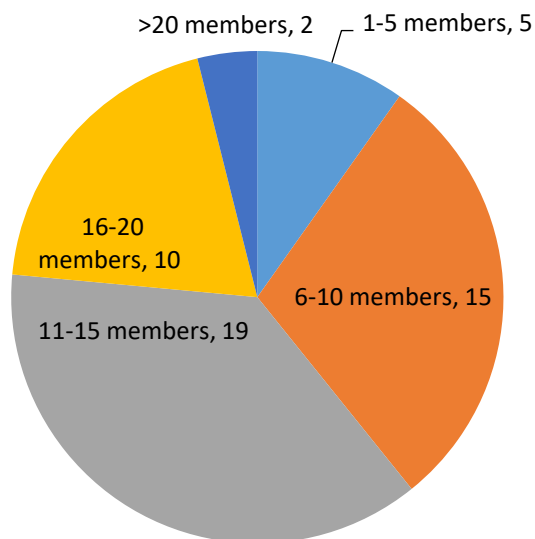
The above chart gives a breakdown of the types of incidents attended through the year. Once again, the majority were providing assistance the ambulance service. As in 2023 we were not required to attend any wildfire incidents during 2024.

Duration of Callouts 2024



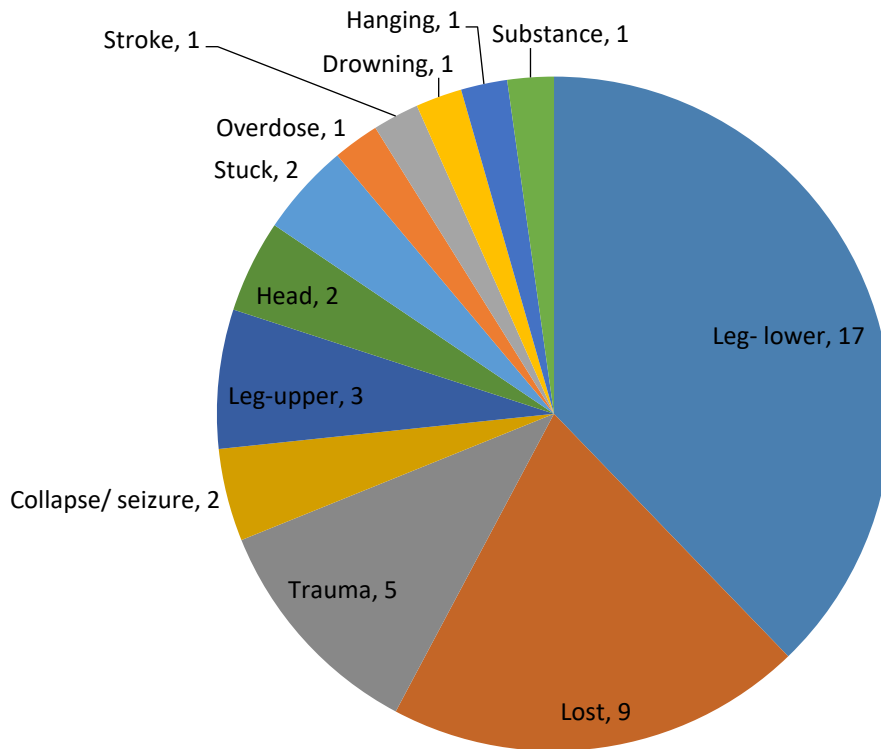
The chart above shows the duration of the incidents over the year. Two incidents took over 24 hours each which were searches for missing persons. There were 3 incidents that took in excess of 4 hours each.

Number of team members at each incident



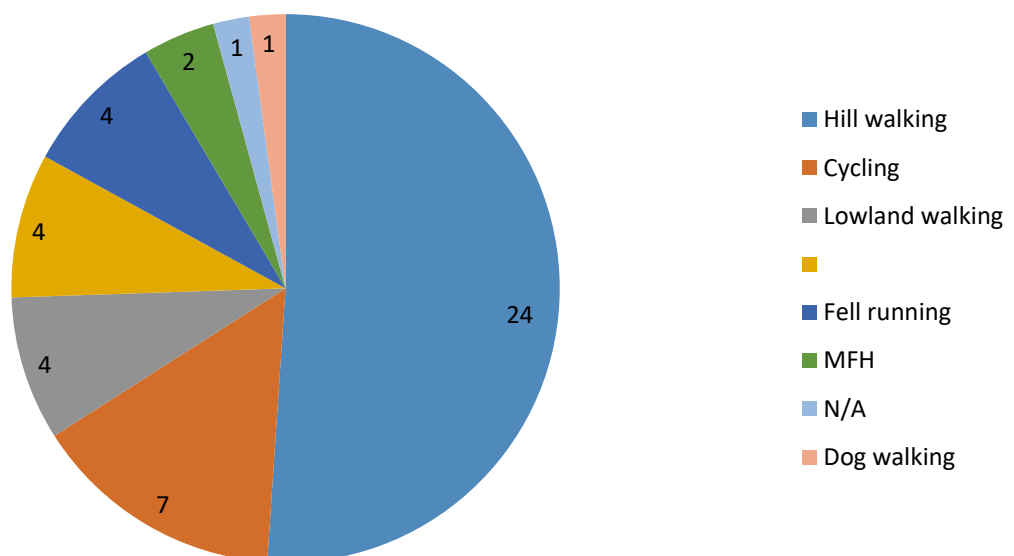
The above shows the number of Team members who attended each of the callouts during the year. The largest number of members attending was 28 for a missing person search and 21 for a crag rescue.

Casualty injuries 2024

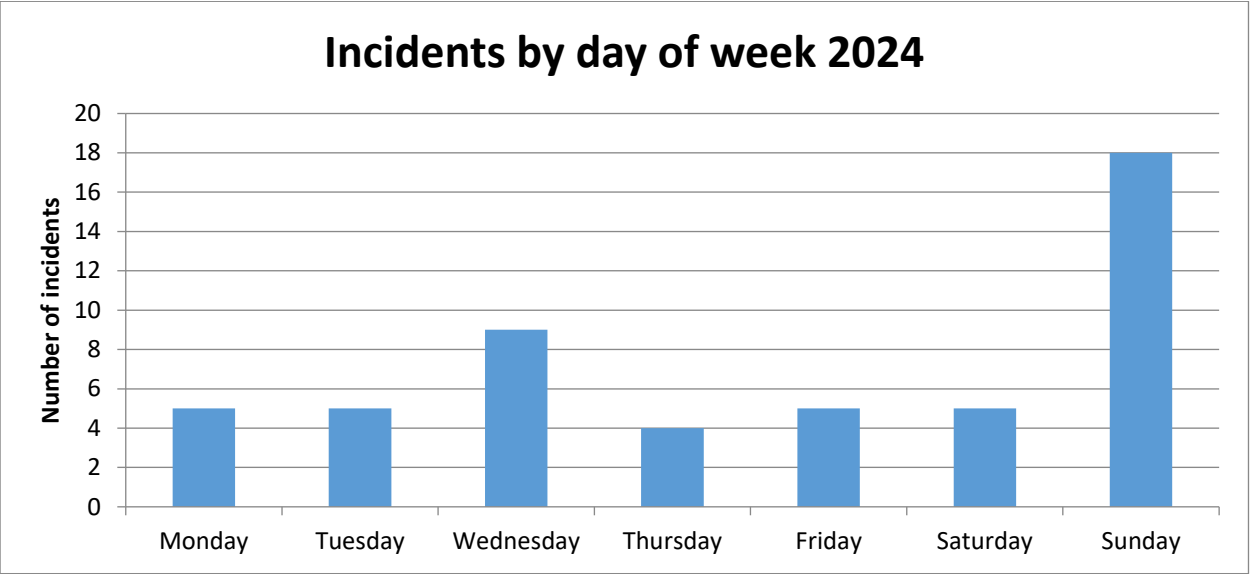


This chart shows the type of injury which each casualty suffered. Lower leg injuries were once again the prominent injury over the year. The number of people reported as 'lost' increased from 7 in 2023 to 9 for 2024.

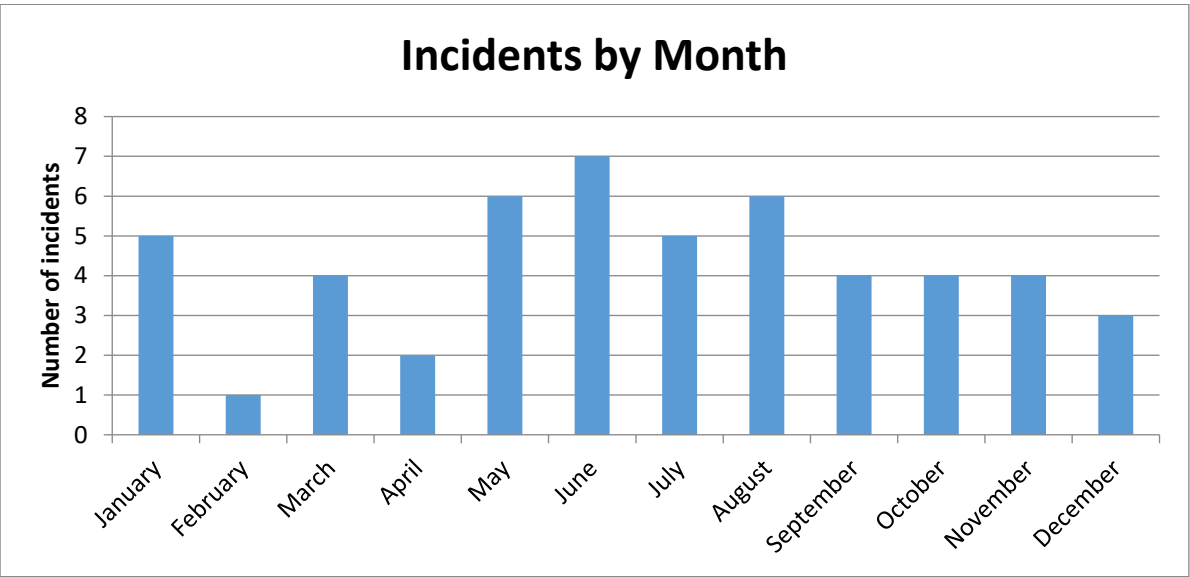
Activity of Person 2024



This pie chart shows the activity of the casualty at the time of their injury. As in previous years, the main activity is hill walking. Cycling injuries have increased from 2 in 2023 to 7 in 2024.



From being the busiest day of the week in 2023, Thursday has become the quietist in 2024. Sunday was by far the busiest day with 18 of the incidents occurring on this day.



June has replaced May as the busiest month for 2024 with 7 incidents followed by May and August with 6 incidents each. January was the next busiest month with 5 incidents compared to no incidents in the same month in 2023.

Financial Review and Treasurer’s Report

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases.

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

Investment Policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The Trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The Trustees review this policy annually.

A new savings account was opened this year. This allowed the Team to take advantage of the higher interest rates.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified that the principal risk to the charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The Team maintains a cautious approach to investment.

Deposits held in any one financial institution are kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit.

Assets

The Team's assets are its rescue equipment, headquarters equipment (including PCs), fundraising kit, vehicles, a rescue boat, bank deposits and cash.

New clothing including Waterproof coats, Lightweight Coats, Gilets & Fleecees were purchased for all Team members.

New rescue equipment was purchased to kit out 3 sets of steep ground kits.

A new set of ground stakes were purchased.

All the additional work was completed on the new minibus, following which it went into active service complete with Mountain Rescue livery.

Insurance

Public Liability, Employers Liability, Management Liability, Legal Expense Cover, Medical Malpractice Liability, and Personal Accident insurance are provided nationally by Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW).

Vehicle insurance is covered by a fleet policy also provided by MREW. Under this arrangement 3 vehicles are paid for by MREW with additional vehicles paid for by the Team.

This contribution by MREW represents a significant saving to the Team.

Contents insurance is provided by Tricketts.

Vehicles

At the end of 2024 the Team owned 5 vehicles: 2 Land Rover Defenders, a MAN control van, a Honda UTV, and the Team's new MAN minibus.

A sub-group has been set up to investigate options for replacing the 2 Land Rovers. This will be a substantial cost for the Team and will require much fundraising.

The associated costs of keeping these vehicles operational is a major cost to the Team. Servicing, maintenance, and fuel were approximately £4000.

Headquarters

The rent and service charge of the Team's business unit at Boarshurst are the Team's largest annual commitment standing at £15,320 per annum. Utilities costs were £3,300.

Accounts

The Report and Accounts for the financial year ending on 31st December 2024 follow this report.

Fundraising

Donations remained static compared to the previous year at £24,000 with £10,000 received via JustGiving. A grant of £7,000 was received from Roger Tanner Trust towards clothing purchases made during 2024. A grant of £7,520 was received from the Morrisons Foundation towards medical gases costs for the next 3 years.

Pubs, cafes, and shops were another useful source of income providing the Team with £1,100 from collection boxes.

Our resident speakers were out visiting various community groups and raised just over £3000.

Thank you to all the local community groups and people who have raised money for the Team during 2024.

Thank you

Whilst it is not practical to list everyone within this report who has made donations during the year, the Oldham Mountain Rescue Team depends totally on public support in one form or another. Special thanks go to those who have raised money for us via various challenges and events.

We are extremely grateful to all the individuals and organisations that have been involved with our work or supported us in cash or kind during the year. We wish to record a special thank you to our Patrons and the following for their continued support:

Greater Manchester Police
North West Ambulance Service
Mountain Rescue England & Wales
Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

Albion Farm Shop
Altrincham Rambling Club
Brian Candler
Cavallo Coffee Box
Diggle Chippy
Datastream Communications Ltd
Dovestones WI
HRH The Prince of Wales
Mayor of Oldham
Mike Porritt
North Fire Engineering Ltd
O'Donnells Solicitors
Pennine Wayfarers
Rochdale CHA Rambling Club
Rock Choir
Rotary Club Of Oldham
Rotary Club of Saddleworth
Saddleworth Amblers
Saddleworth Parish Council Chairmans Charity
Saddleworth Runners Club
Saddleworth Tuesday Walkers
South Pennine Long Distance Walkers
Stalybridge Guides
Street Scene Greenfield Group
Tesco
The Accountancy People
Tractor Run
Trinity Methodist Church
Wednesday Walkers

We would also like to make special mention of the gifts made 'In Memory' of:

Alan Davey
Derek Leyland

Stephen Dervan
Sarah Anderson
Ann Airth
Philip Taylor
Howard Platt
Brian Bates
Stephen Hampson-Goodwin
Eric Howarth
Bill Armitt

Collection Boxes

The Team would like to thank proprietors of all the businesses who have hosted a collection box for us during 2024. Thank you to the patrons of the following businesses whose collection box donations have been received this year.

Buckleys
Cross Keys Inn
Chadderton Wellbeing
Church Inn Mossley
King William IV
Nickys Cafe
Ol's Bier
Royton Leisure Centre
Saddleworth Outdoors
Saddleworth Pool
Taylor and Clifton
The Crafty Pint
The Clarence
The DIY Centre Uppermill
The Railway, Greenfield
The Wellington
The White Lion
Uppermill Post Office
Willberrys

Friends of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

The Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Airstone BH
Mr N Allsopp
Mr M Bundy
Mr SJ Burton
Mike Clegg
JL Colman
Mr Russell Gillian
Ms J Hill
Mr & Mrs Holland
Mr Roger Hope
Mr B Lees
Mr M Lewis
Mr Stephen Loft

Miss Carole Ann Mexson
Mrs Percy
Mr R Roberts
Dr Evelyn Scott
Mr & Mrs KE & M Smith
Mr & Mrs I & J Tortoisshell
M.C. Wheeler
Rosalyn Cromer

Adam Knight – Treasurer

Structure, governance and management

Legal and administrative details

During 2022 the team was governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th February 2001. Team bye laws were made under Article 70 of the above articles and adopted by the Team on the 6th November 2001. On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation. The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

Team Organisation

Under the 1 March 2021 constitution and associated bye-laws, at each AGM the Team elects four principal officers until the next AGM namely, Team Leader, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Team Management Group comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Chairperson. Separate committees look after equipment, training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Elected officers

Team Leader:	R Tortoisshell (resigned 5 March 2024)
Team Leader:	D Wyatt (appointed 5 March 2024)
Chairperson:	R Jones
Secretary:	S Reade
Treasurer:	D Wyatt (resigned 5 March 2024)
Treasurer:	A Knight (appointed 5 March 2024)

Appointed officers

Deputy Leaders:	L Allport, D Wyatt (resigned 5 March 2024) A Knight (appointed 5 March 2024)
Team Doctor:	Dr. A Taylor
Medical Officer:	I Airth
Section Leaders:	A Knight (resigned 5 March 2024), J Parkinson, I Airth, S Reade, M Torr (appointed 5 March 2024)
Training Officer:	M Torr
Equipment Officers:	I Dredge, J Brown
Vehicle Officer:	M Owen
Comms Officer:	D Broadhurst
Water Officer:	T Mills
Wellbeing Officer	H Skinn
Social Media Officer	K Johnson
Buildings Officer	I Atherton

The body of the Team is divided into 4 sections. We take on trainees, who need to be experienced in relevant outdoor activities, and, after a series of training lectures, exercises and assessments are eligible to become full members. The Team is a member of the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation (PDMRO) and is affiliated to Mountain Rescue England & Wales (MREW).

Operational Area

Our normal operating area is the local moorland and crags in the Saddleworth area of the Peak District. We are one of the 7 Teams that make up the PDMRO, which in turn is affiliated with MREW. The Team also provides an urban search and rescue service working with the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services in Greater Manchester. The Team is always available to provide similar assistance anywhere in the United Kingdom.

Risk Analysis

The work undertaken by the Team is often potentially hazardous and, whilst we have an excellent safety record spanning over 60 years the identification of potential risks and looking at how we might manage them is an important part of our Management Group's responsibility. The Team has a documented safety policy that is available to all Team members. The three key considerations underpinning our approach to practical risks are: (a) provision of quality rescue equipment, and attention to its care and maintenance; (b) training of Team members in all aspects of rescue work; (c) regular practical exercises.

Potential Risks	Steps to Mitigate
Ability of the Team to meet changes in organisational and operational areas.	Regular subgroup meetings for planning three key operational areas medical, training and equipment. Regular reviews of training, equipment and medical procedures.
Losing touch with the changes in the statutory emergency services.	Attend all liaison meetings with the emergency services and emergency planning departments at local and county level.
Financial shortfall due to failure of income streams.	Maintain reserves in line with the stated reserves policy. Plan special fundraising activity.

Team Address

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team (OMRT)
Unit 19
Boarshurst Business Park
Boarshurst Lane
Greenfield
Oldham. OL3 7ER

Incorporation

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

Prior to conversion to a CIO, OMRT was a company limited by guarantee and did not have any share capital.
Registered No.: 04178168

Charity Registration:

Registration No.: 1088825.

Trustees serving during 2024 (under constitution dated 1st March 2022)

Robert Tortoisshell (resigned and re-elected 5 March 2024)

2 Lower Hey Lane
Mossley
Ashton-Under-Lyne
OL5 9DE

Robert Jones (re-elected 5 March 2024)

46 Springmeadow Lane
Uppermill
Oldham
OL3 6HH

David Wyatt (re-elected 5 March 2024)

8 Leefields Close
Uppermill
Oldham
OL3 6LA

Dr Andrew William Taylor (resigned 5 March 2024)

38 Summershades Lane
Grasscroft
Oldham
OL4 4ED

Sean Richard Reade (re-elected 5 March 2024)

12 Wordsworth Crescent
Littleborough
OL15 0RB

Ian Atherton (re-elected 5 March 2024)

Camden
Dobcross New Road
Oldham
OL3 5NP

Rebecca Fitton (appointed 5 March 2024)

24 Earl Street
Mossley
Oldham
OL5 0LT

Helena Maria Pentney (appointed 5 March 2024)

726 Ripponden Road
Moorside
Oldham
OL4 2LP

Bankers

HSBC
109 Union Street
Oldham
Lancashire
OL1 1RT

Independent Accountant

The Accountancy People
Phoenix House
Stalybridge
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Team Members at year ending 31 December 2024

Name	Position	Occupation
David Wyatt	Team Leader	Software Development Lead
Adam Knight	Deputy Team Leader/Treasurer	Electronics Engineer
Lee Allport	Deputy Team Leader	Operations Director, SAR Products Ltd
Peter Hyde	President	Retired
Dr Andrew Taylor	Team Doctor	Retired GP
Rob Jones	Chairman	Accountant
Iain Airth	Section Leader/Medical Officer	School Teacher
Justin Parkinson	Section Leader	Managing Director
Matthew Torr	Section Leader/Training Officer	School Teacher
Sean Reade	Section Leader/Secretary	Retired
Ian Atherton	Buildings Manager	
Denzil Broadhurst	Comms Officer	Airlifting Assistant
Jake Brown	Equipment Officer	Artist
Iain Dredge	Equipment Officer	Network Engineer
Tom Mills	Water Officer	Self-employed Builder
Mike Owen	Vehicle Officer	
Katie Johnson	Social Media Officer	Chartered Insurer
Helena Skinn	Wellbeing Officer	Product Development Scientist
Andrew Hadfield		Self-employed Plumber
Catherine Whiteman		Scientist
Chris Maylor		Police Officer
Claire Appleton		Police Officer
Colin Pierce		Kitchen Fitter
Dave Allport		Technical Director, SAR Products Ltd
Dave Henderson		Gardener
Granville Toyn		Retired
Kevin Simmonds		Group Sales Manager
Lee Briggs		Toolmaker
Luke Viney		Indirect Tax Advisor
Mike Porritt		Mechanical Design Engineer
Nigel Hyde		Retired
Paul Bruton		Information Science Consultant
Paul Mayall		Class 1 HGV driver
Paul Smith	Retired 3 February 2024	Depot Manager
Phil Beard		Director, Height Safety Consultants Ltd
Rebecca Fitton		
Richard Beswick		Police Officer
Rob Tortoiseshell		Product & Training Manager

Sam Davey
Scott Downs
Simon Taylor
Steven Bramwell
Tony Gillon M.B.E.

Builder
Computer Network Technician
Shopkeeper
Toolmaker
Civil Servant

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Signatures

R Fitton
Chair

A Knight
Treasurer

Dated: October 2025

Registered Charity Number **1088825**

Registered Company Number **04178168** (prior to conversion to CIO on 14 March 2022)

Fully signed copy available at Team operational base.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2024

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity name Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Charity registration number 1088825

Registered Office Unit 19
Boarshurst Business Park
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Robert Jones
David Wyatt
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Ian Atherton
Rebecca Fitton (Appointed March 2024)
Helena Pentney (Appointed March 2024)

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, governance and management

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 effective 1 January 2019)".

Structure

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Charity was a charitable incorporated organisation.

Governance

During 2024 the Team was governed by its constitution dated 14 March 2022 and adopted on 14th March 2022, as amended on 5th January 2023.

Management

Under the 1 March 2022 constitution and associated bye-laws, at each AGM the Team elects four principal officers until the next AGM namely, Team Leader, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Team Management Group comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Chairperson. Separate committees look after equipment, training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified that the principal risk to the Charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The Team maintains a cautious approach to investment. Deposits held in any one financial institution are generally kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the Charity

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

Additional objectives and activities

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available as a back-up for the Ambulance and Fire Service, during severe weather, major incident or where our specialist skills are needed.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The Charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) Incidents we attend being debriefed as soon as possible after the event, when appropriate. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The Trustees believe that the Charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

Public benefit

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties, their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.
- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods, wildfires and extreme weather events.
- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
- e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The income and expenditure of the Charity is shown in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

The net expenditure for the year was £24,140 (2023: £21,244 net income) which has been deducted from the general reserve.

The Charity held fund balances as at 31 December 2024 amounting to £199,595 (2023: £214,499). In the opinion of the Trustees, these funds are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations for the foreseeable future.

Details relating to changes in fixed assets can be found in the notes to the statutory accounts.

The Team depends on public support in one form or another, including donations from patrons, gifts in memory, collection boxes, Friends of OMRT and money raised from various challenges and events.

Financial review

a) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

b) Reserves policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases.

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

c) Investment policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The Trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The Trustees review this policy annually. A new savings account was opened this year. This allowed the Team to take advantage of the higher interest rates

d) Fundraising

Donations decreased compared to the previous year from £24,835 to £22,809 with £10,000 received via JustGiving. A grant of £7,000 was received from Roger Tanner Trust towards clothing purchases made during 2024. A grant of £7,520 was received from the Morrisons Foundation towards medical gases costs for the next 3 years.

Pubs, cafes, and shops were another useful source of income providing the Team with £1,100 from collection boxes.

Our resident speakers were out visiting various community groups and raised just over £3000.

Thank you to all the local community groups and people who have raised money for the Team during 2024.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Financial review (continued)

Plans for future periods

There are no immediate material development items on the agenda. The focus is on maintaining a high state of readiness of equipment, vehicles and volunteers. In this area, continued development and use of the D4H system continues and will assist improvements in the management and control of the Team's assets.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the statutory accounts in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its income and expenditure for the financial year. In doing so, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of the recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on _____ and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:

Trustee

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements 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 the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

The Accountancy People Ltd
Huddersfield Road
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SK15 2QA

Date: _____

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

		31.12.24		31.12.23
		£		£
Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Voluntary income:				
Gift Income	3	22,809		24,835
Legacies	3	4,209		2,942
Activities for generating funds:				
Fundraising - Collection Boxes	4	1,164		1,454
Fundraising - Talks	4	3,176		1,076
Fundraising - Friends	4	752		792
Fundraising - Events	4	4,916		470
Investment income:				
Interest Received	6	1,990		477
Other income:				
60 th year of existence celebration		4,422		-
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Grants	5		21,372	375
Total incoming resources		43,438	21,372	32,421
Expenditure	7			
Expenditure on charitable activities		67,578	12,681	53,666
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(24,140)	8,691	(21,245)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		160,912	53,587	235,744
Total funds carried forward		136,772	62,278	214,499

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
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			95,391		85,409
Current assets					
Stocks	15	-		400	
Debtors	16	7,441		2,986	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>96,218</u>		<u>126,086</u>	
		103,659		129,472	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	17	-		(382)	
Net current assets			<u>103,659</u>		<u>129,090</u>
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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
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Cost				
As at 1 January 2024	129,687	181,975	9,145	320,807
Additions	-	21,095	-	21,095
As at 31 December 2024	<u>129,687</u>	<u>203,069</u>	<u>9,145</u>	<u>341,902</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2024	121,190	110,386	3,822	235,398
Provided during the period	<u>1,275</u>	<u>8,466</u>	<u>1,372</u>	<u>11,112</u>
As at 31 December 2024	<u>122,465</u>	<u>118,852</u>	<u>5,194</u>	<u>246,510</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2024	<u>7,223</u>	<u>84,217</u>	<u>3,951</u>	<u>95,391</u>
As at 1 January 2024	<u>8,497</u>	<u>71,589</u>	<u>5,323</u>	<u>85,409</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

15. Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stocks	-	400

16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
VAT	7,441	2,986

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	-	382

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	160,912	43,438	(67,578)	136,772

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	53,587	21,372	(12,681)	62,278

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	37,891	57,500	95,391
Current assets	<u>103,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,659</u>
Net assets	141,550	57,500	199,050

19. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2024

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity name Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Charity registration number 1088825

Registered Office
Unit 19
Boarshurst Business Park
Boarshurst Lane
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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, governance and management

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 effective 1 January 2019)".

Structure

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Charity was a charitable incorporated organisation.

Governance

During 2024 the Team was governed by its constitution dated 14 March 2022 and adopted on 14th March 2022, as amended on 5th January 2023.

Management

Under the 1 March 2022 constitution and associated bye-laws, at each AGM the Team elects four principal officers until the next AGM namely, Team Leader, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Team Management Group comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Chairperson. Separate committees look after equipment, training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified that the principal risk to the Charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The Team maintains a cautious approach to investment. Deposits held in any one financial institution are generally kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the Charity

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

Additional objectives and activities

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available as a back-up for the Ambulance and Fire Service, during severe weather, major incident or where our specialist skills are needed.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The Charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) Incidents we attend being debriefed as soon as possible after the event, when appropriate. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The Trustees believe that the Charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

Public benefit

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties, their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.
- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods, wildfires and extreme weather events.
- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
- e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The income and expenditure of the Charity is shown in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

The net expenditure for the year was £24,140 (2023: £21,244 net income) which has been deducted from the general reserve.

The Charity held fund balances as at 31 December 2024 amounting to £199,595 (2023: £214,499). In the opinion of the Trustees, these funds are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations for the foreseeable future.

Details relating to changes in fixed assets can be found in the notes to the statutory accounts.

The Team depends on public support in one form or another, including donations from patrons, gifts in memory, collection boxes, Friends of OMRT and money raised from various challenges and events.

Financial review

a) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

b) Reserves policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases.

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

c) Investment policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The Trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The Trustees review this policy annually. A new savings account was opened this year. This allowed the Team to take advantage of the higher interest rates

d) Fundraising

Donations decreased compared to the previous year from £24,835 to £22,809 with £10,000 received via JustGiving. A grant of £7,000 was received from Roger Tanner Trust towards clothing purchases made during 2024. A grant of £7,520 was received from the Morrisons Foundation towards medical gases costs for the next 3 years.

Pubs, cafes, and shops were another useful source of income providing the Team with £1,100 from collection boxes.

Our resident speakers were out visiting various community groups and raised just over £3000.

Thank you to all the local community groups and people who have raised money for the Team during 2024.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Financial review (continued)

Plans for future periods

There are no immediate material development items on the agenda. The focus is on maintaining a high state of readiness of equipment, vehicles and volunteers. In this area, continued development and use of the D4H system continues and will assist improvements in the management and control of the Team's assets.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the statutory accounts in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its income and expenditure for the financial year. In doing so, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of the recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on _____ and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:

Trustee

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements 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 the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

The Accountancy People Ltd
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Date: _____

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

		31.12.24		31.12.23
		£		£
Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Voluntary income:				
Gift Income	3	22,809		24,835
Legacies	3	4,209		2,942
Activities for generating funds:				
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Fundraising - Talks	4	3,176		1,076
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Investment income:				
Interest Received	6	1,990		477
Other income:				
60 th year of existence celebration		4,422		-
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Grants	5		21,372	375
Total incoming resources		43,438	21,372	32,421
Expenditure	7			
Expenditure on charitable activities		67,578	12,681	53,666
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(24,140)	8,691	(21,245)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		160,912	53,587	235,744
Total funds carried forward		136,772	62,278	214,499

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

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Cost				
As at 1 January 2024	129,687	181,975	9,145	320,807
Additions	-	21,095	-	21,095
As at 31 December 2024	<u>129,687</u>	<u>203,069</u>	<u>9,145</u>	<u>341,902</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2024	121,190	110,386	3,822	235,398
Provided during the period	<u>1,275</u>	<u>8,466</u>	<u>1,372</u>	<u>11,112</u>
As at 31 December 2024	<u>122,465</u>	<u>118,852</u>	<u>5,194</u>	<u>246,510</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2024	<u>7,223</u>	<u>84,217</u>	<u>3,951</u>	<u>95,391</u>
As at 1 January 2024	<u>8,497</u>	<u>71,589</u>	<u>5,323</u>	<u>85,409</u>

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15. Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stocks	-	400

16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
VAT	7,441	2,986

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	-	382

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	160,912	43,438	(67,578)	136,772

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	53,587	21,372	(12,681)	62,278

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	37,891	57,500	95,391
Current assets	<u>103,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,659</u>
Net assets	141,550	57,500	199,050

19. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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Trustees Annual Report 2023

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ([FRS 102] effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities:

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to save lives and relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available to support the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service during severe weather, major incidents or where our specialist skills are needed.

Public Benefits Statement

The Charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) Incidents we attend being debriefed as soon as possible after the event, when appropriate. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The trustees believe that the Charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties, their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.

- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods, wildfires and extreme weather events.
- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
- e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Team Leader's Report

2023 was what many may consider an “average” year for OMRT, if such a thing exists. With 37 incidents (and 42 casualties), we were kept busy but not overwhelmed. Birchen Clough and the “Trinnacle Trail” continued to feature heavily as a regular spot, and we attended our first tornado related incident. In total, 969 volunteer hours were spent on incidents alone; this is in addition to time spent on training, fundraising, equipment maintenance and PR.

Our water section continued to consolidate their position, with several members re-qualifying as Swiftwater Rescue Technicians. Our trainee search dog Ace made progress in his journey to becoming a fully-fledged search dog, after passing his indication test. We were able to continue our tradition of an “Oldham Weekend”, which allowed us to focus on rope rescue skills over two days.

There were no major changes in the structure of the Team, which allowed us to strategise around potential forthcoming ‘big spends’; namely clothing renewal, vehicle renewal, and starting the long journey into the investigation of acquiring a Team owned base.

The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Mary-Liz Walker, visited us at our Greenfield base, allowing us to show her round, and to explain more about what we do.

We joined the nation in celebrating the coronation of our new monarch, His Majesty King Charles III.

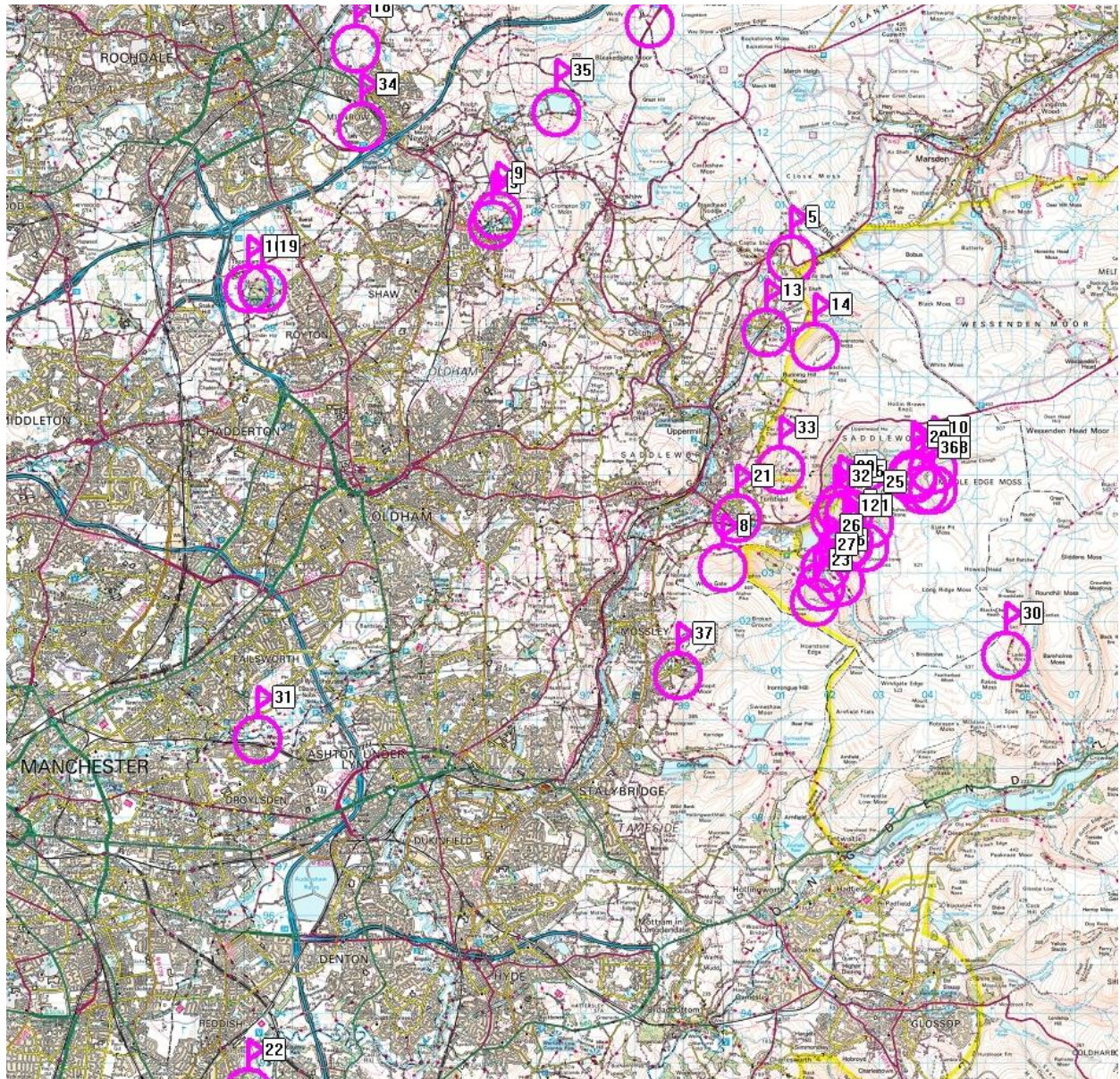
I would like to thank our Team Members for their commitment and resilience during 2023. I would also like to thank the partners, families and employers of our Members, and the local community, without whose unwavering support we would not be able to continue to operate.

Rob Tortoishell

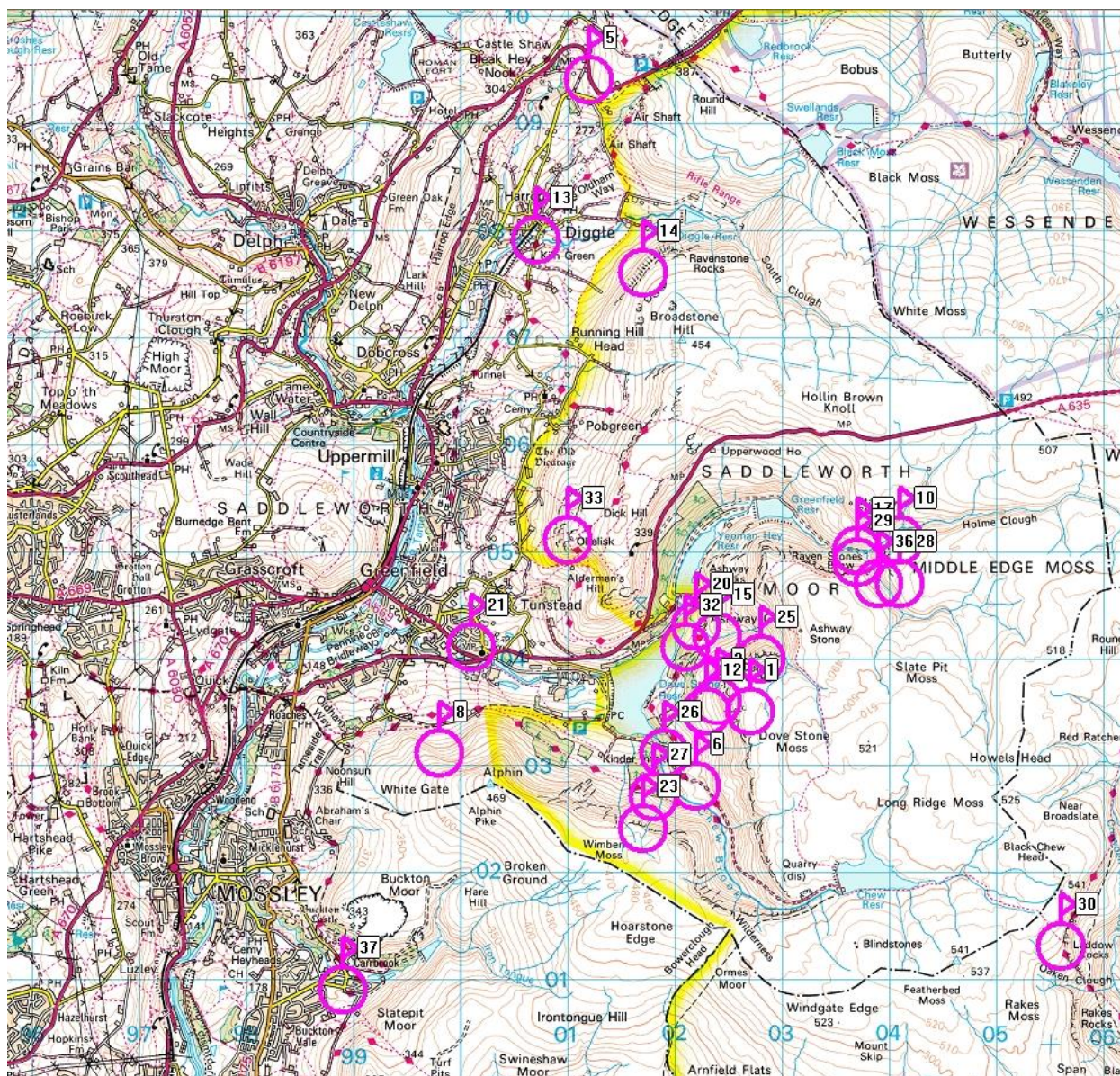
Team Leader

Incidents 2023

The objectives of the Team are as stated within the opening paragraphs of this report. The most practical way to demonstrate whether we have achieved these objectives is to list the incidents we have been called out to deal with. As can be seen from the map below, incidents for 2023 have been spread widely across our operational area. The majority however, are concentrated on the popular visitor areas of Dovestone.



The map below highlights the 'local' incidents around the Dovestone and surrounding area.



Incident Detail 2023

Incident 01 – 10/02/23 – Dovestone, Chew Reservoir. 14 Team members for 3 hours 3 minutes.

Request from GMP who had received a report from a female informant of shouts for help. Original location given as 'when walking near the top res'. Informant not contactable initially. Sections deployed toward Chew and Greenfield reservoirs initially, until phone contact made with the informant by the callout officer, which confirmed location as Chew track. Informant said shouts were heard on the edge path between Chew Res and Ashway so sections deployed onto the hill to search that route. NPAS also tasked.

Group of young males identified at Bramley's Cot, who were escorted down to Chew Bridge and, after discussion with GMP, admitted they had been shouting and had been in the vicinity at the corresponding time.

Incident 02 – 14/02/23 – Dovestone, Fox Stone path. 16 Team members for 2 hours 23 minutes.

NWAS contacted the team for assistance with a 77-year-old male convulsing in the Dovestones area. Ambulance on route. Initial search at the W3W location of Dovestone quarry plantation gave no results but a follow up call indicated the party were on the path just below Fox Stone. NWAS paramedic assessed, along with Cas Carer, before a stretcher carry down to the NWAS ambulance at Chew Bridge. Young male companions were picked up by parents at the main car park.

Incident 03 – 17/02/23 – Shaw, Brushes Quarry. 11 Team members for 1 hour 12 minutes.

12-year-old female fallen from horse at Brushes quarry, Shaw. NWAS crew on scene. Possible leg and spinal injuries. Treatment by NWAS paramedic. Evacuated on vac mat and stretcher to ambulance.

Incident 04 – 10/03/23 – Saddleworth, various locations. 14 Team members for 4 hours 28 minutes.

Call from HVMRT regarding a stranded motorist on the A640 Huddersfield Road. Following heavy snow and high winds. The Team deployed to multiple stranded motorists on several roads, inc. A672, A640, A62, A635. Some motorists brought back to base and warmed up before being taken to QE Hall in Oldham.

Incident 05 – 10/03/23 – Delph, Huddersfield Road. 3 Team members for 35 minutes.

Alert from NWAS to casualty trapped in car in snow on A62 near Delph/ Diggle. Casualty losing vision, feeling unwell. 3x MR assessed and treated before digging out car and directing back down to lower altitude.

Incident 06 – 27/04/23 – Dovestone, Chew Track. 15 Team members for 1 hour.

Contact from NWAS regarding a 23-year-old male fitting near Mossley. Casualty was located at Chew Track/ Charnel junction. Team arrived at the same time as NWAS, who assessed and treated. Team assisted with loading and escorting the ambulance.

Incident 07 – 02/05/23 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough. 8 Team members for 52 minutes.

Alert from GMP to a couple above Dovestone needing assistance to get down. Concern for the wife having a panic attack due to the height and them having a six-month-old baby with them. Team deployed to Birchen and met the casualties at the weir. A passing walker had assisted the couple to the bottom of the Clough. They were then transported in the Team Land Rover back to the car park.

Incident 08 – 03/05/23 – Dovestone, Alphin Pike. 12 Team members for 1 hour 37 minutes.

Report from NWAS for a male mountain biker with a lower leg injury on Alphin. TL arrived at the same time as NWAS and met with casualty's friend, who took OMRT to scene. Casualty was treated for a right ankle injury with box splint and carried down to waiting ambulance.

Incident 09 – 15/05/23 – Shaw, Crompton Moor. 16 Team members for 1 hour 47 minutes.

NWAS contacted the Team with a request for assistance with a 23-year-old female with possible fractured ankle. Initial location given as Clayton Moor. Callout officer established location as Crompton Moor, confirmed with PhoneFind. Casualty was treated by Cas Carer and stretchered to ambulance.

Incident 10 – 19/05/23 – Dovestone, Middle Edge Moss. 15 Team members for 1 hour 44 minutes.

Contact from GMP regarding a 41-year-old male lost in the dark above Dovestones. GMP completed PhoneFind with casualty's battery on 7%. Fast party deployed from Birchen weir to Middle Edge Moss (PhoneFind location). Male found and escorted back down to the weir then dropped at car by GMP. No injuries.

Incident 11 – 20/05/23 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough. 16 Team members for 3 hours 15 minutes.

Contact from NWAS regarding 43year old male with broken leg next to the infinity pool, coming down from Trinnacle. Fast party sent to Birchen, Coastguard put on standby for potential winch, with HVMRT also on standby. First on scene confirmed casualty was above the waterfall so helicopter requested and Holme Valley asked to attend. Coastguard could not winch due to zero wind so casualty carried onto Middle Edge Moss, hot loaded, then flown to Sheffield with Cas Carer.

Incident 12 – 21/05/23 – Dovestone, Fox Stone path. 19 Team members for 1 hour 30 minutes.

Alert from NWAS for 30-year-old female with ankle injury near Dovestones. W3W provided. Simultaneous alert from GMP. Accessed up to the fence in Land Rover, Casualty Carer treated with box splint and stretchered off to ambulance.

Incident 13 – 25/05/23 – Diggle, Lee Side Lane. 6 Team members for 1 hour 38 minutes.

Team member was contacted by a member of the public about a 75-year-old female with a fractured hip/femur, lots of pain. Ambulance at least an hour away. Team Doctor and limited members assisted the casualty with pain relief and care until ambulance arrived.

Incident 14 – 11/06/23 – Uppermill, Running Hill. 9 Team members for 1 hour.

Alert from GMP for a lost female walker during a thunderstorm, W3W provided & accurate. Female located at Pot Hole Quarry, uninjured & safe. Walked back to Running Hill cross roads and dropped off at Church Inn.

Incident 15 – 12/06/23 – Dovestone, Ashway. 7 Team members for 1 hour 56 minutes.

Reports of a deer stuck in Ashway overflow all day, unable to escape. 3x water section entered the overflow, supported from the bank by other members, and encouraged the deer to find an easier spot to exit lower down the overflow.

Incident 16 – 17/06/23 – Royton, Tandle Hill Park. 11 Team members for 1 hour 47 minutes.

Request from NWAS for a male cardiac arrest following an overdose at Tandle Hill war memorial. Ambulance crew and helimed on route. NWAS provided medical aid and OMRT transported the casualty sat up in our Land Rover to NWAS ambulance.

Incident 17 – 20/06/23 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough. 13 Team members for 1 hour 41 minutes.

Request from NWAS for 30yom with possible fractured ankle near Dovestones. W3W provided and accurate. First vehicle found casualty at Birchen weir. Cas carer assessed and then casualty transported to NWAS ambulance seated in OM3.

Incident 18 – 24/06/23 – Milnrow, Firgrove. 8 Team members for 1 hour 37 minutes.

Request from RPMRT Team Leader for assistance with an incident just in their area in Milnrow. Male down steep river banking with 2x broken legs. Intoxicated and potentially aggressive. Assisted RPMRT with extraction to the ambulance.

Incident 19 – 24/06/23 – Royton, Tandle Hill Park. 14 Team members for 2 hours 16 minutes.

Alert from NWAS for 14-year-old male fallen from a rope swing at Tandle Hills, unable to feel legs. Medical aid by NWAS, then stretcher carry by Team to NWAS ambulance.

Incident 20 – 6/07/23 – Dovestone, Ashway. 6 Team members for 1 hour.

Deer stuck in the overflow at Ashway, reported by UU & Facebook. Small team including Water section deployed to assist. Deer self-rescued.

Incident 21 – 7/07/23 – Oldham, Greenfield. 4 Team members for 1 hour 15 minutes.

Returning from a demo at Dovestone, OM3 found an unconscious male in the road at Greenfield. After assessment, an ambulance was requested and allocated. Intoxicated male attempted to make his own way home before being handed over to NWAS.

Incident 22 – 20/07/23 – Stockport, Reddish Vale. 18 Team members for 2 hours 24 minutes.

TL called by NWAS HART about an incident initially passed to Kinder. A 38-year-old female fallen in Reddish Vale, query fractured leg. Steep slope, bariatric patient. Casualty hauled out on OMRT rope system to waiting ambulance.

Incident 23 – 31/07/23 – Dovestone, Rams Clough. 17 Team members for 3 hours 12 minutes.

Call received from GMP to assist with a search in Dovestones following reports of shouts for help. Searches of Wimberry Stones Brow, Rams Clough and Chew Piece Plantation drew a blank. Aerial searches also carried out by GMFRS drone.

Incident 24 – 2/08/23 – Saddleworth Moor, Windy Hill. 10 Team members for 31 minutes.

Report from GMP of suicidal female missing on Saddleworth Moor. RVP Windy Hill car park. Casualty located outside search area by member of the public before full deployment.

Incident 25 – 6/08/23 – Dovestone, Dean Rocks. 16 Team members for 2 hours 13 minutes.

Request from NWS for assistance with 42-year-old male fallen from cliff edge near Dovestones, query not conscious, not breathing? Male located walking down from Dean Rocks, suffered head + multiple other injuries. Treatment by NWS para & Cas Carer. Cas stretched down to ambulance at Dovestones track. Casualty's partner flown from crag top to Dovestones track by YAA. Multiple agencies attended including GMFRS, GMP, NWS, YAA, and HART.

Incident 26 – 10/08/23 – Dovestone, Chew Bridge. 15 Team members for 57 minutes.

Request from NWS for assistance with 21-year-old male fallen near Dovestones, loss of consciousness & loss of feeling to arms and legs. NWS dealt with medical aid, team assisted with NWS scoop onto their stretcher and direct to ambulance. On-Scene Coordinator: Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Incident 27 – 21/08/23 – Dovestone, Sugar Loaf. 14 Team members for 1 hour 42 minutes.

Alert from NWS for incident at Dovestones, 62-year-old male with leg injury past the river. W3W provided and accurate. Male suspected ruptured quad, located near to Sugar Loaf in plantation. Pain relief & box splint before stretcher to Chew Track and amb.

Incident 28 – 27/08/23 – Dovestone, Middle Edge Moss. 13 Team members for 2 hours 24 minutes.

Alert from GMP for four people lost on Saddleworth Moor. PhoneFind showed location as Middle Edge Moss and confirmed with What3Words. Parties made their way up Birchen Clough and met with casualty party. NPAS also landed nearby. Two casualties flown down to Dovestone car park and met by Mobile 1. Two casualties walked down to Team vehicles at the weir. All casualties returned to HQ for assessment and warm drinks. Other than all being cold and hungry, no injuries reported.

Incident 29 – 6/09/23 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough. 16 Team members for 3 hours 35 minutes.

Report from NWS of 53-year-old female fallen in Birchen Clough query fractured wrist. Medical aid by Cas Carer then stretcher carry down to the weir before being driven down to ambulance at Greenfield Dam.

Incident 30 - 13/09/23 -Dovestone, Laddow Rocks. 11 Team members for 2 hours 54 minutes.

Team was contacted by GMRT for support with an ongoing incident at Laddow. 17-year-old female fainting whilst on DoE expedition. Team accessed from Chew and assisted with the stretcher carry. Casualty was medically assessed by OMRT Doctor and handed over to the expedition leader at the Sailing Club.

Incident 31 – 15/10/23 – Droylsden, River Medlock. 9 Team members for 28 minutes.

Request from GMP for assistance with 2 females lost whilst riding bikes near Droylsden, one stuck in mud. Stood down on route, casualty retrieved by GMFRS.

Incident 32 – 17/10/23 – Dovestone, Ashway. 12 Team members for 1 hour 56 minutes.

Team member instigated a job after coming across a casualty in the wooded area close to the site of the old Ashway House. The Team deployed to a male with a lower leg injury unable to weight bear. After pain relief and splinting the casualty was transferred in OM3 to meet the ambulance at King of Tonga.

Incident 33 - 12/11/23 – Dovestone, Pots & Pans. 26 Team members for 17 minutes.

12-year-old female with shortness of breath/ asthma after walking up hill to P&P for Remembrance Sunday service. Section on standby assessed and treated for asthma before sending on way with family.

Incident 34 – 12/11/23 – Newhey, Huddersfield Road. 15 Team members for 1 hour 43 minutes.

Request from NWS for assistance with a 13-year-old male cardiac arrest in Newhey Quarry. Team member accessed scene and established the casualty was a 13-year-old female intoxicated, not cardiac arrest. Medical treatment by NWS, then casualty evacuated in OMRT Land Rover.

Incident 35 – 16/11/23 – Newhey, Piethorne Valley. 14 Team members for 7 hours 46 minutes.

GMP request to assist with search for 21-year-old male high risk missing person in Piethorne Valley, Newhey. Search parties deployed, along with CVSRT, MRSDE & some GMP officers to search identified areas around GMP phone ping location. Casualty not found. Later updated to casualty found the following day by NPAS.

Incident 36 2/12/23 – Dovestone, Birchen Clough – 13 Team members for 2 hours 11 minutes.

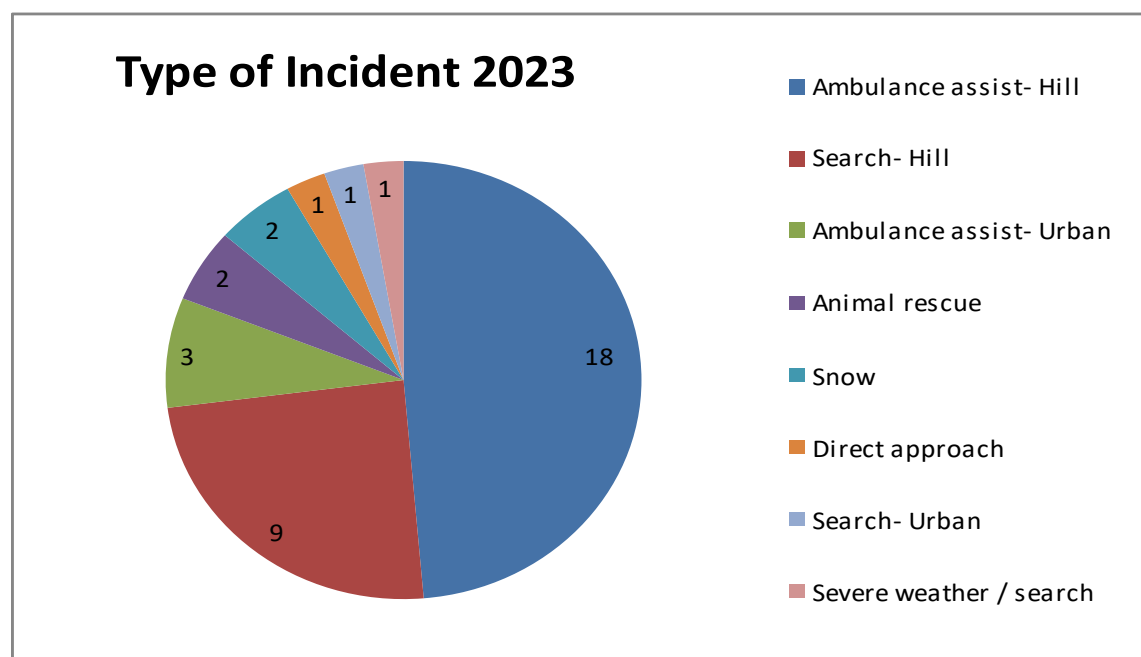
GMP request to assist locating two walkers lost in the Dovestone area. Casualty location identified as above the waterfall in Birchen Clough. Two casualties plus dog located uninjured and in good spirits. Evacuated up onto Middle Edge Moss and back down to the weir where they were returned to their vehicle.

Incident 37 – 28/12/23 – Stalybridge, Carrbrook. 12 Team members for 3 hours 16 minutes.

Request from GMP for support with Major Incident following significant property damage by Storm Gerrit in Stalybridge. Search of non-urban areas surrounding Calico Crescent housing estate in Carrbrook.

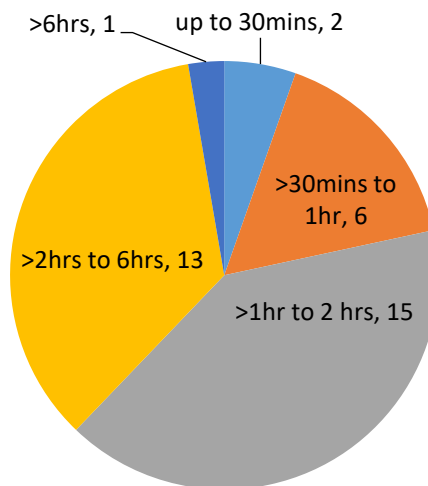
Over the year we assisted 42 casualties which was 1 less than those assisted in 2022. Team members volunteered 969 hours on incidents alone, which is in addition to the considerable time spent on training and equipment maintenance.

Aircraft assistance was requested on 5 occasions during the year which was provided by HM Coastguard, Northwest Air Ambulance and the National Police Air Service. Our thanks go to these organisations for their invaluable support.



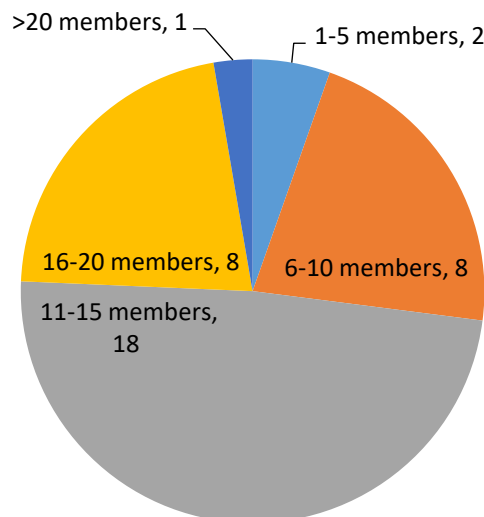
The above chart gives a breakdown of the types of incidents attended through the year. Once again, the majority were providing assistance the ambulance service. We were not required to attend any wildfire incidents during 2023.

Duration of Callouts 2023



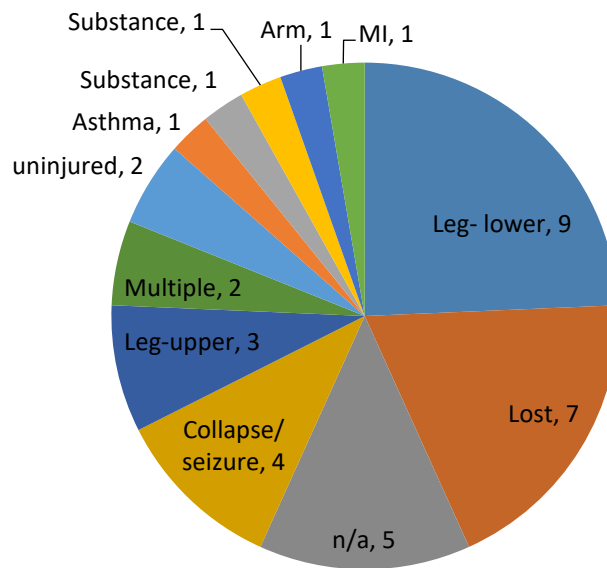
The chart above shows the duration of the incidents. The one incident taking more than 6 hours was an overnight search in November for a missing male. Of the 13 jobs taking longer than two hours only 3 jobs were in Birchen Clough compared to 6 the previous year.

Number of team members attending 2023



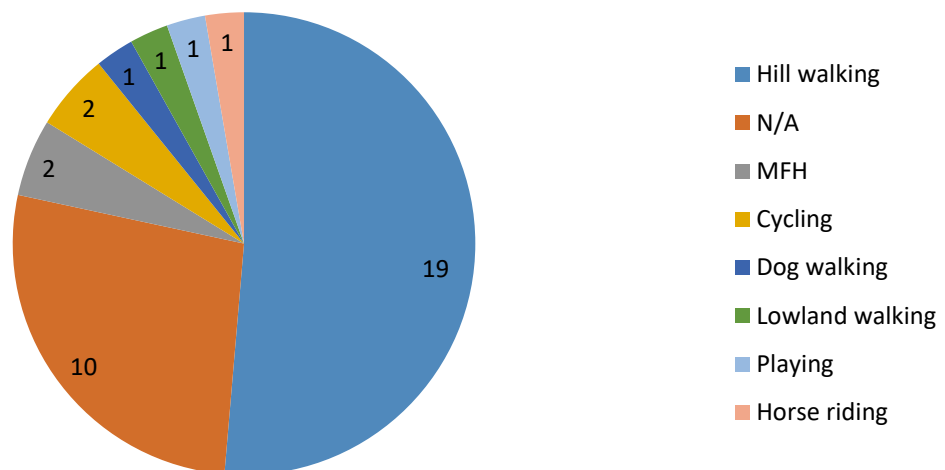
The above shows the number of Team members who attended each of the callouts during the year. The largest number of members attending was 24, to an incident at Pots & Pans on Remembrance Sunday.

Casualty's injury 2023

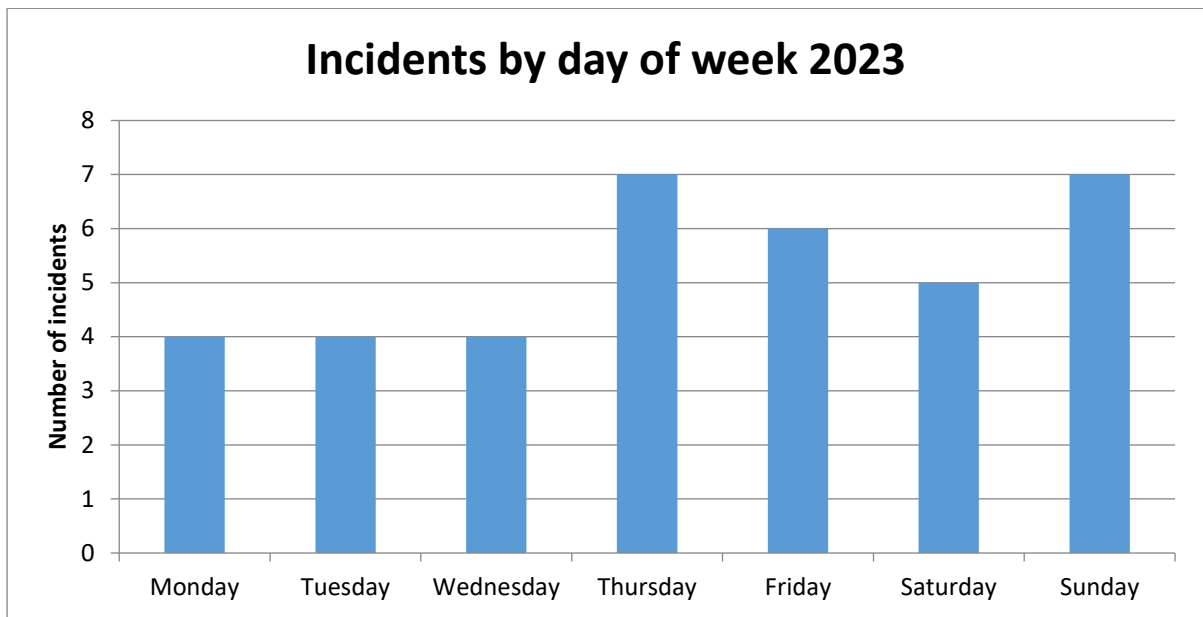


This chart shows the type of injury which each casualty suffered. Lower leg injuries were once again the prominent injury over the year. A new feature for 2023 was the number of people reported as 'lost' which did not feature in the previous year.

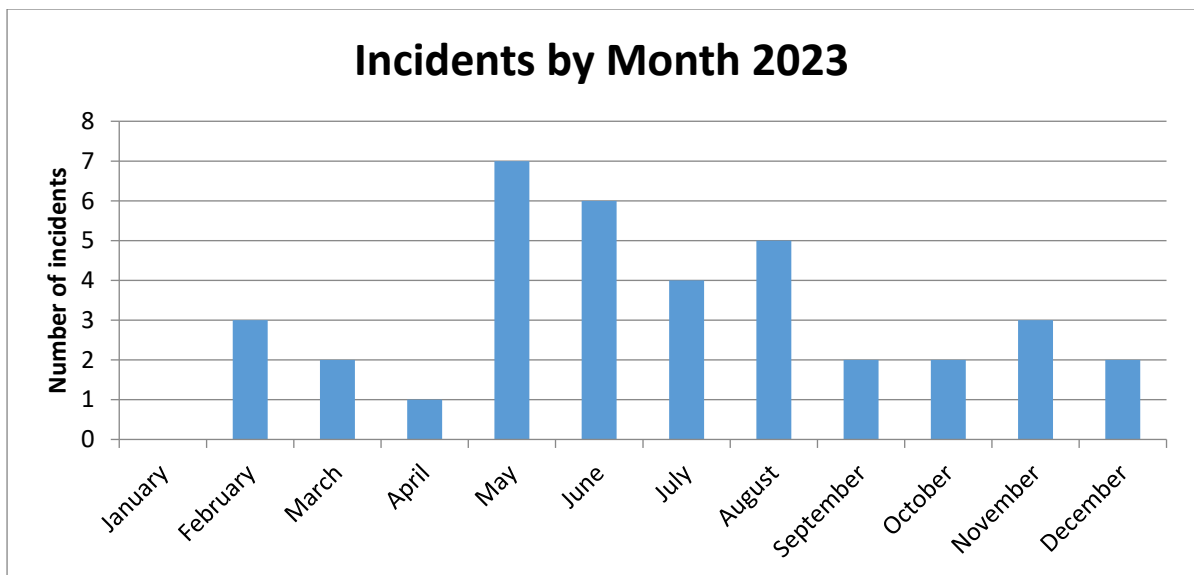
Activity of Person 2023



This pie chart shows the activity of the casualty at the time of their injury. As in previous years, the main activity is hill walking.



From 2022 where there were no incidents on any Thursday in the year, 2023 has seen Thursday become the busiest day of the week along with Sunday.



From being the busiest month in 2022, January saw no incidents in 2023. Where June had no incidents in 2022 it became the second busiest month in 2023 with 6 incidents in the month.

Financial Review and Treasurer's Report

Reserves Policy

The trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases.

The trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

Investment Policy

The trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The trustees review this policy annually.

The Bank of England gradually raised interest rates throughout the year, but savings rates have been slow to react. Interest income from these investments continues to be low.

Risk Management

The trustees have identified that the principal risk to the charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The team maintains a cautious approach to investment.

Deposits held in any one financial institution are kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit.

Assets

The team's assets are its rescue equipment, headquarters equipment (including PCs), fundraising kit, vehicles, a rescue boat, bank deposits and cash.

A new minibus was purchased to add to the four-vehicle fleet.

As part of the headquarters IT upgrade, 6 new PCs, monitors, 3 TVs, cabling, and a printer were purchased. The Team has also purchased office furniture to kit out a second office.

Slings and karabiners were purchased for approximately 50 team members for rescue work.

Five new sets of waterproof trousers were purchased to kit out new trainees.

A full set of water rescue clothing (dry suit, boots etc) was purchased to kit out a newly qualified water rescue technician.

Insurance

Public Liability, Employers Liability, Management Liability, Legal Expense Cover, Medical Malpractice Liability, and Personal Accident insurance are provided nationally by Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW).

Vehicle insurance is covered by a fleet policy also provided by MREW. Under this arrangement 3 vehicles are paid for by MREW with additional vehicles paid for by the team.

This contribution by MREW represents a significant saving to the team.

Contents insurance is provided by Tricketts.

Vehicles

At the end of 2023 the team owned 5 vehicles: 2 Land Rover Defenders, a MAN control van, and a Honda UTV.

The Team purchased a new MAN minibus with money received from Greater Manchester Police via their Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme. This minibus is currently undergoing conversion and is expected to be operational this year. There will be some additional costs associated with the conversion in 2024.

A sub-group has been set up to investigate options for replacing the 2 Land Rovers. This will be a substantial cost for the Team and will require much fundraising.

The associated costs of keeping these vehicles operational is a major cost to the team. Servicing, maintenance, and fuel were approximately £3500.

Headquarters

The rent and service charge of the Team's business unit at Boarshurst are the Team's largest annual commitment standing at £15,000 per annum. Utilities costs were £2,700. The IT infrastructure and hardware replacement project was nearly completed in 2023 at a cost of £10,000.

Accounts

The Report and Accounts for the financial year ending on 31st December 2023 follow this report.

Fundraising

Income for 2023 was down by £60,000 on the previous year. This was largely due to a hold on applying for new grants whilst we completed projects for previous grants. It should be noted that the previous year's income was inflated by a £50,000 grant for the new minibus.

Donations remained static compared to the previous year at £24,000 with £6,000 received via JustGiving.

Pubs, cafes, and shops were another useful source of income providing the Team with £1,500 from collection boxes.

Our resident speakers were out visiting various community groups and raised just over £1000.

Thank you to all the local community groups and people who have raised money for the team during 2023.

Thank you

Whilst it is not practical to list everyone within this report who has made donations during the year, the Oldham Mountain Rescue Team depends totally on public support in one form or another. Special thanks go to those who have raised money for us via various challenges and events.

We are extremely grateful to all the individuals and organisations that have been involved with our work or supported us in cash or kind during the year. We wish to record a special thank you to our Patrons and the following for their continued support:

Greater Manchester Police
North West Ambulance Service
Mountain Rescue England & Wales
Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

AC Tyres
Altrincham Rambling Club
B Tierney-Garlick
Brian Candler
Cavallo Coffee Box
Diggle Chippy
Dovestones WI
Friendship Centre Greenacres
Future Safety Ltd
Geoffrey Grime
Greenacres Congregational Church
Hope Lodge of Freemasons
HRH The Prince of Wales
James Hargreaves Plumbing Oldham
Just For Dancing
Lionel Taylor
Manchester Mountain Bikers
Maureen Hilton
Mayor of Oldham

Mike Porritt
Miss V Kennedy
Mr J Heathcote
Mr P Bamforth
Mrs S Appleton
Oddfellows Friendly Society
O'Donnells Solicitors
Pennine Wayfarers
Rochdale CHA Rambling Club
Rock Choir
Rotary Club Of Oldham
Saddleworth Amblers
Saddleworth Parish Council Chairmans Charity
Saddleworth Runners Club
Saddleworth Tuesday Walkers
South Pennine Long Distance Walkers
Stalybridge Guides
Stefan Hetlof
Street Scene Greenfield Group
Swan Meadow Finance
Tesco
Trinity Methodist Church
Vibram Mountaineering Club
Wednesday Walkers

We would also like to make special mention of the gifts made 'In Memory' of:

Albert Edmund Homer
David Cooper
Elizabeth Brown
Alan Davey
Norma Cavill

Collection Boxes

The team would like to thank proprietors of all the businesses who have hosted a collection box for us during 2023. Thank you to the patrons of the following businesses whose collection box donations have been received this year.

Albion Tap
Alexander Nicholas Barbers
Best Of Brass
Buckleys
Church Inn Mossley
DIY Lees
Gardeners Arms
Georgia's Deli
Grandpa Greene's
Hare And Hounds
Holme Build

King William IV
Mossley Home Improvements
Nickys Cafe
Old Cobblers Greenfield
Oliviccios
Ol's Bier
Saddleworth Outdoors
Summit Up
The Crafty Pint
The DIY Centre Uppermill
The Gillery
The Old Bell
The Railway, Greenfield
The Roebuck Inn
The Swan Inn Delph
The Wellington
The White Hart
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Uppermill Post Office
Well-i-Hole campsite
Woodend Garage

Friends of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

The Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

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Mr Stephen Loft
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Mrs Percy
Mr R Roberts
Miss Beryl Schofield
Dr Evelyn Scott
Mr & Mrs KE & M Smith
Mr & Mrs I & J Tortoisshell
M.C. Wheeler

David Wyatt – Treasurer

Structure, governance and management

Legal and administrative details

During 2022 the team was governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th February 2001. Team bye laws were made under Article 70 of the above articles and adopted by the Team on the 6th November 2001. On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation. The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

Team Organisation

Under the 1 March 2021 constitution and associated bye-laws, at each AGM the Team elects four principal officers until the next AGM namely, Team Leader, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Team Management Group comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Chairperson. Separate committees look after equipment, training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Elected officers

Team Leader:	R Tortoiseshell
Chairperson:	R Jones
Secretary:	S Reade
Treasurer:	D Wyatt

Appointed officers

Deputy Leaders:	L Allport, D Wyatt
Team Doctor:	Dr. A Taylor
Medical Officer:	I Airth
Section Leaders:	A Knight, J Parkinson, I Airth, S Reade
Training Officer:	M Torr
Equipment Officers:	J Brown, I Dredge
Vehicle Officer:	M Owen
Comms Officer:	D Broadhurst

The body of the Team is divided into 4 sections. We take on trainees, who need to be experienced in relevant outdoor activities, and, after a series of training lectures, exercises and assessments are eligible to become full members. The Team is a member of the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation (PDMRO) and is affiliated to Mountain Rescue England & Wales (MREW).

Operational Area

Our normal operating area is the local moorland and crags in the Saddleworth area of the Peak District. We are one of the 7 Teams that make up the PDMRO, which in turn is affiliated with MREW. The Team also provides an urban search and rescue service working with the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services in Greater Manchester. The Team is always available to provide similar assistance anywhere in the United Kingdom.

Risk Analysis

The work undertaken by the Team is often potentially hazardous and, whilst we have an excellent safety record spanning over 60 years the identification of potential risks and looking at how we might manage them is an important part of our Management Group's responsibility. The Team has a documented safety policy that is available to all Team members. The three key considerations underpinning our approach to practical risks are: (a) provision of quality rescue equipment, and attention to its care and maintenance; (b) training of Team members in all aspects of rescue work; (c) regular practical exercises.

Potential Risks	Steps to Mitigate
Ability of the Team to meet changes in organisational and operational areas.	Regular subgroup meetings for planning three key operational areas medical, training and equipment. Regular reviews of training, equipment and medical procedures.
Losing touch with the changes in the statutory emergency services.	Attend all liaison meetings with the emergency services and emergency planning departments at local and county level.
Financial shortfall due to failure of income streams.	Maintain reserves in line with the stated reserves policy. Plan special fundraising activity.

Team Address

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team (OMRT)
Unit 19
Boarshurst Business Park
Boarshurst Lane
Greenfield
Oldham. OL3 7ER

Incorporation

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

Prior to conversion to a CIO, OMRT was a company limited by guarantee and did not have any share capital.
Registered No.: 04178168

Charity Registration:

Registration No.: 1088825.

Trustees serving during 2023 (under constitution dated 1st March 2022)

Robert Tortoishell
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OL15 0RB

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OL3 5NP

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Coppice
Oldham
OL8 1SE

Denzil John Broadhurst (Retired March 2023)
6 Abels Lane
Uppermill
Oldham
OL3 6ES

Anthony Gillon MBE (Retired March 2023)
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Ashton-Under-Lyne
OL7 0DU

Bankers

HSBC
109 Union Street
Oldham
Lancashire
OL1 1RT

Independent Accountant

The Accountancy People
Phoenix House
Stalybridge
SK15 2QA

Team Members at year ending 31 December 2023

Name	Position	Occupation
Rob Tortoiseshell	Team Leader	Product & Training Manager
David Wyatt	Deputy Team Leader/Treasurer	Software Development Lead

Lee Allport	Deputy Team Leader	Operations Director, SAR Products Ltd
Peter Hyde	President	Retired
Dr Andrew Taylor	Team Doctor	Retired GP
Rob Jones	Chairman	Accountant
Adam Knight	Section Leader	Electronics Engineer
Iain Airth	Section Leader/Medical Officer	School Teacher
Justin Parkinson	Section Leader	Managing Director
Sean Reade	Section Leader/Secretary	Retired
Ian Atherton	Buildings Manager	
Denzil Broadhurst	Comms Officer	Airlifting Assistant
Jake Brown	Equipment Officer	Artist
Iain Dredge	Equipment Officer	Network Engineer
Matthew Torr	Training Officer	School Teacher
Mike Owen	Vehicle Officer	
Tony Tombs	MRSDE dog handler	Driver Trainer
Andrew Hadfield		Self-employed Plumber
Catherine Whiteman		Scientist
Chris Maylor		Police Officer
Claire Appleton		Police Officer
Colin Pierce		Kitchen Fitter
Dave Allport		Technical Director, SAR Products Ltd
Dave Henderson		Gardener
Helena Skinn		Product Development Scientist
Granville Toyn		Retired
Katie Johnson		Chartered Insurer
Kelvin Storer		Retired
Kevin Simmonds		Group Sales Manager
Lee Briggs		Toolmaker
Luke Viney		Indirect Tax Advisor
Mike Porritt		Mechanical Design Engineer
Nigel Hyde		Retired
Paul Bruton		Information Science Consultant
Paul Mayall		Class 1 HGV driver
Paul Smith		Depot Manager
Phil Beard		Director, Height Safety Consultants Ltd
Rebecca Fitton		
Richard Beswick		Police Officer
Sam Davey		Builder
Scott Downs		Computer Network Technician
Simon Taylor		Shopkeeper
Steven Bramwell		Toolmaker
Tom Mills		Self-employed Builder
Tony Gillon M.B.E.		Civil Servant

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Signatures:

R Jones
Chairperson

D Wyatt
Treasurer

Dated [TBD]

Registered Charity Number **1088825**

Registered Company Number **04178168** (prior to conversion to CIO on 14 March 2022)

Fully signed copy available at Team operational base.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
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31 December 2023

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Financial Statements

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity name	Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Charity registration number	1088825
Registered Office	Unit 19 Boarshurst Business Park Boarshurst Lane Greenfield Oldham Greater Manchester England OL3 7ER
The Trustees	Robert Tortoishell Robert Jones David Wyatt Dr Andrew William Taylor Sean Richard Reade Ian Atherton (Appointed March 2023) Peter James Hyde (Retired March 2023) Denzil John Broadhurst (Retired March 2023) Anthony Gillon MBE (Retired March 2023)
Independent examiner	The Accountancy People Manchester Ltd 2 Huddersfield Road Stalybridge Cheshire SK15 2QA
Bankers	HSBC 109 Union Street Oldham Lancashire OL1 1RT

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 effective 1 January 2019)".

Structure

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Charity was a charitable incorporated organisation.

Governance

During 2023 the Team was governed by its constitution dated 1 March 2022 and adopted on 14th March 2022, as amended on 5th January 2023.

Management

Under the 1 March 2022 constitution and associated bye-laws, at each AGM the Team elects four principal officers until the next AGM namely, Team Leader, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Team Management Group comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Chairperson. Separate committees look after equipment, training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified that the principal risk to the Charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The Team maintains a cautious approach to investment. Deposits held in any one financial institution are generally kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the Charity

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

Additional objectives and activities

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available as a back-up for the Ambulance and Fire Service, during severe weather, major incident or where our specialist skills are needed.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The Charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) Incidents we attend being debriefed as soon as possible after the event, when appropriate. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The Trustees believe that the Charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

Public benefit

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties, their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.
- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods, wildfires and extreme weather events.
- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
- e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The income and expenditure of the Charity is shown in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

The net expenditure for the year was £21,244 (2022: £49,690 net income) which has been deducted from the general reserve.

The Charity held fund balances as at 31 December 2023 amounting to £214,499 (2022: £235,744). In the opinion of the Trustees, these funds are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations for the foreseeable future.

Details relating to changes in fixed assets can be found in the notes to the statutory accounts.

The Team depends on public support in one form or another, including donations from patrons, gifts in memory, collection boxes, Friends of OMRT and money raised from various challenges and events.

Financial review

a) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

b) Reserves policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases.

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

c) Investment policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The Trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The Trustees review this policy annually. The Bank of England gradually raised interest rates throughout the year, but savings rates have been slow to react. Interest income from these investments continues to be low.

d) Fundraising

Income for 2023 was down by £60,000 on the previous year. This was largely due to a hold on applying for new grants whilst we completed projects for previous grants. It should be noted that the previous year's income was inflated by a £50,000 grant for the new minibus.

Donations remained static compared to the previous year at £24,000 with £6,000 received via JustGiving.

Pubs, cafes, and shops were another useful source of income providing the Team with £1,500 from collection boxes.

Our resident speakers were out visiting various community groups and raised just over £1,000.

Thank you to all the local community groups and people who have raised money for the Team during 2023.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Financial review (continued)

Plans for future periods

There are no immediate material development items on the agenda. The focus is on maintaining a high state of readiness of equipment, vehicles and volunteers. In this area, continued development and use of the D4H system continues and will assist improvements in the management and control of the Team's assets.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the statutory accounts in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its income and expenditure for the financial year. In doing so, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of the recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on _____ and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:

Trustee

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements 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 the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

The Accountancy People Ltd
Huddersfield Road
Stalybridge
Cheshire
SK15 2QA

Date: _____

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

		31.12.23		31.12.22
		£		£
Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Voluntary income:				
Gift Income	3	24,835		23,260
Legacies	3	2,942		2,235
Activities for generating funds:				
Fundraising - Collection Boxes	4	1,454		2,294
Fundraising - Talks	4	1,076		1,604
Fundraising - Friends	4	792		794
Fundraising - Events	4	470		458
Investment income:				
Interest Received	6	477		141
Other income:				
Gains on the disposal of fixed assets for the Charity's own use		-		450
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5			
Grants			375	61,125
Total incoming resources		32,046	375	92,361
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities		49,559	4,107	42,671
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(17,513)	(3,732)	49,690
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		178,425	57,319	186,053
Total funds carried forward		160,912	53,587	235,744

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	14		<u>85,409</u>		<u>45,854</u>
			85,409		45,854
Current assets					
Stocks	15	400		400	
Debtors	16	2,986		2,662	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>126,086</u>		<u>186,827</u>	
		129,472		189,889	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	17		(382)		-
Net current assets			<u>129,090</u>		<u>189,889</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>214,499</u>		<u>235,743</u>
Total Charity Funds	18		<u><u>214,499</u></u>		<u><u>235,743</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees and authorised for issue on _____, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation. The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The statutory accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fund accounting

All general income is currently voluntary and from fund raising and is unrestricted and hence the funds can be used in furtherance of the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

During the year funding has been received and fund raising undertaken for a specific purchase and this income has been recorded as restricted. Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity.

Income

All income is recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 December 2023

2. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant & Machinery	15% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	20% Reducing Balance
Fixtures & Fittings	15% Straight Line

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. No provision for tax is therefore considered necessary.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Gift Income	24,835		23,260
Other donations and legacies			
Legacies	2,942		2,235
	27,777		24,495

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events			
Collection Boxes	1,454		2,294
Talks	1,076		1,604
Friends	792		794
Events	470		458
	3,792		5,150

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants		375	61,125
Gains on the disposal of fixed assets for the Charity's own use			450

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	477	477	141	141

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Direct costs	20,104	-	20,104	15,445
Support costs	29,017	4,107	33,124	26,776
Governance costs	<u>438</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>450</u>
	49,559	4,107	53,666	42,671

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Direct Costs	10,164	9,939	20,104	15,445
Support costs	3,979	29,145	33,124	26,776
Governance costs	<u>14,144</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>450</u>
		39,522	53,666	42,671

9. Analysis of expenditure

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rent	15,320	15,320
Light and heat	3,771	2,665
Insurance	2,162	2,135
Repairs and maintenance	443	10
Equipment	6,983	5,070
Team member training	1,683	2,162
Telephone	1,188	917
Printing and stationary	64	217
Computer costs	3,593	695
Catering costs	1,277	1,153
Fundraising costs	222	180
Sundry expenses	3,047	1,480
Motor expenses	3,537	3,338
Accountancy charges	318	288
Bank charges	120	162
Depreciation	<u>9,939</u>	<u>6,879</u>
	53,666	42,671

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	9,939	6,879

11. Staff costs

The Charity has no employees. All officials and Team members provide their services on a voluntary basis.

12. Independent Examiner

The independent examiner The Accountancy People was paid £318 (2022: £288) during the year, of which £318 (2022: £288) related to the accounting software. There were no costs relating to the preparation and examination of the accounts during the year, nor in 2022.

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees have received no remuneration or expenses during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2023	129,687	137,931	3,695	271,313
Additions		44,044	5,450	49,494
As at 31 December 2023	<u>129,687</u>	<u>181,975</u>	<u>9,145</u>	<u>320,807</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2023	119,690	102,773	2,996	225,459
Provided during the period	<u>1,500</u>	<u>7,613</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>9,939</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>121,190</u>	<u>110,386</u>	<u>3,822</u>	<u>235,398</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2023	<u>8,497</u>	<u>71,589</u>	<u>5,323</u>	<u>85,409</u>
As at 1 January 2023	<u>9,997</u>	<u>35,158</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>45,854</u>

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

15. Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks	400	400

16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
VAT	2,986	2,662

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	382	-

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	178,425	32,046	(49,559)	160,912

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	57,319	375	(4,107)	53,587

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 December 2023

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	35,915	49,494	45,854
Current assets	<u>129,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,889</u>
Net assets	165,005	49,494	235,743

19. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

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Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity name	Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
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The Trustees	Robert Tortoishell Robert Jones David Wyatt Dr Andrew William Taylor Sean Richard Reade Ian Atherton (Appointed March 2023) Peter James Hyde (Retired March 2023) Denzil John Broadhurst (Retired March 2023) Anthony Gillon MBE (Retired March 2023)
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Year ended 31 December 2023

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Structure

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Charity was a charitable incorporated organisation.

Governance

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Management

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Achievements and performance

Review of activities

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The net expenditure for the year was £21,244 (2022: £49,690 net income) which has been deducted from the general reserve.

The Charity held fund balances as at 31 December 2023 amounting to £214,499 (2022: £235,744). In the opinion of the Trustees, these funds are sufficient to meet the Charity's obligations for the foreseeable future.

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a) Going concern

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d) Fundraising

Income for 2023 was down by £60,000 on the previous year. This was largely due to a hold on applying for new grants whilst we completed projects for previous grants. It should be noted that the previous year's income was inflated by a £50,000 grant for the new minibus.

Donations remained static compared to the previous year at £24,000 with £6,000 received via JustGiving.

Pubs, cafes, and shops were another useful source of income providing the Team with £1,500 from collection boxes.

Our resident speakers were out visiting various community groups and raised just over £1,000.

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- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of the recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on _____ and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:

Trustee

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements 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 the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

The Accountancy People Ltd
Huddersfield Road
Stalybridge
Cheshire
SK15 2QA

Date: _____

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

		31.12.23		31.12.22
		£		£
Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Voluntary income:				
Gift Income	3	24,835		23,260
Legacies	3	2,942		2,235
Activities for generating funds:				
Fundraising - Collection Boxes	4	1,454		2,294
Fundraising - Talks	4	1,076		1,604
Fundraising - Friends	4	792		794
Fundraising - Events	4	470		458
Investment income:				
Interest Received	6	477		141
Other income:				
Gains on the disposal of fixed assets for the Charity's own use		-		450
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5			
Grants			375	61,125
Total incoming resources		32,046	375	92,361
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities		49,559	4,107	42,671
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(17,513)	(3,732)	49,690
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		178,425	57,319	186,053
Total funds carried forward		160,912	53,587	235,744

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	14		<u>85,409</u>		<u>45,854</u>
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Current assets					
Stocks	15	400		400	
Debtors	16	2,986		2,662	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>126,086</u>		<u>186,827</u>	
		129,472		189,889	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	17		(382)		-
Net current assets			<u>129,090</u>		<u>189,889</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>214,499</u>		<u>235,743</u>
Total Charity Funds	18		<u><u>214,499</u></u>		<u><u>235,743</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees and authorised for issue on _____, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation. The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The statutory accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fund accounting

All general income is currently voluntary and from fund raising and is unrestricted and hence the funds can be used in furtherance of the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

During the year funding has been received and fund raising undertaken for a specific purchase and this income has been recorded as restricted. Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity.

Income

All income is recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
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2. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant & Machinery	15% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	20% Reducing Balance
Fixtures & Fittings	15% Straight Line

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. No provision for tax is therefore considered necessary.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Gift Income	24,835		23,260
Other donations and legacies			
Legacies	2,942		2,235
	27,777		24,495

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events			
Collection Boxes	1,454		2,294
Talks	1,076		1,604
Friends	792		794
Events	470		458
	3,792		5,150

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants		375	61,125
Gains on the disposal of fixed assets for the Charity's own use			450

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	477	477	141	141

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Direct costs	20,104	-	20,104	15,445
Support costs	29,017	4,107	33,124	26,776
Governance costs	<u>438</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>450</u>
	49,559	4,107	53,666	42,671

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Direct Costs	10,164	9,939	20,104	15,445
Support costs	3,979	29,145	33,124	26,776
Governance costs	<u>14,144</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>450</u>
		39,522	53,666	42,671

9. Analysis of expenditure

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rent	15,320	15,320
Light and heat	3,771	2,665
Insurance	2,162	2,135
Repairs and maintenance	443	10
Equipment	6,983	5,070
Team member training	1,683	2,162
Telephone	1,188	917
Printing and stationary	64	217
Computer costs	3,593	695
Catering costs	1,277	1,153
Fundraising costs	222	180
Sundry expenses	3,047	1,480
Motor expenses	3,537	3,338
Accountancy charges	318	288
Bank charges	120	162
Depreciation	<u>9,939</u>	<u>6,879</u>
	53,666	42,671

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Year ended 31 December 2023

10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	9,939	6,879

11. Staff costs

The Charity has no employees. All officials and Team members provide their services on a voluntary basis.

12. Independent Examiner

The independent examiner The Accountancy People was paid £318 (2022: £288) during the year, of which £318 (2022: £288) related to the accounting software. There were no costs relating to the preparation and examination of the accounts during the year, nor in 2022.

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees have received no remuneration or expenses during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2023	129,687	137,931	3,695	271,313
Additions		44,044	5,450	49,494
As at 31 December 2023	<u>129,687</u>	<u>181,975</u>	<u>9,145</u>	<u>320,807</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2023	119,690	102,773	2,996	225,459
Provided during the period	<u>1,500</u>	<u>7,613</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>9,939</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>121,190</u>	<u>110,386</u>	<u>3,822</u>	<u>235,398</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2023	<u>8,497</u>	<u>71,589</u>	<u>5,323</u>	<u>85,409</u>
As at 1 January 2023	<u>9,997</u>	<u>35,158</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>45,854</u>

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15. Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks	400	400

16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
VAT	2,986	2,662

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	382	-

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	178,425	32,046	(49,559)	160,912

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	57,319	375	(4,107)	53,587

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	35,915	49,494	45,854
Current assets	<u>129,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,889</u>
Net assets	165,005	49,494	235,743

19. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Accounts

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Income for 2022 was up £35K on the previous year. This was largely due to several grants that the Team received for various equipment and notably £50K from Greater Manchester Police Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme towards the purchase of a new minibus.

The year saw a downturn in donations received despite online donations from Facebook and JustGiving remaining at the same level as the previous year.

With pubs and cafes now fully open, our collection boxes were once again providing a useful source of income with an increase of £1700 on the previous year.

Community groups were once again meeting up in person and requesting the services of our resident speakers. These talks raised £1600 and remain an important way for us to communicate what we do.

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- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of the recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on _____ and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:

Trustee

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements 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 the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

The Accountancy People Ltd
Huddersfield Road
Stalybridge
Cheshire
SK15 2QA

Date: _____

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2022

		31.12.22		31.12.21
		£		£
Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Voluntary income:				
Gift Income	3	23,260		41,476
Legacies	3	2,235		12,150
Activities for generating funds:				
Fundraising - Collection Boxes	4	2,294		454
Fundraising - Talks	4	1,604		90
Fundraising - Friends	4	794		779
Fundraising - Events	4	458		2,093
Investment income:				
Interest Received	6	141		55
Other income:				
Gains on the disposal of fixed assets for the charity's own use		450		-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5			
Grants			61,125	-
Total incoming resources		31,236	61,125	57,097
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities		38,865	3,806	63,616
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(7,629)	57,319	(6,519)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		186,054	-	192,573
Total funds carried forward		178,425	57,319	186,054

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	14		<u>45,854</u>		<u>52,733</u>
			45,854		52,733
Current assets					
Stocks	15	400		400	
Debtors	16	2,662		2,390	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>186,827</u>		<u>130,531</u>	
		189,889		133,321	
Net current assets			<u>189,889</u>		<u>133,321</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>235,743</u>		<u>186,054</u>
Total Charity Funds	17		<u><u>235,743</u></u>		<u><u>186,054</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees and authorised for issue on _____, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2022

1. General information

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation. The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The statutory accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)' and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fund accounting

All general income is currently voluntary and from fund raising and is unrestricted and hence the funds can be used in furtherance of the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

During the year funding has been received and fund raising undertaken for a specific purchase and this income has been recorded as restricted. Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity.

Income

All income is recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 December 2022

2. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant & Machinery	15% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	20% Reducing Balance
Fixtures & Fittings	15% Straight Line

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. No provision for tax is therefore considered necessary.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Gift Income	23,260		41,476
Other donations and legacies			
Legacies	2,235		12,150
	25,495		53,626

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fundraising events			
Collection Boxes	2,294		454
Talks	1,604		90
Friends	794		779
Events	458		2,093
	5,150		3,416

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants		61,125	-
Gains on the disposal of fixed assets for the charity's own use			

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	141	141	55	55

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Direct costs	13,604	1,841	15,445	38,511
Support costs	24,811	1,965	26,776	24,841
Governance costs	<u>450</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>264</u>
	38,856	3,806	42,671	63,616

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Direct Costs	8,565	6,879	15,444	18,752
Support costs	3,349	23,428	26,777	27,923
Governance costs	<u>—</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>264</u>
	11,914	30,757	42,671	63,616

9. Analysis of expenditure

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Rent	15,320	15,320
Light and heat	2,665	1,376
Insurance	2,135	2,437
Repairs and maintenance	10	-
Equipment	5,070	28,211
Team member training	2,162	950
Telephone	917	987
Printing and stationary	217	48
Computer costs	695	898
Catering costs	1,153	636
Fundraising costs	180	383
Sundry expenses	1,480	955
Motor expenses	3,338	2,820
Accountancy charges	288	264
Bank charges	162	-
Depreciation	<u>6,879</u>	<u>8,331</u>
	42,671	63,616

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,879	8,331

11. Staff costs

The Charity has no employees. All officials and Team members provide their services on a voluntary basis.

12. Independent Examiner

The independent examiner The Accountancy People was paid £288 (2021: £264) during the year, of which £288 (2021: £264) related to the accounting software. There were no costs relating to the preparation and examination of the accounts during the year, nor in 2021.

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees have received no remuneration or expenses during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2022	129,687	137,931	3,695	271,313
As at 31 December 2022	<u>129,687</u>	<u>137,931</u>	<u>3,695</u>	<u>271,313</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2022	117,926	98,212	2,441	218,579
Provided during the period	<u>1,764</u>	<u>4,561</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>6,880</u>
As at 31 December 2022	<u>119,690</u>	<u>102,773</u>	<u>2,996</u>	<u>225,459</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2022	<u>9,997</u>	<u>35,158</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>45,854</u>
As at 1 January 2022	<u>11,761</u>	<u>39,719</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>52,734</u>

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

15. Stocks

	2022	2021
	£	£
Stocks	400	400

16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
VAT	2,662	2,390

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	186,054	31,236	(38,865)	178,425

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	-	61,125	(3,806)	57,319

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	45,854	-	52,733
Current assets	<u>189,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,321</u>
Net assets	235,743	-	186,054

19. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.



Trustees Annual Report 2022

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ([FRS 102] effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities:

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available to support the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service during severe weather, major incidents or where our specialist skills are needed.

Public Benefits Statement

The Charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) Incidents we attend being debriefed as soon as possible after the event, when appropriate. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The trustees believe that the Charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties, their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.
- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods,

wildfires and extreme weather events.

- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
- e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Team Leader's Report

2022 began on a much more even keel than the previous year, with things getting back to a more normal footing following the challenges of operating throughout the COVID pandemic. During the year we were honoured to welcome the Lord Lieutenant of Manchester to our base, who presented eligible Team Members with their Platinum Jubilee Medals.

In terms of numbers, the incidents we attended were slightly below average at 35 (with 43 casualties), with Birchen Clough and the newly named "Trinnacle Trail" continuing to feature heavily as a regular spot. In total, 1141 volunteer hours were spent on incidents alone. This is in addition to time spent on training, fundraising, equipment maintenance and PR.

Our water section continued to expand, with several members qualifying as Swiftwater Rescue Technicians. Our trainee search dog Ace made progress in his journey to becoming a fully-fledged search dog. We were able to put on our first whole weekend "Oldham Weekend" since the pandemic, which allowed us to focus on rope rescue skills over two days.

We welcomed Matt Torr into the role of Training Officer, I'd like to thank Mick Nield for his time in the role. Sean Reade took over from Nigel Hyde as Section 4 Leader; I'd like to thank Nigel for his time in the role.

Our trusty minibus, OM4, failed its MOT after many years of faithful service, however, we were extremely fortunate to be awarded a grant from Greater Manchester Police's ARIS fund which would cover the cost of a replacement.

We joined the nation in mourning the passing of our Monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

I would like to thank our Team Members for their commitment and resilience during 2022. I would also like to thank the partners, families and employers of our members, and the local community, without whose unwavering support we would not be able to continue to operate.

Rob Tortoiseshell

Team Leader

Incidents 2022

The objectives of the Team are as stated within the opening paragraphs of this report. The most practical way to demonstrate whether we have achieved these objectives is to list the incidents we have been called out to deal with.

Incident 01 – 23/01/22 - Dovestones, Ravenstones. 22 Team members for 4 hours 11 minutes.

Request from NWS for assistance with 2 females fallen from rocks near Trinnacle. Injuries unknown but fall of c10m. W3W supplied and inaccurate. Multi-agency response with GMP, NWS, HART, GMFRS in attendance, some issues with access being blocked. OMRT Casualty Carer identified site and other agencies stood down. 2x casualties with potential spinal, so MCA requested and R912 tasked. Both casualties winched on our stretchers and flown to Sheffield.

Incident 02 – 23/01/22 - Stalybridge, Walkerwood Reservoir. 23 Team members for 4 hours 47 minutes.

Team received an alert from GMP about a male with serious leg injury near to Brushes Road but in a remote location. W3W provided and accurate. Casualty assessed as potential frac femur by OMRT Casualty Carer, so MCA heli requested due to the steep and slippery nature of the carry off. Packaged on stretcher, Kendrick splint applied, winter casualty bag and winched into R912, then flown to Salford.

Incident 03 – 25/01/22 - Dovestones, plantation above Bradbury Lane. 12 Team members for 1 hour 54 minutes.

Team were contacted by NWS, then direct by GMP search manager, for a 63yo f. Initial information was taken an overdose in a tree. W3W showed Dovestones, although spelt incorrectly. After several phone calls, information was clarified as female taken overdose, next to trees, established as plantation above Bradbury Lane. GMP were in attendance. Team assessed then packaged the casualty on stretcher and wheel for evacuation to NWS ambulance at Kinder Intake Farm

Incident 04 – 25/01/22 – Dovestones, Alphin Pike. 23 Team members for 2 hours 53 minutes.

TL was contacted direct by a local GMP officer about an ongoing incident with a vulnerable female on Alphin. GMP officers on scene requested MR. TL contacted FDO and OMRT were activated. With an RV at White Lee Farm, Team deployed up Alphin on foot and using OM5. Casualty had taken an overdose and was very hypothermic. She was packaged on the stretcher & wheel with winter and normal casualty bags and rapidly evacuated down to the NWS ambulance at White Lee.

Incident 05 – 30/01/22 – Stockport, Reddish Vale. 12 Team members for 2 hours 54 minutes.

Team were on exercise at Chew when NWS asked for assistance with a male fallen from bike in Reddish Vale. Crew on scene, needed help with evacuation. Initially passed from Kinder. NWS crew had administered pain relief and splinted due to multiple injuries. Team packaged in vac mat and stretcher, then carried to ambulance. Lock cut at gate to allow access.

Incident 06 – 13/02/22 – Dovestones, Chew Res. 4 Team members for 50 minutes.

While covering the New Chew fell race, Team members were made aware of an injured runner making his way towards the Sailing Club on hands and knees. SL & Casualty Carer located and assessed the casualty, who refused medical assistance. They persuaded him to accept a lift down to the SC with the Team Doctor.

Incident 07 – 14/02/22 – Manchester, Beswick. 10 Team members for 38 minutes.

Request from GMP for assistance with the urban search for a 9-year-old female missing from home in Beswick. Subject was located by GMP as Team were deploying. GMP were limited in resources and requested Team help with the immediate area search. Because of the age of the subject, TL decided to deploy.

Incident 08 – 20/02/22 – Didsbury. 5 Team members for 7 hours.

A small water Team were deployed to assist GMFRS, Kinder MRT and Bolton MRT in response to the potential flooding incident in Didsbury.

Incident 09 – 05/03/22 – Dovestones, Ashway. 20 Team members for 1 hour 24 minutes.

GMP contacted the Team asking for assistance in locating a couple lost while out walking near Dovestones. No injuries. PhoneFind was clicked and showed their location as Ashway. A small hill party made contact with the

lost couple and, after an assessment, they were walked off to the Land Rover and given a lift to their own car. 2x W3W provided by GMP- one was accurate.

Incident 10 – 07/03/22 – Dovestones, Rams Clough. 5 Team members for 45 minutes.

Alert received from GMP about a male stuck near Rams Clough. Team put on standby but male managed to self-rescue while enquiries were being made. Male given advice by GMP.

Incident 11 – 27/03/22 – Dovestones, Birchen Clough. 20 Team members for 2 hours 54 minutes.

Alert from NWS for 27yo male fallen 10-15m from waterfall near Dovestones. HEMS already en-route. HEMS on scene first, quickly followed by Team dog handlers. Casualty packaged onto our vacuum mattress and stretcher, then winched by R912. Transferred to land ambulance at Greenfield Reservoir for transport to ROH.

Incident 12 – 01/04/22 – Middleton, Greengate. 10 Team members for 2 hours 41 minutes.

Request from GMP for a body recovery of a missing person in the Middleton area. Team assisted GMP & GMFRS with recovery up a steep banking next to a river.

Incident 13 – 13/04/22 – Dovestones, Birchen Clough. 10 Team members for 2 hours.

Team received an alert from NWS for a 37-year-old female near Greenfield Brook. No injury details or proper location due to poor signal. TL found casualty party on the track above Greenfield Res. Casualty had fallen near Birchen waterfall and then self-rescued with the help of partner and passers-by to that point. NWS ambulance able to access directly to casualty on the track. Casualty treated for spinal due to mechanism and multiple injuries.

Incident 14 – 20/04/22 – Dovestones, Birchen Clough. 19 Team members for 2 hours 19 minutes.

Team received an alert from NWS for a male fallen at Birchen Clough. On arrival on scene a second casualty (child) was identified. Both casualties were from a large family party (14) who had self-rescued to the track with some members of the party becoming separated. After initial assessment both casualties were handed over to NWS and transferred to hospital. Separated party members were quickly located and reunited with the group.

Incident 15 – 07/05/22 – Dobcross, Delph Donkey. 5 Team members for 20 minutes.

Request from NWS for a male on an embankment, hit by a tree whilst cycling near Ladcastle Rd, Dobcross. No road access. Shoulder/ arm injury. As Team were deploying, first Team members made contact with the casualty, who was in a taxi enroute to hospital. After getting details, Team was stood down.

Incident 16 – 18/05/22 – Dovestones. 15 Team members for 1 hour 18 minutes.

NWS requested assistance with the evacuation of a 50-year-old female who had fallen off her bike and suffered an ankle injury on the Dovestones main path. Team responded with limited numbers. Casualty was treated by NWS for a query fractured ankle before being packaged in a Team vacuum splint and stretcher and driven to the NWS ambulance at Chew Bridge.

Incident 17 – 25/05/22 – Delph, Gledhill Mill. 11 Team members for 1 hour 16 minutes.

A Team member encountered a young male who had fallen down a banking next to a river in Delph, sustaining a fractured arm. Local people attended, treating for a fractured arm, and hauling the male up the banking on a stretcher. He was then transported to Royal Oldham Hospital by a family member.

Incident 18 – 29/05/22 – Dovestones, Wimberry Boulders. 14 Team members for 2 hours 20 minutes.

Team were contacted by NWS requesting assistance with the treatment and evacuation of a 26-year-old male with a dislocated ankle. Initially, the location was given as Bridestones Reservoir but the W3W flagged as being at Wimberry boulders. Phonefind confirmed Wimberry boulders. Casualty Carers treated the ankle, including reducing to aid circulation. Vacuum splint and vacuum mattress were then used before a stretcher carry down to the NWS ambulance at Chew Track.

Incident 19 – 9/7/22 – Dovestones, Ashway. 13 Team members for 1 hour 20 minutes.

Team requested by NWS for a female with ankle injury near Dovestones. W3W provided and accurate. Team RV'd with NWS and met casualty at Ashway fence stile. Casualty transported to ambulance in OM5 for onward transport to ROH.

Incident 20 – 12/07/22 – Dovestones, Bill o' Jacks plantation. 9 Team members for 3 hours 14 minutes.

GMFRS, via GMP, requested MR support with an ongoing fire incident at Bill o' Jack's plantation. Team attended in a support role until fire was under control.

Incident 21 – 13/07/22 – Dovestones, Fox Stone path. 13 Team members for 1 hour 38 minutes.

Request from NWS for 53-year-old female near Dovestones, injuries initially unknown. Callout officer established contact with informant, location given as Fox Stone path, and indicated injury to ankle, unable to walk. Casualty Carer assessed, then casualty carried down to Chew Bridge and transported to hospital by private car due to no available ambulance.

Incident 22 – 24/07/22 – Holts Estate, woodland. 18 Team members for 1 hour 28 minutes.

Team was contacted by NWS for assistance with a 55-year-old female who had fallen down a banking requiring steep ground extraction, with a crew on scene near Holts Estate. NWS administered medical aid and pain relief. The casualty was placed on vac mat and stretcher followed by a steep carry with back up rope to the road and waiting ambulance.

Incident 23 – 10/08/22 – Delph, Saddleworth Hotel. 16 Team members for 51 minutes.

Team were contacted by NWS asking for assistance with a 69-year-old female who was trapped after falling from a wall in the garden of the Saddleworth Hotel. Initially, major trauma was indicated by crew on scene, but not confirmed due to poor comms. Initial MR on scene assisted NWS with the extraction of the female who had a head injury. She was transferred to ambulance for onward transport to hospital.

Incident 24 – 14/08/22 - Dovestones, Birchen Clough. 17 Team members for 3 hours 25 minutes.

Team received a request from NWS to assist with an 11-year-old male fallen 5m from rock near "Jack's plantation" at the side of Yeoman Hey, suffering a broken ankle. Upon investigation, male was not at Yeoman Hey, but location was established as Birchen waterfall following a search of likely locations. He was treated by Team Casualty Carer and an NWS paramedic, and on assessment had potential spinal injuries plus a head laceration. Coastguard was requested and he was winched by R936 and transferred at Greenfield Res dam to NWS ambulance for onward transport.

Incident 25 – 21/08/22 - Dovestones, Birchen Clough. 21 Team members for 3 hours.

Team contacted by GMP about a 63-year-old female with ankle injury near Dovestones. No other information, no phone number, no location. Initially, Team leaders called out to carry out hasty searches of potential locations, with full Team put on standby. As TL's were RVing, further info came through with a grid ref at Birchen. Full Team activated and casualty located above the waterfall. After treatment by Team doctor for ankle injury, casualty was stretchered out of the gully with a backup rope to Middle Edge Moss, carried round, and lowered down to the weir. She was then transported in Team Land Rover to Greenfield Reservoir and transferred to NWS ambulance for transport to ROH.

Incident 26 – 20/09/22 - Dovestones, Birchen Clough. 18 Team members for 4 hours 4 minutes.

Request from NWS for the location, treatment and evacuation of a 52-year-old female, fallen, with a head injury in the Dovestones area. Informant calling from Yeoman Hey/ Greenfield Reservoir. First vehicle RV'd with informant and established location as Birchen (above waterfall). Treated for c-spine tenderness, sore ribs, bump to head. Evacuation on vacuum mattress and stretcher up onto Middle Edge Moss and transferred to Helimed 75, who lifted off at dusk.

Incident 27 – 23/09/22 – Dovestones, Ashway. 12 Team members for 1 hour 23 minutes.

GMP contacted the Team with a report of 2 females and 2 dogs lost in the dark near Dovestones with no torches and phone batteries dead. After initial contact with GMP local, their general location was given as Dean Rocks. Team Leader proceeded in that direction and heard shouts for help in the clough between Dean Rocks and Ashway Moss. After locating the casualties, they were escorted down to Ashway sluice, checked over, and given a lift back to their car at Dovestones CP. NPAS attended and provided overhead lighting.

Incident 28 – 30/09/22- Dovestones, A635. 3 Team members for 1 hour 31 minutes.

Request from GMP for advice and route marking concerning a crime scene on the moor near the A635 road above Upperwood House. Team Leader and 2 senior members attended but decision was made that no officers were staying on the moor overnight due to the weather. No action by OMRT apart from advice.

Incident 29 – 21/10/22 – Uppermill, High Street. 4 Team members for 1 hour.

While in attendance at the Grenadier Guards parade in Uppermill, Team members were alerted to a member of the public who had been involved in a low speed RTC. At the same time, 2 other casualties needed assistance for separate conditions. OMRT assisted NWAS with the casualties and traffic management.

Incident 30 – 28/10/22 -Daisy Nook. 11 Team members for 1 hour 44 minutes.

Request from NWAS for assistance with the difficult extraction of a 77year old female dog walker who had suffered an ankle injury at Daisy Nook Country Park. NWAS administered medical aid before she was packaged and extracted on OMRT stretcher.

Incident 31 – 5/11/22 – Littleborough, Clegg Moor. 17 Team members for 3 hours.

Team were contacted by both NWAS & GMP for a 50-year-old male with a possible broken leg on Clegg Moor near Littleborough. GMP did PhoneFind. A Team member arrived at same time as NWAS & GMP and located casualty. Medical aid by Team and NWAS, then stretcher and wheel to ambulance. Injury later confirmed as ruptured quadricep.

Incident 32 – 13/11/22 – Greenfield, Pots and Pans. 25 Team members for 1 hour 35 minutes.

Whilst in attendance at Pots & Pans Remembrance Sunday service, Team was alerted to 3x casualties who had collapsed, and one cut finger. Casualty1 was assessed and walked off the hill by the Team to NWAS amb. Casualty2 was carried off on a stretcher to NWAS ambulance. Casualty3 was walked off by his family. Casualty4 had a dressing applied and was advised to visit A&E for stitches.

Incident 33 – 30/11/22 – Denshaw, Dowry Reservoir. 14 Team members for 1 hour 42 minutes.

Request from NWAS for assistance with the location, treatment and evacuation of 66-year-old male dog walker slipped on grass at Dowry Reservoir, sustaining a knee injury. A short search identified the casualty location where his son had arrived to take care of the dog. Treatment by Casualty Carer and NWAS Advanced Paramedic, then a stretcher carry to OM3 before transfer to the NWAS ambulance.

Incident 34 –20/12/22 – Dovestones, Middle Edge Moss. 16 Team members for 2 hours 22 minutes.

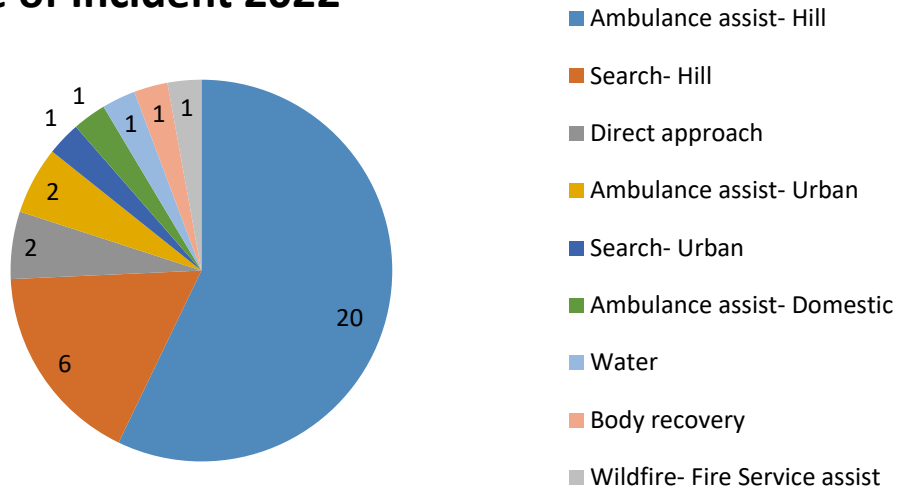
Report from GMP of 3 walkers lost after attempting the Trinnacle Trail. W3W provided by GMP indicated a location of Middle Edge Moss. A fast party were sent up Birchen and the casualties were located after they saw our lights and headed toward them. A quick assessment was carried out before guiding them back down to the weir to warm up in OM3, then back to base for full assessment, brew & warming. All casualties uninjured but cold.

Incident 35 –25/12/22 – Dovestones, Chew Brook. 13 Team members for 1 hour 46 minutes.

Request from GMP for assistance with the evacuation of a male, lost, cold possibly suicidal, in the Dovestones area. The male was located by NPAS and a GMP officer on scene. Fast party RV'd with GMP, the casualty and 3 friends. The friends were put in OM2 to warm up. The casualty was escorted to Sugar Loaf weir and then into OM3 for assessment. All were taken back to base, along with additional family members, to warm up. Casualty was assessed as very cold- treated by Casualty Carer and NWAS at base before ambulance transfer to ROH.

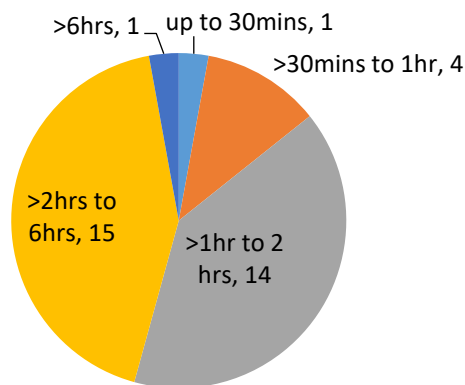
Over the year we assisted 43 casualties which was 10 less than those assisted in 2021 which reflects the reduction in incident numbers which were down by 15 from 50 to 35 on the previous year. Team members volunteered 1,141 hours on incidents alone, which is in addition to the considerable time spent on training and equipment maintenance.

Type of Incident 2022



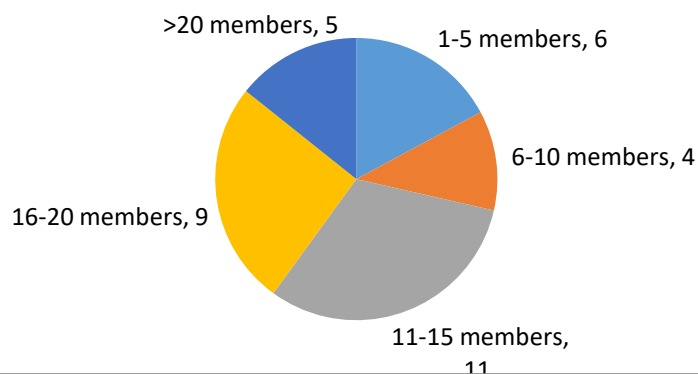
The above chart gives a breakdown of the types of incidents attended through the year. Once again, the majority were providing assistance the ambulance service.

Duration of Callouts 2022

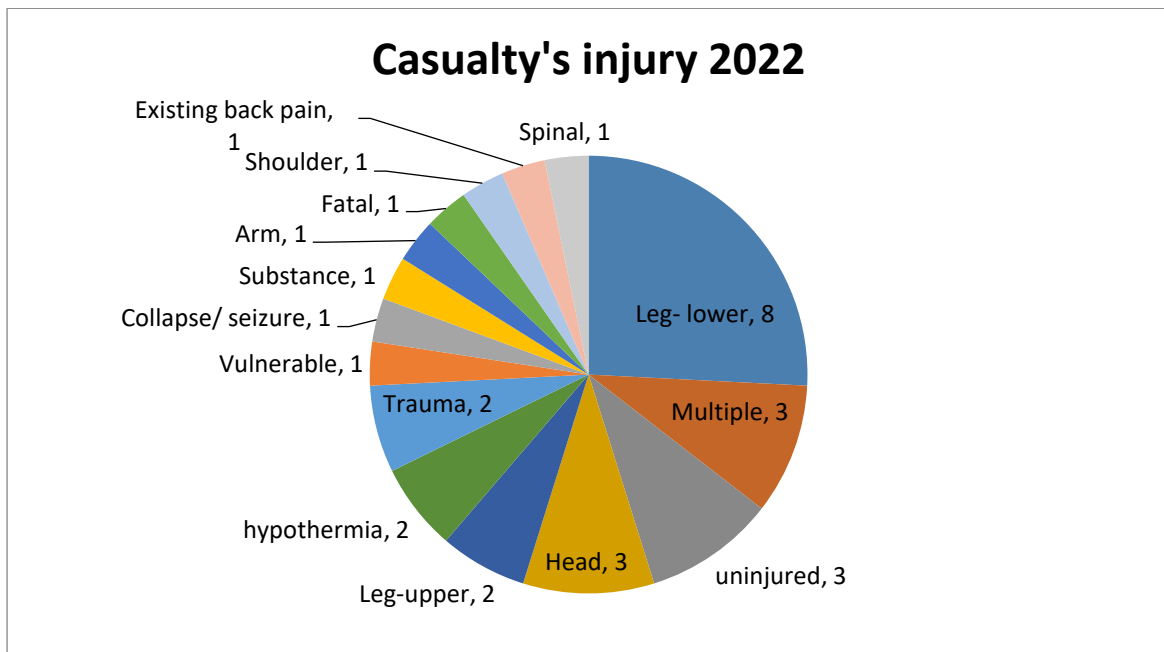


The chart above shows the duration of the incidents. The one incident taking more than 6 hours was a flooding standby incident in February. Of the 15 jobs taking longer than two hours were 6 jobs in Birchen Clough.

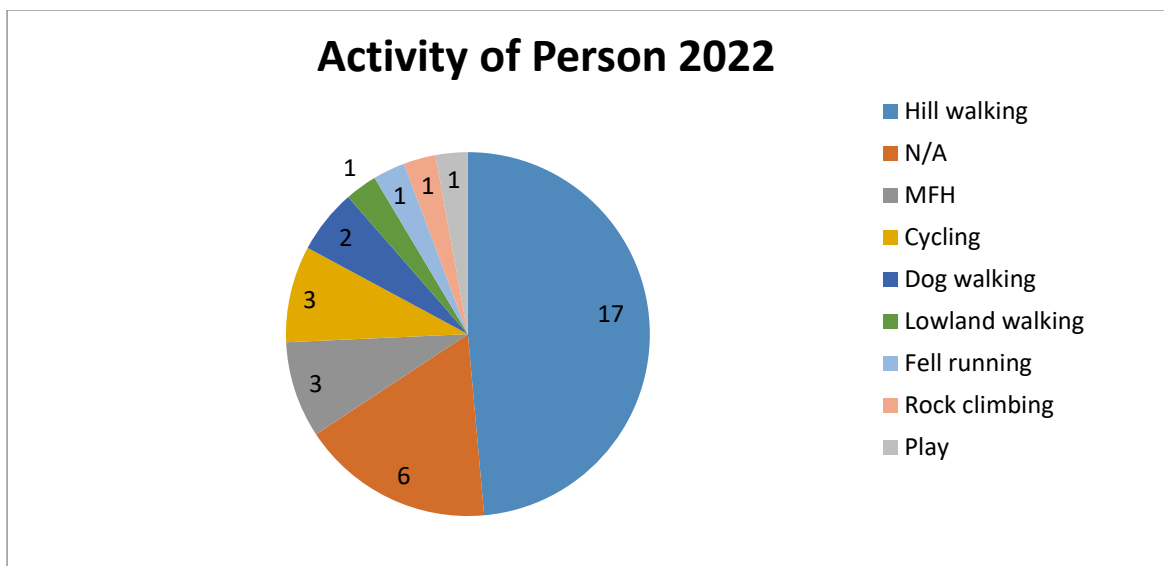
Number of team members attending



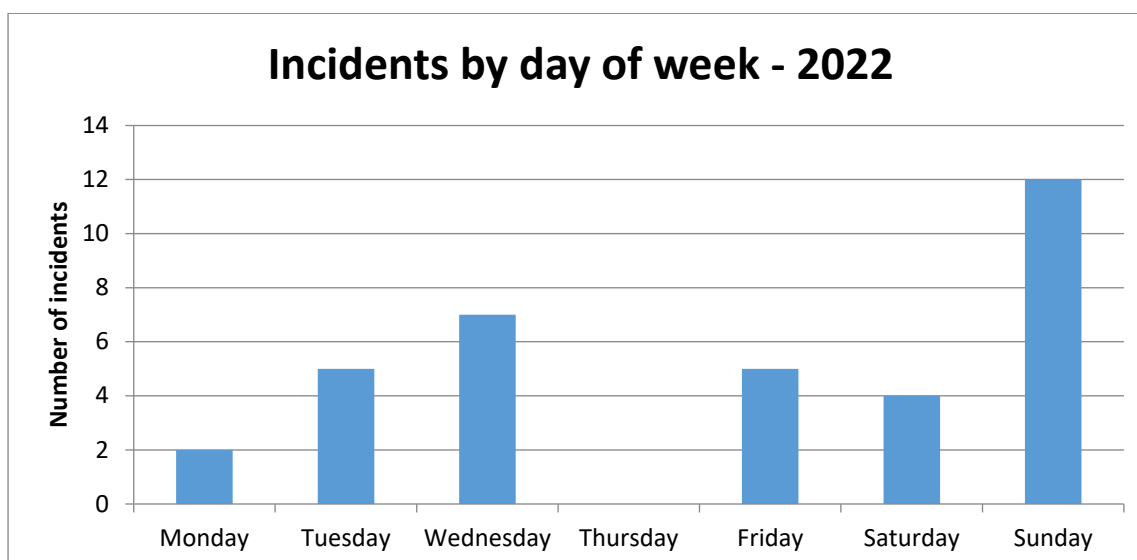
Above is shown the number of Team members who attended each of the callouts.



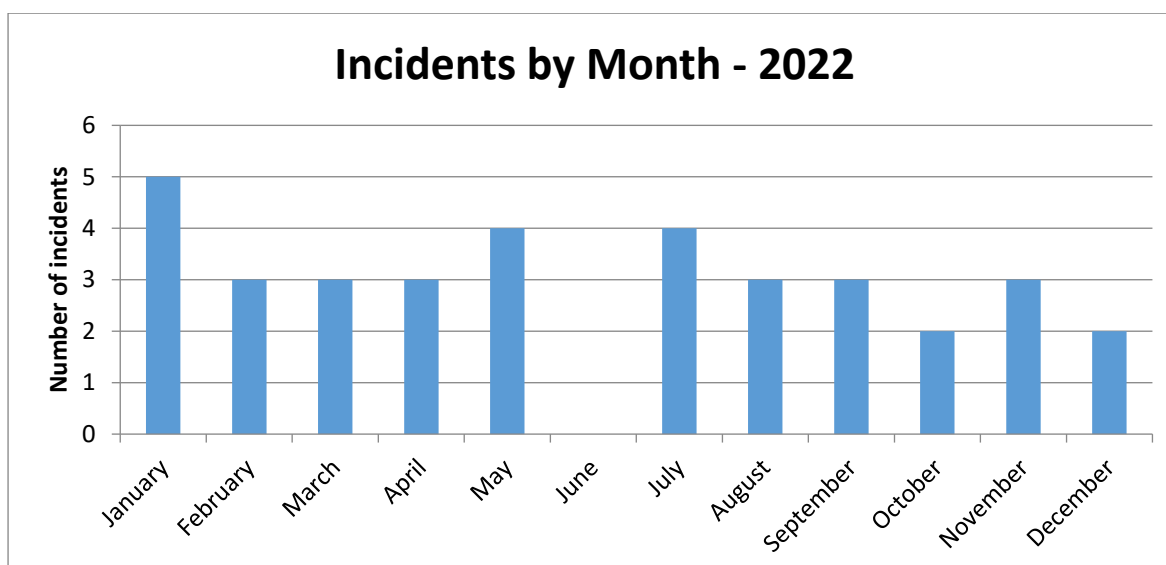
This chart shows the type of injury which each casualty suffered. Lower leg injuries were once again the prominent injury over the year.



This pie chart shows the activity of the casualty at the time of their injury. Unsurprisingly, almost half of the casualties arose during hill walking.



As is to be expected, the weekend is the busiest time of the week. This year saw the busiest day change from Saturday in 2021 to Sunday in 2022. There were no incidents on any Thursday of 2022.



January was the busiest month of the year with four of the five incidents occurring within a three-week period. No incidents were reported in June. The remainder of the incidents were spread fairly evenly across the months.

Financial Review and Treasurer's Report

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases.

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

Investment Policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The Trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The Trustees review this policy annually. The Bank of England gradually

raised interest rates throughout the year, but savings rates have been slow to react. Interest income from these investments continues to be low.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified that the principal risk to the charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The Team maintains a cautious approach to investment.

Deposits held in any one financial institution are generally kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit.

Assets

The Team's assets are rescue equipment, headquarters equipment, fundraising kit, vehicles, a rescue boat, bank deposits and cash.

In preparation for the arrival of the new minibus various items including a tablet and VHF radio were purchased. Other items purchased included 1.25km of rope, fire safety equipment, 2 ground spiders, 12 helmets, and 10 pulse oximeters.

Insurance

Public Liability, Employers Liability, Management Liability, Legal Expense Cover, Medical Malpractice Liability, and Personal Accident insurance are provided nationally by Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW).

Vehicle insurance is covered by a fleet policy also provided by MREW. Under this arrangement 3 vehicles are paid for by MREW with additional vehicles paid for by the Team.

This contribution by MREW represents a significant saving to the Team.

Vehicles

At the end of the 2022 the Team owned 4 vehicles: 2 Land Rover Defenders, a MAN control van, and a Honda UTV. The Team's ageing minibus was disposed of during 2022. A replacement minibus has been ordered and should be operational by the end of the 3rd quarter 2023. The purchase of a new minibus has been made possible by funding from Greater Manchester Police via their Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme.

The associated costs of keeping these vehicles operational is a major cost to the Team. Servicing, maintenance, and fuel were approximately £3500.

Headquarters

The rent and service charges of the Team's business unit at Boarshurst are the Team's largest annual commitment standing at £15,000 per annum. Utilities costs were £2,700. The IT infrastructure and hardware replacement project was delayed and will commence in 2023.

Accounts

The Report and Accounts for the operating year ending on 31st December 2022 follow this report.

Fundraising

Income for 2022 was up £35K on the previous year. This was largely due to several grants that the Team received for various equipment and notably £50K from Greater Manchester Police Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme towards the purchase of a new minibus.

The year saw a downturn in donations received despite online donations from Facebook and JustGiving remaining at the same level as the previous year.

With pubs and cafes now fully open, our collection boxes were once again providing a useful source of income with an increase of £1700 on the previous year.

Community groups were once again meeting up in person and requesting the services of our resident speakers. These talks raised £1600 and remain an important way for us to communicate what we do.

Thank you to all the local community groups and people who have raised money for the Team in any way during 2022.

Thank you

Whilst it is not practical to list everyone within this report who has made donations during the year, the Oldham Mountain Rescue Team depends totally on public support in one form or another. Special thanks to those who have raised money for us via various challenges and events.

We are extremely grateful to all the individuals and organisations that have been involved with our work or supported us in cash or kind during the year. We wish to record a special thank you to our Patrons and the following for their continued support:

Greater Manchester Police

North West Ambulance Service

A Durance

B Hickmott

Brew On The Brow

Brian Candler

Churnet Valley Male Voice Choir

Crompton House C of E School

Daryl and Dave Hardyman

Dovestones WI

Duchy Of Lancaster

Eileen Fairbrother

Hurst Methodist Church Trust

Janine Lees-Moorhouse

Kevin Harrison

King William IV

Langley Lodge

Life For A Life Memorial Forest And Gardens

Livingstone Primary School

Manchester Mountain Bikers

Middleton Harriers

Miss Beryl Schofield

Model Railway Exhibition

Mr & Mrs Cranston

Mr & Mrs D Smith

Mr & Mrs Quinn

Mr Alan Brown

Mr D & Mrs L Beard

Mr P Bamforth

Mr Shaw & Mrs Cookson

Mrs Dredge

Mrs J Standring

Mrs P Moore

Mrs P.M. Powell

Mrs V Peace

Nora Smith Charitable Trust

Rochdale CHA Rambling Club

Rotary Club of Chadderton & Failsworth

Saddleworth Charity Beer Festival

Saddleworth Councillors

Saddleworth Pedestrians
Saddleworth Pool League
Saddleworth Runners Club
Saddleworth Tuesday Walkers
Saddleworth Wine Circle
South Pennine Long Distance Walkers
St Chads Lodge
Tesco
The Manchester Guardian Society Charitable Trust
The Ramblers Association
The Rotary Club of Oldham
The White Lion Delph
Vibram Mountaineering Club

We would also like to make special mention of the gifts made 'In Memory' of:

Derek Clay
Derrick Simcox
Diane Liddle
Ian South
Kenneth Taylor
Kenneth Winter
Leonard Bradbury
Rick Oakes
William Grady

Collection Boxes

The Team would like to thank proprietors of all the businesses who have hosted a collection box for us during 2022. Thank you to the patrons of the following businesses whose collection box donations have been received this year.

Albion Farm Shop
Albion Tap
Apollonia House
Blackburns Outdoor
Buckleys
Chadderton Fitness Centre
Church Inn Mossley
Cross Keys Inn
DIY Lees
Fresca Restaurants
Gardeners Arms
Holme Build
King William IV
Mossley Home Improvements
Mountainfeet
Old Cobblers Greenfield
Rockover Climbing
Royton Leisure Centre
Saddleworth Outdoors
Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre

Saddleworth Wine Vaults
Simply Schoolwear
Summit Up
Taylor & Clifton
The Bulls Head Delph
The Hanging Gate
The Kings Arms Grains Bar
The Old Original Inn
The Railway, Greenfield
The Royal George
The Wellington
The White Hart
The White Lion Delph
Uppermill Post Office
Village Pets Uppermill
Wilberry's Cafe
Woodend Garage

Friends of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

The Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Airstone BH
Allied Scaffolding
Mr N Allsopp
Mr M Bundy
Mr SJ Burton
Mike Clegg
JL Colman
Mr CA Coutts
Mr Russell Gillian
Mrs Henthorn
Ms J Hill
Mr & Mrs Holland
Mr Roger Hope
Mr B Lees
Mr M Lewis
Mr Stephen Loft
Miss Carole Ann Mexson
Mrs Percy
Mr R Roberts
Dr Evelyn Scott
Mr & Mrs KE & M Smith
Mr & Mrs I & J Tortoiseshell
Mr M.C. Wheeler

David Wyatt
Treasurer

Structure, governance and management

Legal and administrative details

During 2022 the team was governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th February 2001. Team bye laws were made under Article 70 of the above articles and adopted by the Team on the 6th November 2001. On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation. The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

Team Organisation

Under the 1 March 2021 constitution and associated bye-laws, at each AGM the Team elects four principal officers until the next AGM namely, Team Leader, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Team Management Group comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Chairperson. Separate committees look after equipment, training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Elected officers

Team Leader:	R Tortoiseshell
Chairperson:	R Jones
Secretary:	S Reade
Treasurer:	D Wyatt

Appointed officers

Deputy Leaders:	L Allport, D Wyatt
Team Doctor:	Dr. A Taylor
Medical Officer:	I Airth
Section Leaders:	A Knight, J Parkinson, I Airth, N Hyde (Resigned Nov 22), S Reade (Appointed Nov 22)
Training Officer:	M Nield (Resigned May 22) M Torr (Appointed May 22)
Equipment Officers:	J Brown, I Dredge
Vehicle Officer:	M Owen
Comms Officer:	D Broadhurst

The body of the Team is divided into 4 sections. We take on trainees, who need to be experienced in relevant outdoor activities, and, after a series of training lectures, exercises and assessments are eligible to become full members. The Team is a member of the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation (PDMRO) and is affiliated to Mountain Rescue England & Wales (MREW).

Operational Area

Our normal operating area is the local moorland and crags in the Saddleworth area of the Peak District. We are one of the 7 Teams that make up the PDMRO, which in turn is affiliated with MREW. The Team also provides an urban search and rescue service working with the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services in Greater Manchester. The Team is always available to provide similar assistance anywhere in the United Kingdom.

Risk Analysis

The work undertaken by the Team is often potentially hazardous and, whilst we have an excellent safety record spanning over 55 years the identification of potential risks and looking at how we might manage them is an important part of our Management Group's responsibility. The Team has a documented safety policy that is available to all Team members. The three key considerations underpinning our approach to practical risks are: (a) provision of quality rescue equipment, and attention to its care and maintenance; (b) training of Team members in all aspects of rescue work; (c) regular practical exercises.

Potential Risks	Steps to Mitigate
Ability of the Team to meet changes in organisational and operational areas.	Regular subgroup meetings for planning three key operational areas medical, training and equipment. Regular reviews of training, equipment and medical procedures.
Losing touch with the changes in the statutory emergency services.	Attend all liaison meetings with the emergency services and emergency planning departments at local and county level.
Financial shortfall due to failure of income streams.	Maintain reserves in line with the stated reserves policy. Plan special fundraising activity.

Team Address

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team (OMRT)
Unit 19
Boarshurst Business Park
Boarshurst Lane
Greenfield
Oldham. OL3 7ER

Incorporation

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

Prior to conversion to a CIO, OMRT was a company limited by guarantee and did not have any share capital.
Registered No.: 04178168

Charity Registration:

Registration No.: 1088825.

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OL15 0RB

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OL1 1RT

Independent Accountant

The Accountancy People
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Stalybridge
SK15 2QA

Team Members at year ending 31 December 2022

Name	Position	Occupation
Rob Tortoiseshell	Team Leader	Product & Training Manager
David Wyatt	Deputy Team Leader/Treasurer	Software Development Lead
Lee Allport	Deputy Team Leader	Operations Director, SAR Products Ltd

Peter Hyde	President	Retired
Dr Andrew Taylor	Team Doctor	Retired GP
Rob Jones	Chairman	Accountant
Adam Knight	Section Leader	Electronics Engineer
Iain Airth	Section Leader/Medical Officer	School Teacher
Justin Parkinson	Section Leader	Managing Director
Sean Reade	Section Leader/Secretary	Retired
Ian Atherton	Buildings Manager	
Denzil Broadhurst	Comms Officer	Airlifting Assistant
Jake Brown	Equipment Officer	Artist
Iain Dredge	Equipment Officer	Network Engineer
Mark Harrison	MRSDE dog handler	Group Finance Director
Matthew Torr	Training Officer	School Teacher
Mick Nield M.B.E.	Dog handler	Self-employed Builder
Mike Owen	Vehicle Officer	
Tony Tombs	MRSDE dog handler	Driver Trainer
Stephen Ward	Dog handler	Shopkeeper
Andrew Hadfield		Self-employed Plumber
Catherine Whiteman		Scientist
Chris Maylor		Police Officer
Claire Appleton		Police Officer
Colin Pierce		Kitchen Fitter
Dave Allport		Technical Director, SAR Products Ltd
Dave Henderson		Gardener
Helena Skinn		Product Development Scientist
Katie Johnson		Chartered Insurer
Kelvin Storer		Retired
Kevin Simmonds		Group Sales Manager
Lee Briggs		Toolmaker
Luke Viney		Indirect Tax Advisor
Mary Clegg		Care at Home worker
Mike Porritt		Mechanical Design Engineer
Nigel Clegg		Site Inspector
Nigel Hyde		Retired
Paul Bruton		Information Science Consultant
Paul Mayall		Class 1 HGV driver
Paul Smith		Depot Manager
Phil Beard		Director, Height Safety Consultants Ltd
Rebecca Fitton		
Richard Beswick		Police Officer
Ron McFaull		Magistrate
Sam Davey		Builder
Scott Downs		Computer Network Technician
Simon Taylor		Shopkeeper
Steven Bramwell		Toolmaker
Tom Mills		Self-employed Builder
Tony Gillon M.B.E.		Civil Servant

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

R Jones
Chairperson

D Wyatt
Treasurer

Dated [TBD]

Registered Charity Number **1088825**

Registered Company Number **04178168** (prior to conversion to CIO on 14 March 2022)

Fully signed copy available at Team operational base.

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1088825
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 04178168
Prior to conversion to CIO on 14 March 2022

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2021

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Company registration number	04178168 (prior to conversion to CIO on 14 March 2022)
Charity registration number	1088825
Registered office	Unit 19 Boarshurst Business Park Boarshurst Lane Greenfield Oldham Greater Manchester England OL3 7ER
The Trustees	Robert Tortoisshell (appointed 14th March 2022) Robert Jones (appointed 14th March 2022) David Wyatt (appointed 14th March 2022) Peter James Hyde Dr Andrew William Taylor Denzil John Broadhurst Anthony Gillon MBE Sean Reade (appointed 14th March 2022) Mick Nield (resigned 23rd May 2022)
Independent examiner	The Accountancy People Manchester Ltd 2 Huddersfield Road Stalybridge Cheshire SK15 2QA

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Structure, governance and management

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the statutory accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The statutory accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the statutory accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed; the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Structure

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the charity was a company limited by guarantee and did not have any share capital.

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Governance

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the charity was governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6 February 2001. Team bye laws were made under Article 70 of the above articles and adopted by the Team on the 6 November 2001.

Management

During the year ended 31 December 2021, under the Team constitution, the Team elects three principal officers for a year term of office, Team Leader, Company Secretary and Team Treasurer. The Team Council of Management ("Council" or "Management Group") comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Team Chairman. Separate committees look after training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified that the principal risk to the charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The Team maintains a cautious approach to investment. The Teams treasury policy is that deposits held in any one financial institution should, where possible, be kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

Additional objectives and activities

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available as a back-up for the Ambulance and Fire Service, during severe weather, major incident or where our specialist skills are needed.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue Teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) All incidents we attend being debriefed as soon as possible after the event. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The Trustees believe that the charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

Public benefit

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties, their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.
- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods, wildfires and extreme weather events.
- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
- e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue Teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The income and expenditure of the charity is shown in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

The net expenditure for the year was £6,519 (2020: £12,121 net income) which has been deducted from the general reserve.

The charity held fund balances as at 31 December 2021 amounting to £186,054 (2020: £192,573). In the opinion of the Trustees, these funds are sufficient to meet the charity's obligations for the foreseeable future.

Details relating to changes in fixed assets can be found in the notes to the statutory accounts.

The Team depends on public support in one form or another, including donations from patrons, gifts in memory, collection boxes, Friends of OMRT and money raised from various challenges and events.

Financial review

a) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

b) Reserves policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases.

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

c) Investment policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The Trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The Trustees review this policy annually. Low interest rates continue to reduce income on these investments.

d) Fundraising

This year fundraising activities have slowly recovered after the Covid 19 pandemic. The Team have attended or have benefited from several events throughout the year. Income has remained at the same level as the previous year, helped by a sizeable bequest and a large donation from a charitable trust.

Online tools such as Justgiving and Facebook continue to be an important mechanism for supporters to donate or raise money for the Team. Collection box income continues to decline likely due to the increased uptake of cashless transactions since the pandemic.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

Financial review (continued)

Plans for future periods

There are no immediate material development items on the agenda. The focus is on maintaining a high state of readiness of equipment, vehicles and volunteers. In this area, continued development and use of the D4H system continues and will assist improvements in the management and control of the Team's assets.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the statutory accounts in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare the statutory accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the statutory accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the statutory accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of the recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the statutory accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies note

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 29 September 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:

Mr David Wyatt
Trustee

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

The Accountancy People Ltd
Huddersfield Road
Stalybridge
Cheshire
SK15 2QA

Date: 29 September 2022

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2021

		31.12.21		31.12.20
		£		£
Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Voluntary income:				
Gift Income	3	41,476		30,624
Legacies	3	12,150		2,177
Activities for generating funds:				
Fundraising - Collection Boxes	4	454		1,595
Fundraising - Talks	4	90		1,043
Fundraising - Friends	4	779		844
Fundraising - Events	4	2,093		
Investment income:				
Interest Received	6	55		475
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
DEFRA Water Rescue Grant	5		-	22,317
		57,097	-	59,075
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities		63,616	-	46,955
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(6,519)	-	12,121
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		192,573	-	180,452
Total funds carried forward		186,054	-	192,573

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities. The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for and income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	14		<u>52,733</u>		<u>61,064</u>
			52,733		61,064
Current assets					
Stocks	15	400		400	
Debtors	16	2,390		8,203	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>130,531</u>		<u>122,906</u>	
		133,321		131,509	
Net current assets			<u>133,321</u>		<u>131,509</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>186,054</u>		<u>192,573</u>
Total Charity Funds	17		<u><u>186,054</u></u>		<u><u>192,573</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net incoming resources for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 and the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to statutory accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 September 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr David Wyatt
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2021

1. General information

During the year ended 31 December 2021, Oldham Mountain Rescue Team was a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales with the registration number 04178168. The registered office is Unit 19 Boarshurst Business Park, Boarshurst Lane, Greenfield, Oldham, Greater Manchester, England, OL3 7ER.

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation. The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The statutory accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Company status

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the charitable company was a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

Fund accounting

All general income is currently voluntary and from fund raising and is unrestricted and hence the funds can be used in furtherance of the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

During the year funding has been received and fund raising undertaken for a specific purchase and this income has been recorded as restricted. Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Income

All income is recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 December 2021

2. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant & Machinery	15% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	20% Reducing Balance
Fixtures & Fittings	15% Straight Line

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. No provision for tax is therefore considered necessary.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations			
Gift Income	41,476		30,624
Other donations and legacies			
Legacies	12,150		2,177
	53,626		32,801

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fundraising events			
Collection Boxes	454		1,595
Talks	90		1,043
Friends	779		844
Events	2,093		
	3,416		3,482

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
DEFRA Water Rescue Grant		-	22,317

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Bank interest receivable	55	55	475	475

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Direct costs	38,511	-	38,511	18,752
Support costs	24,841		24,841	27,923
Governance costs	<u>264</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>280</u>
	63,616	-	63,616	46,955

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2021 £	Total fund 2020 £
Direct Costs	30,180	8,331	38,511	18,752
Support costs	2,820	22,021	24,841	27,923
Governance costs	<u>33,000</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>280</u>
		30,616	63,616	46,955

9. Analysis of expenditure

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Rent	15,320	15,320
Light and heat	1,376	2,078
Insurance	2,437	2,375
Repairs and maintenance	-	402
Equipment	28,211	7,678
Team member training	950	2,438
Telephone	987	876
Printing and stationary	48	317
Computer costs	898	800
Catering costs	636	110
Fundraising costs	383	180
Sundry expenses	955	362
Motor expenses	2,820	5,394
Accountancy charges	264	277
Bank charges	-	3
Depreciation	<u>8,331</u>	<u>8,346</u>
	63,615	46,955

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	8,331	8,346

11. Staff costs

The charity has no employees. All officials and Team members provide their services on a voluntary basis.

12. Independent Examiner

The independent examiner The Accountancy People was paid £264 (2020: £264) during the year, of which £264 (2020: £264) related to the accounting software. There were no costs relating to the preparation and examination of the accounts during the year, nor in 2020.

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees have received no remuneration or expenses during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2021	129,687	137,931	3,695	271,313
As at 31 December 2021	<u>129,687</u>	<u>137,931</u>	<u>3,695</u>	<u>271,313</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2021	115,851	92,512	1,887	210,250
Provided during the period	<u>2,075</u>	<u>5,701</u>	<u>554</u>	<u>8,329</u>
As at 31 December 2021	<u>117,926</u>	<u>98,212</u>	<u>2,441</u>	<u>218,579</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2021	<u>11,761</u>	<u>39,718</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>52,733</u>
As at 1 January 2021	<u>13,836</u>	<u>45,419</u>	<u>1,808</u>	<u>61,063</u>

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2021

15. Stocks

	2021	2020
	£	£
Stocks	400	400

16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
VAT	2,390	8,203

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2021 £
General funds	192,573	57,097	(63,616)	186,054

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2021 £
General funds	-	-	(-)	-

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 31 December 2021

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	52,733	-	61,063
Current assets	<u>133,320</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,509</u>
Net assets	186,053	-	192,572

19. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.



The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ([FRS 102]effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities:

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available as a back-up for the Ambulance and Fire Service, during severe weather, major incident or where our specialist skills are needed.

Public Benefits Statement

The charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) All incidents we attend being debriefed as soon as possible after the event. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The trustees believe that the charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties, their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.
- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods, wildfires and extreme weather events.
- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the

- Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
 - e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Team Leader's Report

As 2021 began, COVID was still very much at the forefront of people's minds, and was still affecting the Team's training and operating procedures. Once again, non-essential activities were ceased due to lockdown, despite many Team members having received their 1st vaccine shot as Mountain Rescue was recognised nationally as an essential front-line service. PPE, hygiene, and disinfecting remained part of our lives, albeit with the essential items more readily available to maintain this. Regular contact was maintained with the national bodies, and relevant information continued to be disseminated as necessary.

In terms of numbers, the incidents we attended were around average at 50 (with 52 casualties), but many of these were serious traumas or technical rescues. Lower leg injuries continued to feature heavily in the statistics with 15 in the year, as well as snow events and wildfires. In total, 1,661 volunteer hours were spent on incidents alone, this is disregarding time spent on training, fundraising, equipment maintenance and PR.

Our water section continued to expand, with several members indicating their interest when training restarted. We were also introduced to our newest trainee search dog, Ace. As the year progressed, the Team returned to whole Team training, even fitting in a "mini Oldham Weekend" that allowed us to focus on essential rope rescue skills.

In December our Chair, Justin Parkinson, stepped down. I would like to thank Justin for his time in position. This meant a significant change of people and positions: Rob Jones as Chair (formerly Team Secretary), Sean Reade as Team Secretary (formerly Training Officer), and Mick Nield as Training Officer. I'd like to thank Rob & Sean for their time in their previous roles.

We said goodbye to our trusty control vehicle OM3, which we were in the fortunate position of being able to donate to East Cornwall SRT, who, being a relatively new Team, were extremely grateful of the gift. This allowed us to take delivery of the new OM3, our brand new MAN TGE control/ response vehicle, which had been converted by Venari at minimal cost to us.

I would like to thank our Team Members for their commitment and resilience during 2021. I would also like to thank the partners, families and employers of our Members, and the local community, without whose unwavering support we would not be able to continue to operate.

Rob Tortoiseshell
Team Leader

Incidents

The objectives of the Team are as stated herein. The most practical way to demonstrate whether we have achieved these objectives is to list the incidents we have been called out to deal with.

1 11th Jan 2021 17 Team members for 2hrs 9mins. Location – Tandle Hill, Royton

Team were contacted by NWS for assistance with male fallen in Tandle Hill Country Park with suspected broken ankle. Crew en route. Team Leader & Deputy Team Leader located the casualty and directed OMRT personnel to scene. The casualty had been on the ground for a while, so was put in a winter cas bag. Cas carer and one of the Team doctors administered aid, including pain relief and limb splintage to right ankle. Casualty was evacuated on stretcher and wheel to the NWS ambulance.

2 31st Jan 2021 22 Team members for 1hr 45mins. Location – Dove Stone, Wimberry

The Team received a request from NWS for assistance with a 39yr old male with a firework injury to the arm. Location was given as Stable Stones path. The Team headed up Chew track, but after making contact with the casualty it became apparent that he had begun to make his way off the hill in the direction of Greenfield, via Alphin. Vehicles were diverted to Intake Lane (White Lee Farm), including the NWS ambulance. The casualty party had made their way virtually all the way down and were met at the road by OM3. Casualty was treated in OM3 by Team doc and NWS paramedic for serious burns. Casualty was then transferred to the NWS ambulance for transport to hospital.

3 2nd Feb 2021 2 Team members for 2hrs 7mins. Location – Hollinworth Lake, Rakewood

Team were contacted by NWS for assistance transferring a patient from a remote farmhouse to the ambulance that had got stuck in the snow near Hollingworth Lake. Patient was COVID positive. Team Leader plus one other went in OM1 and RV'd with the ambulance and a paramedic, then proceeded to the farmhouse. The casualty was transferred to the NWS ambulance. Full PPE including goggles were worn by OMRT personnel, and OM1 was thoroughly disinfected afterwards.

4 23rd Feb 2021 19 Team members for 2hrs 49mins. Location – Dove Stone, Ravenstones

Initial report from NWS was a male fallen 15m onto rocks, W3W location given showed as Ravenstones. Helimed already en route. Yorkshire Air Ambulance arrived on scene 1st- the call had initially been routed via YAS. They assessed the casualty as being in a very serious condition and requested Coastguard with winching capability. CVSRT were also requested but did not respond due to being out of area- they did pass contact details for Yorkshire air desk. OMRT arrived on scene shortly after YAA and assisted with personnel and equipment as necessary, including vac mat, splint, stretcher. Injuries included frac skull, frac scapula, frac humerus, frac femur, dislocated ankle, partial amp right leg. MCA R912 attended and decided to winch the cas on our stretcher onto the crag top for transfer to YAA and onward transport to Sheffield NGH. Multiple passers-by either witnessed the fall or the immediate aftermath and were escorted from the hill after having details taken.

5 26th Feb 2021 20 Team members for 1hr 24mins. Location – Carrbrook, Buckton Castle

Contact received from GMP about a child who had slipped on mud and was cold due to being on the ground for a few hours. NWS had been called by GMP. Team Leader deployed straight to scene to assess. Cas was being kept warm by parents and passers-by. Medical aid given by Cas Carer, including entonox. Casualty put in winter cas bag and stretcher and carried down to NWS ambulance.

6 27th Feb 2021 17 Team members for 1hr 39mins. Location – Diggle, canal towpath

Team received a request from NWS for help with treatment and evacuation of a 37yr old female with suspected fractured leg & pregnant who slipped in the mud on the canal towpath in Diggle at Bridge 69. Team responded with local people only. Casualty was treated by Cas Carer and stretcher & wheeled back to the road and waiting NWS ambulance. GMP also attended.

7 28th Feb 2021 4 Team members for 54mins. Location – Mossley, Roaches Lock

A Team member happened across a 39yr old female who had slipped in mud while running along the canal

in Mossley, injuring her right lower leg. No ambulance allocated at that time but casualty in extreme pain so Team vehicle plus doctor deployed to assist. NWAS ambulance arrived at same time as OM2. Casualty treated by NWAS paramedic plus OMRT doctor and transferred to NWAS ambulance for onward transport to hospital.

8 2nd Mar 2021 16 Team members for 1hr 43mins.

Location – Dove Stone, Sugar Loaf

Team received a request from NWAS for assistance with a male whose "knees given way" on steep banking, Dove Stone area.; PhoneFind showed location as near Sugarloaf. Medical aid by cas carer before stretchered to NWAS ambulance.

9 7th Mar 2021 15 Team members for 1hr 54mins.

Location – Grains Bar, Besom Hill

Team were contacted by NWAS requesting assistance with a 28yr old male who had fallen and injured his leg at Besom Hill near Grains Bar. Crew on scene and HART en route. Team attended (using local people only due to location and information given) and arrived at the same time as HART. The casualty had a badly broken/ displaced left femur and was in extreme pain. Treatment was by NWAS, including multiple drugs for pain relief. Casualty was packaged and evacuated on OMRT stretcher & wheel to NWAS ambulance.

10 11th Mar 2021 18 Team members for 1hr 21mins.

Location – Dove Stone, Birchen

GMP contacted the Team regarding a lost male "near Dovestones". Coordinates indicated possible location of Slate Pit Moss but not confirmed. Phone dead. Fast parties were deployed from Chew Mount, Ashway and Birchen, with the intention of getting torches visible on the high ground and to assess conditions for NPAS. The rest of the Team RV'd at garage. The cas saw the vehicle heading up to Birchen and managed to get their attention. After an assessment, he was found to be well enough to be dropped at his car at Dove Stone car park and continue home.

11 12th Mar 2021 27 Team members for 2hrs 8mins.

Location – Grains Bar, Besom Hill

The Team was contacted by GMP following reports of a female stuck on a ledge at Grains Bar. Police in attendance but required assistance with rescue. As the first Team members on scene were making their way to the top of the crag in order to assess the incident, the ledge underneath the female gave way and she fell approx 35m down a combination of vertical and steeply sloping shale. She came to a stop approx 20m from the foot of the slope. GMP officers and OMRT immediately ascended to her position and stabilised her until further kit arrived. Team Cas Carer assessed & treated, assisted by NWAS paramedics, Team doc, GMP medic, and NWAA doc as they arrived. She was then packaged onto the vac mat & stretcher- a challenging task given the terrain- and carried horizontally down the slope, with a back up rope anchored to ground spiders. Then a short carry to the land ambulance.

12 18th Mar 2021 22 Team members for 2hrs 29mins.

Location – Newhey, Newhey Quarry

Report initially from GMP, and then from NWAS, regarding a male stuck on a ledge with 2 dogs in Newhey Quarry. Uninjured. First Team members gained entry to the quarry and located the male, while OM1 drove to the top of the quarry. Access to the field was uncertain, so personnel walked across and set up temporary belays. Dog handler descended to assess and decision was made to haul all parties back to the top. Dog handler took one dog, while casualty took another, accompanied by a second Team member. GMP drone provided scene lighting.

13 23rd Mar 2021 17 Team members for 1hr 30mins.

Location – Delph, Knott Hill

Alert from NWAS to 69yr old male on a hill in Delph. Crew on scene requested MR assistance. Injuries unknown at the time.; PhoneFind to crew established location as Knott Hill. Casualty treated for ruptured left quadricep by NWAS & Team doctor using vac splint, cas bag, entonox. Stretchered down to NWAS ambulance for onward transport.

14 3rd Apr 2021 9 Team members for 59mins.

Location – Greenfield, Pots n Pans

Alert from NWAS, 40yr old female with possible broken left ankle, halfway up Pots n Pans. Crew en route. Treated by Cas Carer & NWAS- vac splint, cas bag, stretcher & wheel. No pain relief. Later confirmed as

broken in 3 places.

- 15 22nd Apr 2021 17 Team members for 2hrs 49mins. Location – Austerlands Quarry**
The Team received dual alerts from NWAS & GMP for a 35yr old male fallen in a quarry, HART on scene but unsure of casualty location. Team RVD with HART at Austerlands Cricket Club initially. Team vehicle gained access to the bottom of the quarry and after a brief search found the casualty at the foot of the vertical quarry face. Casualty was treated by Cas Carer and HART paramedics for 2 frac lower legs, head injury, spinal and initial hypothermia. Casualty was then packaged on HART scoop and OMRT stretcher for the short carry to the ambulance, assisted by GMFRS.
- 16 24th Apr 2021 11 Team members for 1hr 19mins. Location – Austerlands Quarry**
The Team received a request from NWAS for help with the evacuation of an 18yr old male, intoxicated, unconscious, on a narrow path between 2 quarries in Austerlands. The Team deployed with local people only and evacuated the male on our stretcher down to the waiting NWAS ambulance. Medical aid was given by NWAS. All kit was extensively decontaminated afterwards.
- 17 25th Apr 2021 2 Team members for 15mins. Location – Dove Stone, Chew Bridge**
Whilst finishing an exercise at Dove Stone, Team were approached by a walker for assistance with a small laceration to the foot; Cas carer cleaned & dressed the wound before advising a visit to A&E.
- 18 26th Apr 2021 22 Team members for 10hrs 30mins. Location – Marsden, Brun Clough**
Team were contacted by landowners asking for support with ongoing wildfire at Marsden Moor. A small section was deployed in the morning using OM5 to access hot spots and smokers. A change in the wind direction in the afternoon meant renewed burning and full Team deployment to assist.
- 19 15th May 2021 2 Team members for 23mins. Location – Shaw, Buckstones Quarry**
Team Leader received a call from the police requesting assistance with 12yr old intoxicated male who had not come home. Somewhere near Buckstones Quarry. Whilst the Team was responding, the male was found and dealt with by GMP.
- 20 15th June 2021 10 Team members for 1hr 14mins. Location – Delph, near Cricket Club**
Team were contacted by NWAS asking for assistance with a 68yr old female with possible broken ankle, in a field next to A62 in Delph. W3W was provided. Team responded to the W3W location, which was accurate. Casualty was 150m from the road, on a footpath, accompanied by the walking group she was part of. She was assessed by the Team doctor and then NWAS paramedics for a possible fractured left ankle, before box splint was used and stretcher carry down to the waiting ambulance.
- 21 16th June 2021 15 Team members for 3hrs 46mins. Location – Dove Stone, Birchen Clough**
Team were contacted by GMP with a report of a male fallen 20 feet into a reservoir near Dove Stone. No further info due to poor phone signal. As mobile searches around the likely spots were beginning, information came through that the informant had mentioned Birchen. A Land Rover headed there while others continued the search. The casualty party was spotted from the bottom of Birchen and all mobiles diverted there. Cas Carer & TL assessed the casualty as possible spinal injuries and requested Coastguard. Pain relief was administered before casualty was packaged in vac mat on stretcher. Following discussions with the winchman due to low wind conditions, the casualty was carried further back up Birchen before being winched into R912. R912 transferred casualty into NWAS land ambulance at Greenfield Res dam.
- 22 23rd June 2021 9 Team members for 1hr 22mins. Location – Dove Stone, path**
Team were contacted by NWAS with a request to help a 54yr old female who had suffered a lower leg injury while walking around Dove Stone. W3W was provided. Casualty was located far side of Dove Stone reservoir and accessed in Land Rover. Treatment by Cas Carer for possible left ankle fracture with consideration of various ongoing medical issues. Casualty packaged on stretcher & wheel and carried to Ashway, transferred to OM3 round to King of Tonga stone, then into NWAS ambulance.

- 23 2nd July 2021 13 Team members for 2hrs 18mins. Location – Newhey, Piethorne Res**
Team were contacted by NWS for a 71yr old male fallen off his mountain bike near Piethorne Res. Severe bleeding, and fractured humerus. Off duty paramedic on scene. Land Rover could drive to the casualty down the Ram's Head track. Cas Carer took over from the paramedic and assessed as a compound fractured right humerus, no other injuries. Arm was re-banded to control the bleeding before the casualty was packaged on the stretcher in a cas bag and transported back up the track in the Land Rover to the NWS ambulance.
- 24 2nd July 2021 4 Team members for 1hr 13mins. Location – Dove Stone, Birchen**
Team contacted by GMP for 2 males stuck at Birchen waterfall, inadequate footwear, scared to continue. Small section sent to RV with males and escorted them back down to the bottom of Birchen and let them continue their walk.
- 25 3rd July 2021 14 Team members for 1hr 16mins. Location – Bardsley, Ashton Road bridge**
Initial call went to Glossop MRT via NWS. GMRT called Oldham TL direct with info of a male with chest pains on the dam at Higher Swineshaw Res. Team Leader went straight to scene and RV'd with NWS ambulance, located male at west end of dam. OMRT & GMRT mobiles arrived simultaneously although medical assessment was carried out by NWS. Male was assessed as having fainted due to exertion/heat and dropped at partner's car to continue home.
- 26 17th July 2021 15 Team members for 4hrs 5mins. Location – Royton, Sheepfoot Lane**
Team Leader was contacted direct by GMP POLSA, asking for assistance with the ongoing search for a missing person in a wooded area near Oldham Athletic. Team searched a steeply sloped and densely vegetated area around a stream/ pond. Some sections were inaccessible due to vegetation density. Team found the person's belongings & phone, which meant a re-assessment of the search parameters by GMP, and OMRT standing down pending further information.
- 27 17th July 2021 8 Team members for 1hr 43mins. Location – Alderman & Churchill Field**
While Team were covering a fell race, Team Leader received a call from a member of Woodhead MRT who was at the finish line (Churchill) with multiple runners suffering from varying stages of heat exhaustion. Ambulance had been called but long delays. Team doc and an extra cas carer plus vehicle went to Churchill to assist. While the section on the hill were being diverted, they came across further casualties who had fallen on the descent. These casualties were taken to race start/finish and all sections then assisted with heat casualties.
- 28 17th July 21 13 Team members for 3hrs 28mins. Location – Pennine Way, Laddow Rocks**
Team Leader received a call from duty controller re: an incident at Laddow, involving a DoFE group, one of whose members was unable to continue due to seized legs, associated with his cerebral palsy condition. After liaising with Glossop MRT, OMRT deployed from Chew with kit and GMRT from Crowden, without kit. Casualty was assessed as no other injuries and packaged on stretcher & wheel before the carry back to Chew. He was then transported down to Dove Stone in OM3 and handed over to his parents, with advice from doc and cas carer.
- 29 19th July 2021 18 Team members for 2hrs 2mins. Location – Denshaw, PW south of A640**
Team contacted by NWS for assistance with a 26yr old fallen female, ankle injury, possible vascular compromise. On Pennine Way, set off from A640. W3W given and accurate. Team accessed from PW car park, flagged down by casualty's father. Casualty splinted and carried back to road and transferred to hospital by father.
- 30 23rd July 2021 9 Team members for 6hrs 29mins. Location – Reddish Vale**
Team Leader received a call from Kinder MRT, requesting assistance with a GMP search in Reddish Vale for a 36yr old suicidal male. 2 sections plus 1 dog section tasked with several areas of steep & or wooded/densely vegetated ground, as identified by POLSA, due to info from CCTV & phone triangulation.

Main focus on trees, etc. Very dense veg in most areas, with some mature woodland. Areas completed with no finds, OMRT stood down pending further relevant information.

- 31 28th July 2021 15 Team members for 1hr 56mins. Location – Ashton, Stamford Park**
A follow me call from NWS received by Team Leader requesting assistance with a 35yr old male fallen off a rock face in Stamford Park, head and spinal injuries, difficult extraction. Crew on scene. Team medic assisted NWS paramedics to stabilise casualty before transfer on scoop to Team stretcher, with back up rope. Casualty moved to flat ground, packaged in vac mat then stretcher & wheel to NWS ambulance for transport to MRI. Difficult conditions due to thunderstorm, mud & steep working area.
- 32 4th Aug 2021 19 Team members for 1hr 15mins. Location – Denshaw, A640**
Request for assistance from NWS for a 59yr old female overdose just off A640, Denshaw. W3W provided and accurate. Team carried the casualty to the NWS ambulance.
- 33 8th Aug 2021 5 Team members for 25mins. Location – A635, County boundary**
Team were covering Saddleworth Round fell race at the county boundary on A635. A runner approached with a knee injury and cold. Casualty was assessed by Team medic and warmed up, then left with race marshals for onward transport.
- 34 15th Aug 2021 17 Team members for 1hr 48mins. Location – Dove Stone, Chew track**
Team received a call from NWS regarding a 22yr old male fallen down a hill on the way up to the top reservoir. Helimed also en route. W3W supplied and accurate. Casualty location confirmed via phone and PhoneFind as just above Charnel on Chew Track. Team Leader went straight to scene, picked up helimed paramedic on way up, who had landed at the tip. Casualty had landed on his back after a short fall next to the track. Treated by paramedics and Team doc/cas carer. Vac mat & stretcher then down in OM3 for transfer.
- 35 8th Sep 2021 12 Team members for 5hrs 8mins. Location – Tintwistle, Valehouse Res**
Team received a request from the duty controller to assist Glossop MRT with the search for a 41yr old possibly suicidal male in the Tintwistle area. OMRT deployed sections to areas around the res and skyline, including a dog party & water personnel. The deceased male was located by a GMRT section in the plantation nearby.
- 36 23rd Sep 2021 12 Team members for 2hrs 21mins. Location – Dove Stone, Birchen**
Team received a request from NWS for assistance with a 57yr old female with broken ankle "on the reservoir". W3W provided and accurate. Team responded, arriving just before NWAA, and treated jointly with NWAA & NWS. Fractured/dislocated ankle reduced on scene. Casualty was transported in OM3 to ambulance.
- 37 25th Sep 2021 13 Team members for 1hr 16mins. Location – Dove Stone, dam wall**
Team received a request from NWS for assistance with a 29yr old male with injured knee, fallen down embankment in Greenfield. HART & RRV en route. W3W provided & accurate. Team were at a social gathering so responded quickly. Casualty was assessed by cas carer as having a knee injury before being transferred the short distance to the NWS ambulance.
- 38 7th Oct 2021 7 Team members for 55mins. Location – Dove Stone, Wimberry**
Whilst out dog training, Team member heard shouts for help and lights at Wimberry. The initial Team member went to investigate while local Team members were contacted to assist if necessary. 4 Casualties were located lost and inadequately prepared at Ram's Clough. They were led down to Chew Bridge, checked out and given some advice, before being given a lift down to the car park.
- 39 12th Oct 2021 19 Team members for 1hr 20mins. Location – Daisy Nook, Bardsley Vale**
Team were at Tuesday training when a request from NWS came in for help with a 29yr old male down a steep embankment with leg/spinal injuries in Daisy Nook. HART on scene requested MR. Team assessed

medically alongside HART. Casualty was packaged on our stretcher before hauling back up to the path and then stretcher & wheel to ambulance.

- 40 26th Oct 2021 19 Team members for 5hrs 19mins. Location – Mossley & Dove Stone**
Team contacted by GMP for help with a high risk missing person in the Mossley/ Greenfield area. Car left at Mossley Hollins layby. Initial areas searched around Mossley Hollins. Peak dogs requested and areas expanded to include Dove Stone. person located at Dove Stone Plantation following a phone call to police by the person, who had taken an overdose. Checked over by OMRT and passed to NWS.
- 41 30th Oct 2021 11 Team members for 1hr 46mins. Location – Dove Stone, Middle Edge Moss**
GMP contacted the Team for help with a couple lost after walking up Birchen. Location was established as Middle Edge Moss, above the waterfall at Birchen. Local Team members responded and walked the couple down to the vehicles for a check. They were then dropped at Binn Green. W3W supplied and accurate.
- 42 14th Nov 2021 11 Team members for 1hr. Location – Greenfield, Pots n Pans**
Team were on standby at the Remembrance Sunday service at Pots n Pans. A member of public approached with info that a male had collapsed near to the memorial. A small section responded to the male, who was being treated by a member of public. The casualty's relative was on the phone to 999, and the call was continued by Deputy Team Leader. After assessment and oxygen, casualty felt well enough to walk off the hill to the waiting NWS ambulance for further assessment and transport to hospital.
- 43 14th Nov 2021 15 Team members for 1hr 32mins. Location – Greenfield, Pots n Pans**
Contact from NWS & then GMP for a male fallen on Pots n Pans with knee injury. Team responded to Knowl Top, met ambulance that was subsequently stood down due to information that the casualty had self rescued. Team investigated reports from passers-by that the casualty was still on the hill, finding him at the gate junction. He was assessed and treated before being taken back down to OMRT base for onward transport by his family. Strongly advised to go to A&E for a possible quad injury.
- 44 27th Nov 2021 13 Team members for 7hrs 6mins. Location – A640, A672, A62, A635**
As our Team new applicants were being picked up following an overnight exercise, it became apparent that there were multiple cars stuck in snow on the A672, Denshaw. Team deployed to moorland roads to check for any persons at risk. Cars were checked and multiple people were evacuated. Team members also advised motorists who were attempting to travel on A640, A672, A62, A635 that the roads were not passable.
- 45 28th Nov 2021 20 Team members for 2hrs 10mins. Location – Denshaw, Readycon Dean**
Team received contact initially from GMP, with a request from NWS, for assistance locating and evacuating a 61yr old female who had fallen in the snow near Readycon Dean Res, suffering a leg injury. Vehicle access not possible due to the still falling snow. Casualty was assessed and quickly packaged in winter cas bag before being sledged on Alpine stretcher to waiting NWS ambulance.
- 46 29th Nov 2021 3 Team members for 1hr 12mins. Location – Lees**
NWS requested MR assistance with transfer of patient from home to ambulance in the snow. After assessing on scene, it was decided that the patient could remain at home with observations being taken by nurse.
- 47 29th Nov 2021 7 Team members for 6hr 33mins. Location – Dove Stone, Kinder Intake Farm**
A Team member was contacted by a remote farm, where a male had fallen. Access was difficult due to the snow. After assisting initially, an ambulance was then requested and a small number of members attended to move the male from the house to the ambulance down the snow-covered track.
- 48 18th Dec 2021 15 Team members for 1hr 54mins. Location – Dove Stone, Ravenstones**
Request from GMP regarding 2 males lost above Dove Stone. W3W provided and accurate. Location was

determined as Ravenstones and confirmed with PhoneFind. Callout officers advised casualties to remain in position while hill party was sent in from Birchen weir. Casualties found and escorted off the hill down to Birchen, and then back to their car at the Clarence. No medical aid by Team.

49 20th Dec 2021 5 Team members for 41mins.

Location – Dove Stone

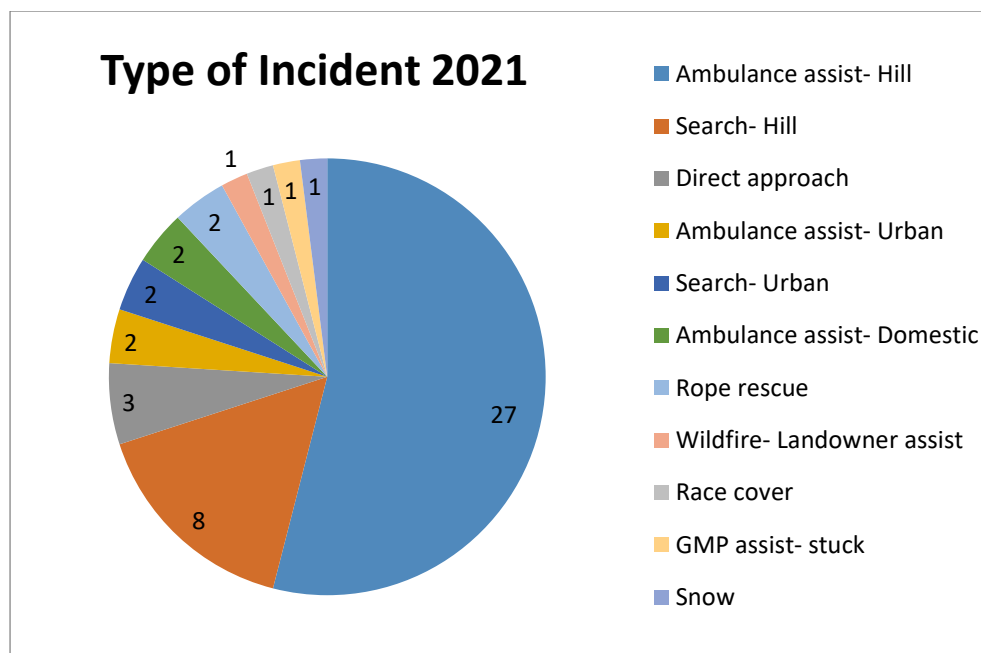
GMP requested assistance with possible search for a missing person, whose car was at Dove Stone. Team put on standby. Team Leader attended scene and, after further intel received, took officers up to Chew Track, where the person was located at the bridge. Team Leader transported person & officers back to car park.

50 25th Dec 2021 12 Team members for 1hr 6mins.

Location – Littleborough, Blackstone Edge Old Road

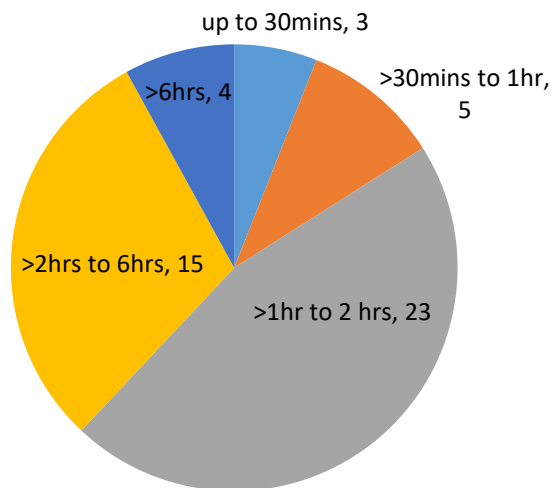
GMP requested assistance following reports of a male who had been in an RTC and then walked off into the moor near the White House. Assumed location was given following a PhoneFind by GMP, with officers heading to that location. As OMRT were responding, GMP officers located the male and began walking him off to their vehicle. Team was stood down, with one member continuing to RV with casualty and carry out a medical assessment. GMP then transferred to hospital.

We assisted 53 casualties and attended 1 wildfire. Team members put in 1,674 man-hours during the year on incidents which is less than the 2,642 man-hours in 2020.



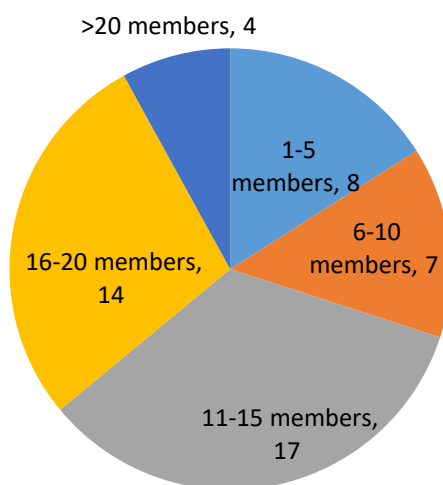
A pie chart showing an analysis of the various incidents in 2021 is shown above. Over half of our incidents were to assist the ambulance service with our manpower and specialist equipment.

Duration of Callouts 2021

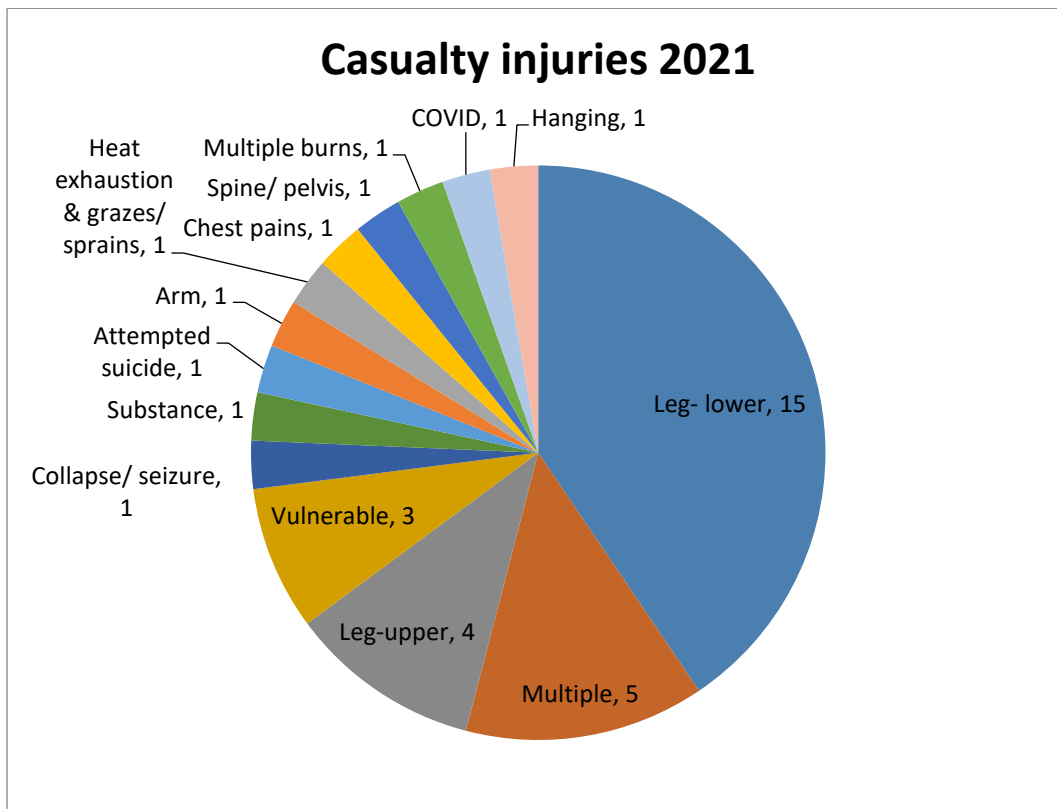


The chart above shows the duration of the incidents. The four incidents taking more than 6 hours were 1 wildfire, one search for a missing person and two related to snow.

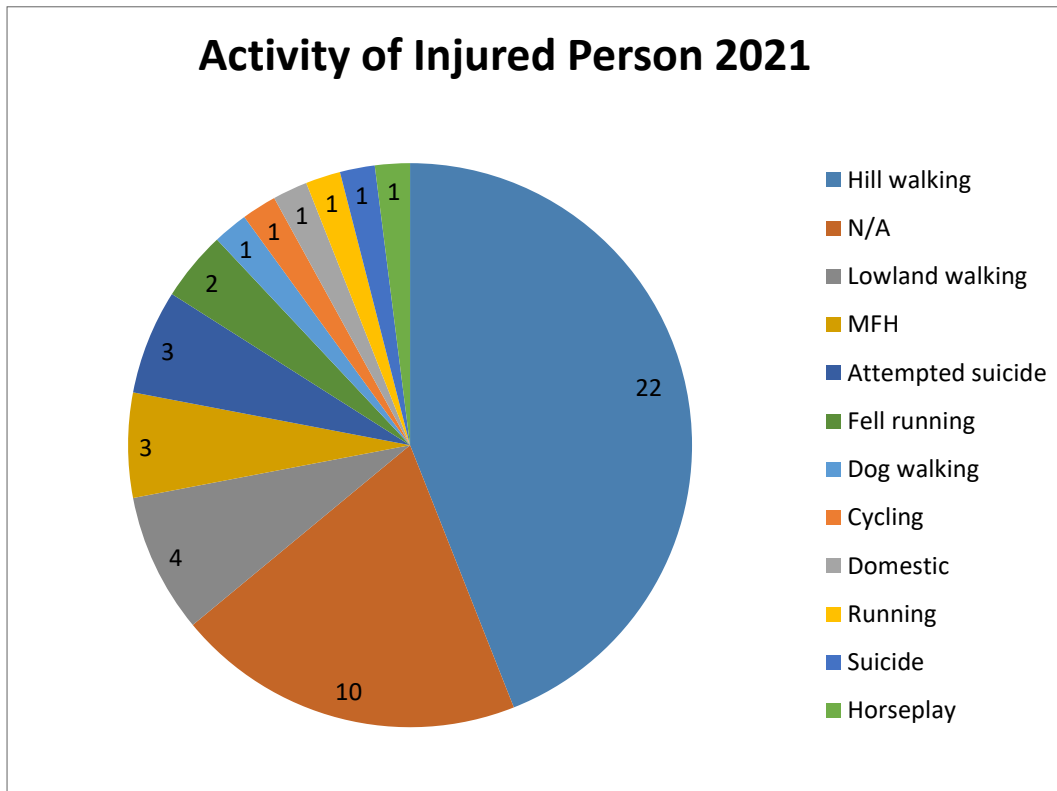
Number of Team members attending



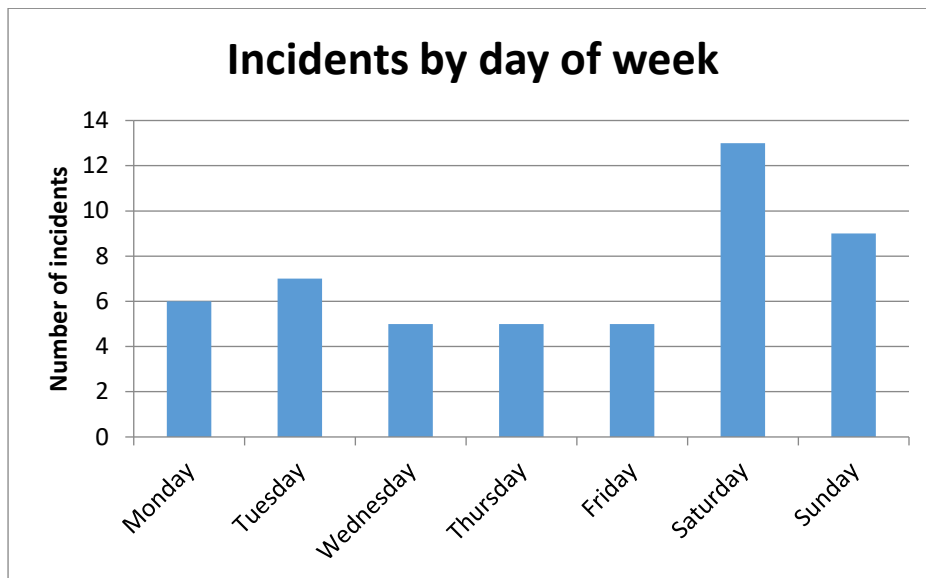
Above is shown the number of Team members who attended each of the callouts.



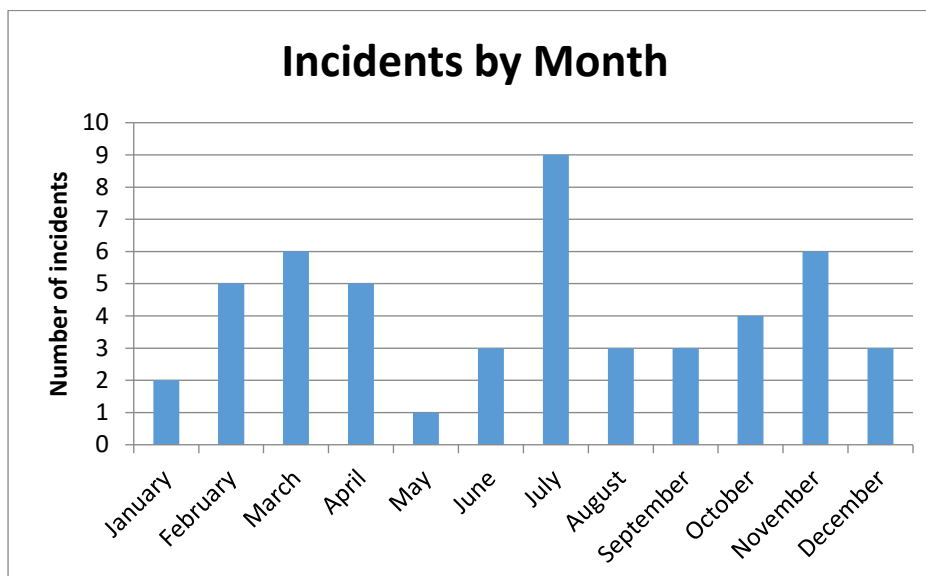
This chart shows the type of injury which the casualty suffered. Leg injuries accounted for more than half of the incidents, especially lower leg.



This pie chart shows the activity of the casualty. More than half of the casualties arose from walking injuries.



As is to be expected, the weekend is the busiest time of the week.



The large number of incidents in July could be related to the good weather in that month and the much lower numbers of people taking foreign holidays once the schools had broken up – instead they were spending time in the UK and doing more hillwalking.

Financial Review and Treasurer's Report:

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases.

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

Investment Policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The trustees review this policy annually.

Low interest rates continue to reduce income on these investments.

Risk Management

The trustees have identified that the principal risk to the charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The Team maintains a cautious approach to investment.

Deposits held in any one financial institution are kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit.

Assets

The Team's assets are rescue equipment, headquarters equipment, fundraising kit, vehicles, a rescue boat, bank deposits and cash. This year the Team replaced its control vehicle (OM3) and all its analogue radio equipment with new digital radio equipment. This included individual radio sets for all Team personnel and mobile units for all vehicles. The Team also purchased utility vests for all Team personnel.

Insurance

Public Liability, Employers Liability, Trustee Indemnity, Legal Expense Cover and Personal Accident insurance are provided nationally by Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW).

Vehicle insurance is covered by a fleet policy also provided by MREW. Under this arrangement 3 vehicles are paid for by MREW with additional vehicles paid for by the Team.

This contribution by MREW represents a significant saving to the Team.

North West Ambulance Service provide medical negligence cover.

Vehicles

At the end of the 2021 the Team owned 5 vehicles: 2 Land Rover Defenders, a control van, a minibus, and a Honda UTV. The Team's ageing minibus has since reached the end of its life and was disposed of. A replacement minibus has been ordered post year-end. The associated costs of keeping these vehicles operational is a major cost to the Team. Servicing, maintenance, and fuel were approximately £4,000.

Headquarters

The rent and service charges of the Team's business unit at Boarshurst are the Team's largest annual commitment standing at £15,000 per annum. Utilities costs were £2,500. This year the Team is looking to replace its IT infrastructure and hardware.

Accounts

The Report and Accounts for the financial year ending on 31st December 2021 follow this report.

Fundraising

This year fundraising activities have slowly recovered after the Covid 19 pandemic. The Team have attended or have benefited from several events throughout the year. Income has remained at the same level as the previous year, helped by a sizeable bequest and a large donation from a charitable trust.

Online tools such as Justgiving and Facebook continue to be an important mechanism for supporters to donate or raise money for the Team. Collection box income continues to decline likely due to the increased uptake of cashless transactions since the pandemic.

Thank you to all the local community groups and people who have raised money for the Team during 2021.

Whilst it is not practical to list everyone within this report who has made donations during the year, the Oldham Mountain Rescue Team depends totally on public support in one form or another. Special thanks to those who have raised money for us via various challenges and events.

We are extremely grateful to all the individuals and organisations that have been involved with our work or supported us in cash or kind during the year. We wish to record a special thank you to our Patrons and the following for their continued support:

Greater Manchester Police
North West Ambulance Service

Alan Jones Charitable Trust
Altrincham Rambling Club
Andy Taylor
Association of Retired Teachers
Bob Dredge
Brian Candler
Carmel Sharrock
Chris Maylor
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HSBC
J Howell
Life For A Life Memorial Forest And Gardens
Manchester Mountain Bikers
Mayor of Oldham
Mercia Milhench
Miss Beryl Schofield
Mr & Mrs Bradley
Mr & Mrs C Phillips
Mr & Mrs F Phillips
Mr & Mrs Jim Bradbury
Mr Ian Black
Mr P Bamforth
Mrs M Fretwell
Mrs P Moore
Nigel Hyde
Phillips Family
Rochdale CHA Rambling Club
Saddleworth Runners Club
Saddleworth Tuesday Walkers
St Thomas Church Moorside
Stan Bannister
Stephen Ward
Tom Mills
Wm Shepherdson & Sons Ltd
Woodend Garage

We would also like to make special mention of the gifts made 'In Memory' of:

Alan McCormick
Diane Liddle
Ivor Watson

Mark Hansom
Mary Crossley
Melvyn Bennion
Mike Grimes
Vera Taylor

Collection Boxes

The Team would like to thank proprietors of all the businesses who have hosted a collection box for us during 2021. Thank you to the patrons of the following businesses whose collection box donations have been received this year.

Chadderton Fitness Centre
Gardeners Arms
King William IV
Mossley DIY
Mountain Feet
Royal Oak Heights
The Crafty Pint
The Rams Head Inn
Uppermill Post Office

Friends of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

The Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Airstone BH
Allied Scaffolding
Mr N Allsopp
Mr M Bundy
Mr S Burton
M Clegg
JL Colman
Mr C Coutts
Mr R Gillian
Mrs Henthorn
Ms J Hill
Mr & Mrs Holland
Mr R Hope
Mr B Lees
Mr M Lewis
Mr S Loft
Miss C Mexson
Mrs Percy
Mr R Roberts
Dr E Scott
Mr & Mrs KE & M Smith
M Tetlow
Mr & Mrs Tortoiseshell
Mr C Wheeler

David Wyatt

Treasurer

Structure, governance and management:

Legal and administrative details

During 2021 the team was governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th February 2001. Team bye laws were made under Article 70 of the above articles and adopted by the Team on the 6th November 2001.

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation. The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

Team Organisation

Under the 1 March 2021 constitution and associated bye-laws, at each AGM the Team elects four principal officers until the next AGM namely, Team Leader, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Team Management Group comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Chairperson. Separate committees look after equipment, training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Elected officers

Team Leader:	R Tortoiseshell
Chairperson:	J Parkinson (resigned Dec 21) R Jones (Appointed Dec 21)
Secretary:	R Jones (resigned Dec 21) S Reade (Appointed Dec 21)
Treasurer:	D Wyatt

Appointed officers

Deputy Leaders:	L Allport, D Wyatt
Team Doctor:	Dr. A Taylor
Medical Officer:	I Airth
Section Leaders:	A Knight, J Parkinson, I Airth, A Hadfield (Resigned Oct 21) N Hyde (Appointed Oct 21)
Training Officer:	S Reade (resigned Dec 21) M Nield (Appointed Dec 21)
Equipment Officers:	J Brown, P Smith (resigned April 21), I Dredge (Appointed April 21)
Vehicle Officer:	M Owen
Comms Officer:	D Broadhurst

The body of the Team is divided into 4 sections. We take on trainees, who need to be experienced in relevant outdoor activities, and, after a series of training lectures, exercises and assessments are eligible to become full members. The Team is a member of the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation ("PDMRO") and is affiliated to MREW.

Operational Area

Our normal operating area is the local moorland and crags in the Saddleworth area of the Peak District. We are one of the 7 Teams that make up the PDMRO, which in turn is affiliated with MREW. The Team also provides an urban search and rescue service working with the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services in Greater Manchester. The Team is always available to provide similar assistance anywhere in the United Kingdom.

Risk Analysis

The work undertaken by the Team is often potentially hazardous and, whilst we have an excellent safety record spanning over 50 years the identification of potential risks and looking at how we might manage them is an important part of our Management Group's responsibility. The Team has a documented safety policy that is available to all Team members. The three key considerations underpinning our approach to practical risks are: (a) provision of quality rescue equipment, and attention to its care and maintenance; (b) training of Team members in all aspects of rescue work; (c) regular practical exercises.

Potential Risks	Steps to Mitigate
Ability of the Team to meet changes in organisational and operational areas.	Regular subgroup meetings for planning three key operational areas medical, training and equipment. Regular reviews of training, equipment and medical procedures.
Losing touch with the changes in the statutory emergency services.	Attend all liaison meetings with the emergency services and emergency planning departments at local and county level.
Financial shortfall due to failure of income streams.	Maintain reserves in line with the stated reserves policy. Plan special fundraising activity.

Team Address

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Incorporation

On 14 March 2022, the Charity Commission granted approval for OMRT to convert from a charitable limited company to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). The new constitution and bye-laws are dated 1 March 2022 and were adopted on 14th March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

Prior to conversion to a CIO, OMRT was a company limited by guarantee and did not have any share capital.
Registered No.: 04178168

Charity Registration:

Registration No.: 1088825.

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Team Members for year ending 31 December 2021

Name	Position	Occupation
Rob Tortoiseshell	Team Leader	Product & Training Manager
Lee Allport	Deputy Team Leader	Operations Director, SAR Products Ltd
David Wyatt	Deputy Team Leader/Treasurer	Software Development Lead
Peter Hyde	President	Retired
Justin Parkinson	Chairman/Section Leader	Managing Director
Tony Gillon M.B.E.	Company Secretary	Civil Servant
Dr Andrew Taylor	Team Doctor	Retired GP
Adam Knight	Section Leader	Electronics Engineer
Andrew Hadfield	Section Leader	Self-employed Plumber
Iain Airth	Medical Officer/Section Leader	School Teacher
Nigel Hyde	Section Leader	Retired
Jake Brown	Equipment Officer	Artist
Mike Owen	Vehicle Officer	
Rob Jones	Secretary	Accountant
Denzil Broadhurst	Comms Officer	Airlifting Assistant
Mick Nield M.B.E.	Dog handler	Self-employed Builder
Stephen Ward	Dog handler	Shopkeeper
Tony Tombs	MRSDE dog handler	Driver Trainer
Mark Harrison	MRSDE dog handler	Group Finance Director
Sean Reade	Training Officer	Retired
Iain Dredge	Equipment Officer	Network Engineer
Ian Atherton	Buildings Manager	
Kevin Simmonds		Group Sales Manager
Mike Porritt		Mechanical Design Engineer
Matthew Torr		School Teacher
Katie Johnson		Chartered Insurer
Paul Mayall		Class 1 HGV driver
Colin Pierce		Kitchen Fitter
Phil Beard		Director, Height Safety Consultants Ltd
Dave Allport		Technical Director, SAR Products Ltd
Richard Beswick		Police Officer
Scott Downs		Computer Network Technician
Paul Bruton		Information Science Consultant
Steven Bramwell		Toolmaker
Kelvin Storer		Retired
Ceri Thomas		Rope Access Technician
Simon Taylor		Shopkeeper
Chris Maylor		Police Officer
Lee Briggs		Toolmaker
Helena Skinn		Product Development Scientist

Ron McFaul
Paul Smith
Luke Viney
Rebecca Fitton
Sam Davey
Nigel Clegg
Dave Henderson
Mary Clegg

Magistrate
Depot Manager
Indirect Tax Advisor

Builder
Site Inspector
Gardener
Care at Home worker

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

R Jones
Chairperson

D Wyatt
Treasurer

Dated

Registered Charity Number **1088825**

Registered Company Number **04178168** (prior to conversion to CIO on 14 March 2022)

Fully signed copy available at Team operational base.

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1088825
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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2020

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2020

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Company registration number	04178168
Charity registration number	1088825
Registered office	Unit 19 Boarshurst Business Park Boarshurst Lane Greenfield Oldham Greater Manchester England OL3 7ER
The trustees	Mr Michael John Wray Nield M.B.E. Mr Denzil John Broadhurst Mr Peter James Hyde Dr Andrew William Taylor
Company Secretary	Mr Anthony Stephen Gillon M.B.E.
Independent examiner	The Accountancy People Manchester Ltd 2 Huddersfield Road Stalybridge Cheshire SK15 2QA

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*
Year ended 31 December 2020

Structure, governance and management

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the statutory accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The statutory accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the statutory accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed; the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Structure

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital.

Governance

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Management

Under the Team constitution, the Team elects three principal officers for a year term of office, Team Leader, Company Secretary and Team Treasurer. The Team Council of Management ("Council" or "Management Group") comprises the elected officers and a number of appointed officers. Chairmanship of Team meetings is performed by the Team Chairman. Separate committees look after training & medical issues. All members are encouraged to contribute to the successful running of the Team.

Risk management

The work undertaken by the Team is often potentially hazardous and, whilst we have an excellent safety record spanning over 50 years the identification of potential risks and looking at how we might manage them is an important part of our Management Group's responsibility. The Team has a documented safety policy that is available to all Team members. The three key considerations underpinning our approach to practical risks are: (a) provision of quality rescue equipment, and attention to its care and maintenance; (b) training of Team members in all aspects of rescue work; (c) regular practical exercises

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ("the Team" or "OMRT") is a voluntary organisation whose objects are to relieve suffering and distress amongst persons affected by accidents or natural hazards in the area of Greater Manchester and elsewhere ("the area of benefit").

Additional objectives and activities

The Team helps the Police in other search activities in areas and conditions where they may not have adequate resources, or experience. In addition to mountain rescue and search activities, the Team is available as a back-up for the Ambulance and Fire Service, during severe weather, major incident or where our specialist skills are needed.

In addition to our response to emergencies we help other groups by providing safety cover for events such as fell races and sponsored walks.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The charity's principal objective is as stated above. This is achieved by:

- a) Holding and maintaining rescue equipment, medical supplies and vehicles ready for immediate deployment 24 hours a day.
- b) Encouraging, equipping and advancing the training of volunteers in sufficient numbers to facilitate having available a useful number of people to attend any emergency calls.
- c) Maintaining links with the rescue teams covering adjacent areas, the national body and affiliated organisations.
- d) Maintaining links with local resilience forums, Police, Fire and Ambulance services through meetings and participating in joint training opportunities.
- e) All incidents we attend are debriefed as soon as possible after the event. Regular reviews of incidents are used to highlight failings and identify improvements to equipment, methods and influence future training. The trustees believe that the charity's objectives satisfy both elements of the public benefit requirement and they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance at all relevant times.

Public benefit

The direct benefits that arise are:

- a) The beneficiaries are members of the general public who have become incapacitated in difficult, remote locations, possibly with life threatening or life changing injuries. They are located, treated and evacuated to the care of the health service. Positive and complimentary feedback from casualties their families, friends and the emergency services frequently underlines the value of the service we provide.
- b) Local communities benefit when the Team supports the emergency services dealing with floods, wildfires and extreme weather events.
- c) Attending meetings with the emergency services, resilience forums and regional bodies keeps the Team up to date and familiar with the individuals responsible for co-ordinating incidents.
- d) No harm or private benefit arises from these activities.
- e) The Team has a regular program of outreach activities with talks to schools, community groups and societies throughout the region. The talks promote the wider work of Mountain Rescue teams generally and are a vehicle for communicating safety outdoors.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The income and expenditure of the charity is shown in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

The net income for the year was £12,121 (2019: £14,029) which has been added to the general reserve.

The charity held fund balances as at 31 December 2020 amounting to £192,572 (2019: £180,452). In the opinion of the trustees, these funds are sufficient to meet the charity's obligations for the foreseeable future.

Details relating to changes in fixed assets can be found in the notes to the statutory accounts.

The Team depends totally on public support in one form or another, including donations from patrons, gifts in memory, collection boxes, Friends of OMRT and money raised from various challenges and events.

Financial review

a) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

b) Reserves policy

The trustees have established a reserves policy. The trustees have designated a portion of funds for future vehicle purchases. The trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 2 years of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

c) Investment policy

The trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The trustees therefore seek to achieve income through investment, only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The trustees review this policy annually. Low interest rates continue to reduce income on these investments.

d) Fundraising

This year fundraising activities have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite this, income has remained at the same level as 2019. A major part of this was a grant from DEFRA for water rescue equipment. We also received a large donation from the local Co-op region who had nominated us as their fundraising charity during the previous year. Online tools such as Just Giving, Amazon Smile and Facebook continue to be an important mechanism for supporters to donate or raise money for the Team.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Financial review (continued)

Plans for future periods

There are no immediate material development items on the agenda. The Team has settled into the new base which has proved adequate for our day to day needs and has been shown to be more than adequate dealing with the activity around major incidents like the Saddleworth fires. The focus is on maintaining a high state of readiness of equipment, vehicles and volunteers. In this area, continued development and use of the D4H system continues and will assist improvements in the management and control of the Team's assets.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the statutory accounts in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare the statutory accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the statutory accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the statutory accounts, the Trustees are required to:

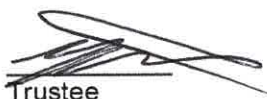
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of the recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the statutory accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small companies note

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 26th Sept 21 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


Trustee



Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Year ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

The Accountancy People Ltd
Huddersfield Road
Stalybridge
Cheshire
SK15 2QA

Date:

26/9/21

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2020

Income	Notes	31.12.20		31.12.19
		£		£
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Voluntary income:				
Gift Income	3	30,624		32,650
Legacies	3	2,177		13,225
Activities for generating funds:				
Fundraising - Collection Boxes	4	1,595		2,697
Fundraising - Talks	4	1,043		1,852
Fundraising - Friends	4	844		844
Fundraising - Events				5,719
Investment income:				
Interest Received	6	475		855
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
DEFRA Water Rescue Grant	5		22,317	
		36,758	22,317	57,842
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities		40,884	6,071	43,812
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(4,126)	16,246	14,029
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		180,452		166,422
Total funds carried forward		176,326	16,246	180,452

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities. The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2020

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	14		<u>61,063</u>		<u>20,660</u>
			61,063		20,660
Current assets					
Stocks	15	400		400	
Debtors	16	8,203		2,346	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>122,906</u>		<u>157,046</u>	
		131,509		159,792	
Net current assets			<u>131,509</u>		<u>159,792</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>192,572</u>		<u>180,452</u>
Total Charity Funds	17		<u><u>192,572</u></u>		<u><u>180,452</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its net incoming resources for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 and the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to statutory accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 24/1/21, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2020

1. General information

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales with the registration number 04178168. The registered office is Unit 19 Boarshurst Business Park, Boarshurst Lane, Greenfield, Oldham, Greater Manchester, England, OL3 7ER.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The statutory accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Company status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

Fund accounting

All general income is currently voluntary and from fund raising and is unrestricted and hence the funds can be used in furtherance of the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

During the year funding has been received and fund raising undertaken for a specific purchase and this income has been recorded as restricted. Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Income

All income is recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
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2. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant & Machinery	15% Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	20% Reducing Balance
Fixtures & Fittings	15% Straight Line

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. No provision for tax is therefore considered necessary.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Donations			
Gift Income	30,624		32,650
Other donations and legacies			
Legacies	2,177		13,225
	32,801		45,875

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Fundraising events			
Collection Boxes	1,595		2,697
Talks	1,043		1,852
Friends	844		844
Events			5,719
	3,482		11,112

5. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
DEFRA Water Rescue Grant		22,317	

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2019 £
Bank interest receivable	475	475	854	854

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Direct costs	12,681	6,071	18,752	
Support costs	27,923		27,923	43,482
Governance costs	<u>280</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>330</u>
	40,884	6,071	46,955	43,812

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2020 £	Total fund 2019 £
Direct Costs	10,406	8,346	18,752	
Support costs	5,796	22,127	27,923	43,482
Governance costs	<u>16,202</u>	<u>30,753</u>	<u>46,955</u>	<u>330</u>
				43,812

9. Analysis of expenditure

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Rent	15,320	15,320
Light and heat	2,078	1,482
Insurance	2,375	1,339
Repairs and maintenance	402	2,366
Equipment	7,678	4,182
Team member training	2,438	891
Telephone	876	1,031
Printing and stationary	317	205
Computer costs	800	890
Catering costs	110	1,217
Fundraising costs	180	780
Sundry expenses	362	644
Motor expenses	5,394	6,482
Accountancy charges	277	330
Bank charges	3	
Depreciation	<u>8,346</u>	<u>6,654</u>
	46,955	43,812

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2020

10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	8,346	6,654

11. Staff costs

The charity has no employees. All officials and team members provide their services on a voluntary basis.

12. Independent Examiner

The independent examiner The Accountancy People was paid £264 (2019: £330) during the year, of which £264 (2019: £330) related to the accounting software. There were no costs relating to the preparation and examination of the accounts during the year, nor in 2019.

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees have received no remuneration or expenses during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2020	123,223	95,645	3,695	222,563
Additions	6,464	42,286	-	48,750
As at 31 December 2020	<u>129,687</u>	<u>137,931</u>	<u>3,695</u>	<u>271,313</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2020	113,599	86,971	1,333	201,903
Provided during the period	2,252	5,541	554	8,347
As at 31 December 2020	<u>115,851</u>	<u>92,512</u>	<u>1,887</u>	<u>210,250</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2020	<u>13,836</u>	<u>45,419</u>	<u>1,808</u>	<u>61,063</u>
As at 1 January 2020	<u>9,624</u>	<u>8,674</u>	<u>2,362</u>	<u>20,660</u>

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15. Stocks

	2020	2019
	£	£
Stocks	400	400

16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
VAT	8,203	2,344

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2020 £
General funds	180,452	36,758	(40,884)	176,326

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 December 2020 £
General funds		22,317	(6,071)	16,246

Of the £22,317 DEFRA Water Rescue Grant received, £9,890 was spent during the year, of which £4,365 was spent on tangible fixed assets.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	57,244	3,819	20,660
Current assets	<u>119,082</u>	<u>12,427</u>	<u>159,792</u>
Net assets	176,326	16,246	180,452

19. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees Annual Report 2020 – Officers Reports

Team Leader's Report

For obvious reasons, 2020 was an extremely unusual year, not just for the Team, but for everyone. The year started off quietly, with no major changes to the structure of the Team, and an 'average' number of incidents.

This all changed when the Coronavirus pandemic hit in early March 2020. As well as having a huge impact on the UK population, it fundamentally changed the way that we operated as a rescue service.

All face to face training was cancelled, with talks and events postponed indefinitely. The only activities that continued in person were the essential maintenance of vehicles, and responding operationally when assistance was requested by the statutory emergency services. This brought its own challenges, with new procedures for PPE, hygiene, social distancing, and disinfecting equipment, all while trying to maintain an effective response. During incidents, personnel was deliberately limited to a minimum so that we would not lose operational capability should we come into contact with a positive Covid-19 case.

Nationally, there were weekly meetings with Mountain Rescue England & Wales ("MREW"), who were in turn liaising with UKSAR, NPCC, NHS, Home Office, etc. to ensure that the MREW community was kept up to speed with the latest guidance and advice on Covid-19 protocols.

As we came out of the first lockdown, which had been relatively quiet in terms of actual incidents, although not completely so, we saw a spike in requests for assistance as people began to venture out further afield. The year in general saw us responding to a total of 43 incidents, helping 43 casualties, with 2,642 man hours spent on operations alone. The majority of these were lower leg injuries, but also included flood standby, wildfires, and several searches. Nine of these incidents involved helicopter support.

The pandemic also had non-operational implications, making us look at new ways of doing things; training and meetings were carried out via video calls, which proved a useful way of keeping in touch for us as a normally social team. Work on our new control vehicle, which had been ordered at the start of the year, was shelved temporarily while the vehicle converters focussed on building ambulances. Fundraising was affected too, with us not being able to attend the events and talks which we rely on for a large portion of our donations, although we did receive some funds, notably from the Co-op, and from a DEFRA grant for water equipment, amongst others.

We ended the year continuing with limited face to face training, with an emphasis on essential core skills. We also closely monitored the anticipated release of vaccines and how that would affect Mountain Rescue's operational capabilities.

I would like to thank our Team members for their resilience during this time, adapting to change and overcoming the many obstacles we faced in 2020. I would also like to thank the partners, families and employers of our members, and the local community, without whose unwavering support we would not be able to continue to operate.

Team Leader

Rob Tortoiseshell

Incidents

The objects of the Team objects are as stated herein. The easiest way to demonstrate whether we have achieved these objectives is to list the incidents we have been called out to deal with.

- 1 21st Jan 2020. 22 Team members for 1hr 22 mins. Location – Dove Stone, Dean Rocks**
Team were contacted by Greater Manchester Police ("GMP") for assistance with the location and evacuation of 4 children who were lost at Dovestones. Team Leader contacted casualty by phone and used PhoneFind to establish exact location as Dean Rocks. Three sections were dispatched via different routes to make contact. Visibility was extremely poor due to low cloud. The first section found the party in good time and escorted them off the hill. They were taken to base and warmed up, then picked up by mum.
- 2 23rd Jan 2020. 11 Team members for 1hr 25mins. Location – Delph, Broad Lane**
Team were contacted by NWAS for assistance evacuating 63-year-old male with possible broken ankle in the Denshaw area. Casualty transported on Team stretcher to waiting North West Ambulance Service ("NWAS") ambulance. Medical aid by NWAS.
- 3 18th Feb 2020. 7 Team member for 45mins. Location – Greenfield, Yeoman Hey**
The Team were contacted by NWAS for assistance with a multi-agency response to reports of a male in water near to an extreme drop, close to Yeoman Hey Reservoir. As Team Leader arrived, the casualty was being helped to a place of safety by officers from GMP. In attendance were: Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service ("GMF&RS") (6 vehicles), NWAS (3 vehicles), GMP (4 vehicles).
- 4 21st Mar 2020. 17 Team members for 1hr 48mins. Location – Dove Stone, Wimberry**
Team Leader was contacted direct by PC Lee Cullen, GMP, about reports of 2 members of public "stuck in a ravine near Indian's Head". Team Leader spoke to Police and agreed to deploy the Team. Team searched Ram's Clough, west path to Wimberry and Wimberry Rocks, as well as driving Chew Track. Police helicopter searched same.
- 5 25th Mar 2020. 14 Team members for 1hr 30mins. Location – Shaw, Brushes Clough Quarry**
Team Leader was contacted by NWAS for assistance with a 58-year-old female collapsed near Brushes Clough, Shaw. Crew on scene but difficult terrain. Team deployed to assist. Medical aid by NWAS paramedic. Casualty transferred on MR stretcher to waiting NWAS ambulance. Only 2 people deployed from garage. Remainder RV at scene to minimise contact due to Covid-19. Kit disinfected afterwards.
- 6 11th Apr 2020. 18 Team members for 3hrs 15mins. Location – Littleborough, Blackstone Edge**
Team contacted by NWAS to help evacuate a 15-year-old female with an ankle injury near to the White House Inn on Halifax Road. Team deployed as per Covid-19 protocol. Casualty carried to vehicle then driven to White House and transferred to NWAS Ambulance. Only 2 people deployed from garage. Remainder RV at scene to minimise contact due to Covid-19. Kit disinfected afterwards.
- 7 10th Apr 2020. 8 Team members for 15hrs 45mins. Location – Dove Stone, Chew Mount/Featherbed**
Team Leader received a direct phone call from Dave Swallow. GMF&RS Wildfire Officer, asking for medical cover while crews recovered kit following a recent wildfire. A group of 4 personnel, including a minimum of 1 cas-carer, was deployed to Chew Mount in OM3. The deployment was over 2 days, with no requests for assistance. Covid-19 protocols were observed.
- 8 17th May 2020. 23 Team members for 2hrs 40mins. Location – Crompton Moor, near mast**
The Team were contacted by NWAS for assistance with the evacuation of a 52-year-old male who had fallen off his motorbike and sustained a leg injury, near to the radio mast on Crompton Moor. The casualty

was assessed and treated by a NWAS paramedic before being splinted with a Team vacuum splint and evacuated by stretcher to the Land Rover, then transferred to NWAS ambulance at the road head. Covid-19 protocols were observed.

9 21st May 2020. 15 Team members for 1hr 59mins. Location – Daisy Nook, Knott Lane

Team were contacted by NWAS for assistance with the evacuation of a 58-year-old female who had fallen off her bike and broken her ankle, in the Daisy Nook area. NWAS crew were with casualty and provided accurate location. The casualty was packaged and evacuated on MR stretcher to the waiting ambulance. Covid-19 protocols were adhered to, including limiting people to garage and to casualty site.

10 28th May 2020. 17 Team members for 2hrs 59mins. Location – Cowbury Dale, Iron Tongue

The Team were contacted via the Follow Me number by Glossop MRT Team Leader. OMRT Team Leader took the call. 51-year-old female with lower leg injury in the Carrbrook area, crew on scene needed help evacuating. The Team attended with local people only initially. The grid reference given turned out to be the NWAS ambulance; when direct contact was finally made with the crew their location was established as near Iron Tongue. Additional numbers were requested for the stretcher carry. No North West Air Ambulance ("NWAA") aircraft were available. Maritime & Coastguard Agency ("MCA" or "Coastguard") was discussed but injury was not time critical. The casualty was splinted with Team vacuum splint and evacuated on stretcher and wheel to the NWAS ambulance.

11 30th May 2020. 27 Team members for 2hrs 26mins. Location – Dove Stone, Dove Stone Res

Team were requested by NWAS for assistance with evacuation of a casualty by the side of Dove Stone reservoir. Information was "very steep location". Medical aid was given by NWAS paramedics. GMP were also on scene (x3). Casualty was transferred onto Team vacuum mat and stretcher and lowered down the steep slope by rope. Casualty then taken on stretcher and wheel to NWAS ambulance parked near overflow. Covid-19 protocols followed.

12 2nd June 2020. 20 Team members for 26hrs. Location – Dove Stone, Ashway

Team were requested via GMP to support GMF&RS with a large wildfire in Ashway Gap. Team Leader rendezvoused with GMF&RS command and assessed what resources were needed; a number of navigation parties and a medic party were requested. A limited response was put out via email. Team assisted at various locations with tasks including navigation, fire spotting, medical standby, transport, etc. The deployment was over 4 days.

13 5th June 2020. 31 Team members for 4hrs 13mins. Location – Denshaw, White Hill

Team Leader received a text from GMP local that there was an incident where our services may be required. Lost male on the moor somewhere near Denshaw, was cold, had fallen and possibly lost his jacket. Probable mental health issues but no violence markers. Team Leader put Team on standby and requested dogs while waiting for official assistance request from GMP. Following multiple texts with GMP local, Team Leader was telephoned by FDO asking for advice on how to PhoneFind the casualty. A short time later, FDO requested MR assistance via SARCALL and the full Team was called out. Dogs were deployed on Pennine Way at Windy Hill and Nont Sarah's due to intel that the casualty may be at White Hill trig. Dogs were followed up by search parties. Holme Valley Mountain Rescue Team ("HVMRT") assistance was requested by Team Leader in case of protracted search. Casualty was located by GMP who had deployed onto the moor, shortly followed by the Team with section kit and medic. Casualty was then stretcher & wheeled off to NWAS ambulance at Windy Hill.

14 9th June 2020. 15 Team members for 2hrs 53mins. Location – Hyde, Wison Brook

NWAS had been alerted by a member of the public to a male shouting for help in a steep wooded area in Hyde. Unable to access or accurately locate the male, NWAS contacted the Team for assistance. Upon arrival, Team Leader and a Team medic entered the wooded area and immediately identified the casualty

as being in a walled-in river, at the foot of a 45-foot banking. He had fallen the full length of the banking and off an 8 foot drop onto the river bed. Further kit and personnel, including an NWAS paramedic, was brought in from the top of the banking. After initially beginning to set up for a technical rope extraction up the banking, a route out along the river and into a building site was identified. The casualty was packaged in Team vacuum mat and carried on the stretcher through a culvert to the building site, where he was passed up over the wall and carried to the NWAS ambulance. Covid-19 protocols were adhered to throughout.

15 13th June 2020. 4 Team members for 2hrs 13mins. Location – Uppermill, Running Hill Pits

Team Leader was contacted by the FDO direct, asking if we could help with a lamb stuck in a crevice in one of the quarries at Running Hill. A small number of personnel went to scene and effected a rope rescue of the lamb from Pinnacle Quarry.

16 13th June 2020. 30 Team members for 3hrs 50mins. Location – Middle Edge Moss, Holme Clough

The Team was contacted by GMP, asking for help with the location of a female walker lost on the moor near Oldham. GMP had done a PhoneFind with location shown as Middle Edge Moss / Holme Clough-SE049052. Upon further investigation, there were 2 casualties, both of whom had sustained leg injuries and were unable to walk out. Team Leader deployed straight to scene and located the casualties at the given grid ref. All available members were sent in from Old Snoopy's with kit for 2 stretcher carries. Backup manpower was requested from HVMRT and Woodhead Mountain Rescue Team ("WMRT") were put on standby. Coastguard were requested and allocated for helicopter extraction. Rescue 936 was tasked from Caernarfon and recovered the casualties to Huddersfield. HVMRT assisted with the helicopter loading at scene. WMRT assisted at the hospital landing site.

17 21st June 2020. 26 Team members for 3hrs 38mins. Location – Middleton, Heaton Park

Team Leader was phoned direct by Police control but could not take call so passed to deputy. High risk MISPER in Heaton Park, POLSA on scene with TAU. Suspected that he may have taken an overdose based on recent history. Request for search assistance in southern end of park. The Team were rendezvousing at Sheepfoot Lane car park to begin searching when information was received that the MISPER had walked out of the park and phoned the Police. Bolton Mountain Rescue Team had been contacted for assistance, as well as Peak dogs.

18 22nd June 2020. 2 Team members for 55mins. Location – Uppermill, Moorgate Quarry

Team Leader was phoned direct by a Team member whose wife had fallen while walking, request for evacuation assistance. Two Team members deployed in OM5 to pick up and take casualty home for self-assessment and treatment.

19 24th June 2020. 6 Team members for 1hr 17mins Location – Bardsley, Bardsley Vale

Team were contacted by NWAS for assistance with the evacuation of a 32-year-old female with ankle injury, in the Bardsley Vale area. Once NWAS crew were on scene, they assessed that they may be able to deal with the incident. Team Leader decided to keep Team running until this was confirmed. Limited Team members assisted the crew to load the casualty, and a Team vacuum splint was used.

20 28th June 2020. 21 Team members for 3hrs 33mins Location – Dove Stone, Wimberry

NWAS contacted the Team after receiving a call stating there were 6 people stuck on a mountain near Dovestones who could not get down due to the poor weather conditions. Location and further information unknown due to poor phone signal. Team Leader spoke to informant on the phone and sent PhoneFind message; this established their whereabouts as Wimberry Rocks. Hasty party deployed to make contact while more personnel were gathered. Further phone calls established that there were 3 people at Wimberry, one of whom had a hamstring issue. A further 5 people had already made their way down to safety and were accounted for. The 3 casualties were walked off, with one of them transferred to stretcher

partway down. They were assessed by NWAS before leaving, with the casualty with hamstring problems being taken to hospital in the NWAS ambulance.

21 5th July 2020. 19 Team members for 2hrs 21mins. Location – Dove Stone, Ashway

Team Leader received a call from a Team member giving the heads up about a possible incident at Ashway. Team put on standby while waiting for official activation. NWAS then contacted us via SarCall asking for assistance with a casualty with a deformed ankle on a hill near Yeoman Hey Res (Ashway). The team were quickly on scene, with Air Ambulance landing at the bottom shortly after. Medical aid was given by a carer & Air Ambulance paramedic. The casualty was carried down the hill on a Team stretcher before being transported to hospital by land ambulance. Heavy rain showers.

22 12th July 2020. 18 Team members for 3hrs 29mins. Location – Dove Stone, Birchen Clough

Team Leader received a call from local GMP about a job at Greenfield Res. Official request came from NWAS with info of a female with dislocated ankle at Greenfield Waterfall. A request also came from GMP FDO about the same job. The Team attended and identified the casualty location as below the waterfall at Birchen Clough. Medical aid was given by the Team doctor and carers; the ankle was reduced at scene. NWAS paramedics attended and assessed the casualty. Due to the nature of injury, and location of casualty site, Coastguard were requested. Additional personnel were requested and HVMRT put on standby in case Coastguard couldn't extract. Coastguard winched the casualty on Team stretcher and transported to Royal Oldham Hospital. Casualty's friend was walked down and taken back to her car by GMP. Casualty car was collected by her husband later in the day.

23 13th July 2020. 22 Team members for 8hrs 30mins Location – Lees, Greenacres/Rhodes Hill

GMP asked for assistance searching wooded and steep areas near Lees for a vulnerable MISPER 50-year-old female. Team deployed in 2 sections and 3 dogs, completing a number of areas. Search abandoned due to failing light and difficult search terrain. No finds – incident ongoing to next day. GMP drone also deployed to search open areas. CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS DAY – 14/07/2020. Team deployed in 2 sections and 3 dogs, completing a number of areas. Search abandoned due to failing light and difficult search terrain. No finds – incident closed pending further solid intelligence.

24 23rd July 2020. 9 Team members for 4hrs 45mins. Location – Diggle, Kent Close

Request from NWAS for stretcher and assistance at cardiac arrest in Diggle. CPR ceased upon Team arrival. Personnel present assisted with evacuation from steep back garden to front of house.

25 5th Aug 2020. 8 Team members for 1hr 5mins. Location – Bardsley, Ashton Road bridge

Assistance requested by NWAS for male jumped 60ft from bridge into water in Bardsley Vale. Team attended, along with multiple other agencies. Upon arrival, the casualty was being given medical aid by NWAS crew. Multiple crews from GMF&RS were on scene, including water unit and TRU. Team Leader liaised with on scene commanders to offer assistance, however, the casualty was evacuated by GMF&RS TRU to a nearby carpark area for onward transport by NWAS.

26 10th Aug 2020. 13 Team members for 1hr Location – Dove Stone, Wimberry

Contact from GMP asking for assistance with the search for a vulnerable MISPER in the Dovestones area. Car at main car park and info that casualty likes Indian's Head. Team rendezvoused at sailing club. Upon arrival, Police helicopter had spotted a male near Wimberry and deployed 3 officers. They were followed closely by Team personnel for medical / navigation support. Male was confirmed to be casualty and was walked off by GMP.

27 14th Aug 2020. 21 Team members for 2hrs 21mins. Location – Dove Stone, Birchen Clough

Team were contacted by NWAS for assistance with the location and evacuation of a male with leg, elbow and finger injuries, somewhere in the Dovestones / Greenfield waterfall area. Eastings/ Northings were provided but the caller had low battery on their phone. Hasty parties were deployed up Ravenstones and

Birchen, casualty party was located top of Birchen area (casualty + wife + young child). Reports that the casualty had fallen whilst carrying the child and the child had gone into the water. Casualty was assessed and walked off via Ashway, while the wife and child were walked down via Ravenstones to a vehicle at the bottom of Birchen. HVMRT were asked for manpower in case of a stretcher carry. The casualty was then taken back to his own car and discharged under his own care.

28 24th Aug 20. 17 Team members for 2hrs. Location – Dove Stone, Wimberry Boulders

Team was called by NWAS for assistance with the location and evacuation of a 55-year-old female casualty with a head injury. Initial message contained 3 different sets of location information – Diggle, King of Tonga stone, Chew Quarry. Fast party met with informant and were taken to casualty location near Sugar Loaf. Casualty was assessed and stretchered off to Chew Track where she was assessed by NWAS. After a short wait, she was transferred to the NWAS ambulance.

29 5th Sept 2020. 7 Team members for 1hr 48mins Location – Dove Stone, Ashway

Request received from NWAS regarding a report of someone shouting for help on a hill near Yeoman Hey Reservoir. Initial enquires were confused, so a small number were sent to the area to establish the circumstances while the full Team was put on standby. Investigation at the scene clarified that the shouting that had been heard was owners trying to recall a lost dog. The full Team, NWAS and GMP were stood down at this point. Team dog handler assisted the dog owner in searching and located the dog in a pot hole above Ashway / edges path. Dog was retrieved, uninjured, and recovered back down to Dove Stone.

30 10th Sept 2020. 18 Team members for 1hr 28mins. Location – Diggle, Kent Close

Request from NWAS for assistance with evacuation of 12-year-old female fallen from rope swing in Glodwick. Crew on scene with RRV, Entonox given. Suspected fractures to left & right arms, plus gash to right knee. Casualty packaged on Team stretcher with Team vacuum splint to left arm. Short steep ground raise with rope back up and then carry to NWAS ambulance. Her dad was in attendance.

31 21st Sept 2020. 16 Team members for 1hr 42mins. Location – Pots n Pans, Edge End

A Team member was contacted by a friend who had come across a female with a possible broken ankle on the way down from Pots n Pans. The Team was deployed to scene to assess the casualty. She was given medical aid and splinted by a Team cas-carer. She was then stretchered down to the waiting NWAS ambulance, which had been requested by the callout officer.

32 27th Sept 20. 12 Team members for 3hrs 14mins Location – Arnfield, Arnfield Lows

Team were contacted by NWAS regarding a job in Glossop Mountain Rescue Teams ("GMRT") area. Reports of a 29-year-old female who had suffered an ankle injury in the Arnfield area. GMRT were struggling for comms so OMRT attended. As the Team arrived, GMRT were also arriving at scene and both teams attended the casualty site. The casualty was treated by NWAS and stretchered off on OMRT stretcher and splint to the NWAS ambulance.

33 4th Oct 2020. 25 Team members for 3hrs 49mins. Location – Greenfield, Carr Lane

Team Leader received a call from local GMP requesting an informal search of Pots n Pans for a MISPER from the Greenfield area. Husband had woken that morning to find her missing, which was out of character. She was expected to attend cancer scan that day. GMP brief was possible suicidal. Team Leader & 1x search dog deployed to Pots n Pans but were diverted by a possible sighting near Carr Lane, Team put on standby. 2x dogs + TL hasty searches on bridleway and canal while full Team were assembled. Official request from GMP & arrival of POLSA focused the search at end of Carr Lane. Sections were en route when a Team member spotted the MISPER near to the rendezvous point. She was unharmed and lucid.

34 18th Oct 2020. 16 Team members for 1hr 12mins Location – Dove Stone, Wimberry Boulders

The Team were contacted by NWAS with reports of an unconscious male, Dovestones area but no exact location, no further details. Phonefind and call backs were unsuccessful, however, contact was made with a

passerby who led the Team and NWS paramedics to scene near Sugar Loaf. Casualty had collapsed due to low blood pressure, banging his arm and shin. After assessment by NWS, he was stretchered over the stream and up to the NWS ambulance on Chew Track.

35 24th Oct 2020. 20 Team members for 2hrs 30mins. Location – Blackstone Edge, Green Withens Res

The Team received a request from NWS for assistance with the location and evacuation of a 21-year-old female with an ankle injury. General area was given as Blackstone Edge, 30 mins from the White House but no exact location was known. Rain was very heavy all afternoon. Team Leader contacted Calder Valley Search & Rescue Team ("CVSRT") who had received a request from Yorkshire Ambulance Service ("YAS") for the same job. Both teams responded. Phonefind was used and an accurate location generated as near Green Withens Res. Casualty was assessed and treated by cas-carers from both teams and injury was established as being a dislocated / fractured right ankle. Entonox and Fentanyl administered. Casualty was hearing / speech impaired so translation by sign language was necessary. Two companions were escorted from the hill to get warm. Casualty was stretcher & wheeled down to the waiting NWS ambulance.

36 29th Oct 2020. 22 Team members for 3hrs 46mins. Location – Black Hill

Team Leader was contacted by deputy controller with info that WMRT & GMRT were out on a search for a MISPER focusing on Black Hill. WMRT were close to the summit. OMRT were requested to standby in case of a no find. The Team deployed sections to search Featherbed trig, Red Ratcher, Birchen, Laddow, Holme Clough, Hey Clough, Old Pennine Way. WMRT & GMRT searched paths and features in their respective areas. Phone contact was patchy/ poor with PhoneFind messages unanswered. Eventually MR was notified by West Yorkshire Police ("WYP") that the casualty had been located on her way home safe and well.

37 10th Nov 20. 14 Team members for 3hrs 7mins. Location – Ashway, Dean Rocks

Team was contacted by GMP asking for assistance with the location and evacuation of a female with ankle injury at Ashway. Location was provided accurately by GMP. Team drove to Ashway overflow and walked in. Casualty was with her companion and two others who had kept her warm. She was assessed by Team cas-carer and helimed was requested due to the long anticipated carry. Casualty was taken to Manchester Royal Infirmary by helicopter, companion was walked off by the Team.

38 14th Nov 2020. 23 Team members for 3hrs 26mins Location – Ashway, Dean Rocks

Team received a request from GMP regarding a 23-year-old female with suspected broken ankle in the Dovestones area. Exact location unknown, given as "where path crosses stream". Team Leader deployed direct to Ashway, deputy attempted to contact casualty and PhoneFind. PhoneFind location given as edges path near Dean Rocks. Helimed requested due to location of incident and failing light. Casualty assessed by cas-carer as having suspected broken ankle and vacuum splinted, packaged in winter cas-bag. Helimed aborted due to weather conditions. Coastguard requested and carry off commenced with stretcher and wheel towards Fox Stone. R912 tasked and casualty hot loaded as light was failing, taken to Royal Oldham Hospital. Landing site (Clayton Playing Fields) secured and ambulance present as arranged by deputy team leader on control.

39 28th Nov 2020. 4 Team members for 15mins. Location – Millbrook, Grenville Street

The Team was asked by NWS to help with the evacuation of a 15-year-old female with breathing difficulties. Steep ground near stream in Millbrook. Team was activated but NWS dealt with before full deployment. Team Leader continued to scene to confirm no MR requirement. No MR involvement with casualty.

40 19th Dec 2020. 17 Team members for 2hrs 9mins. Location – Shaw, Brushes Clough Res

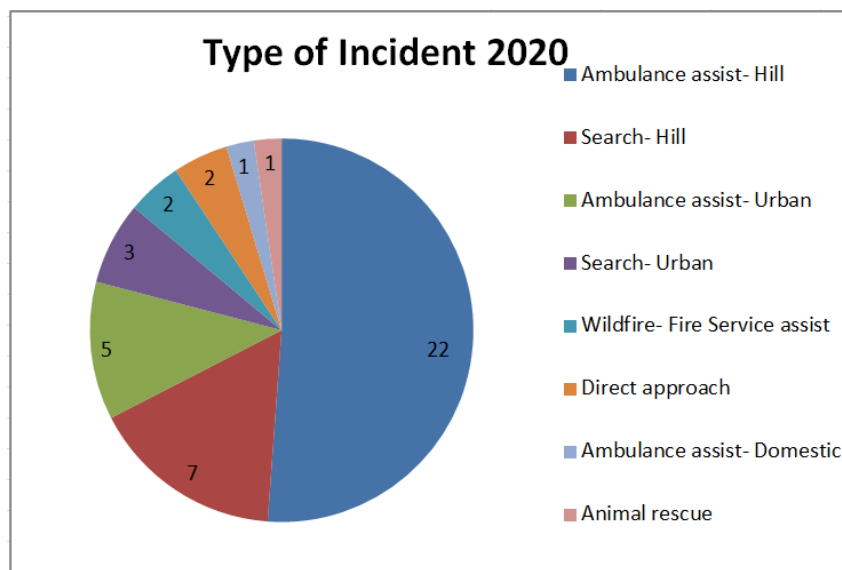
Team was contacted by NWS for assistance with treatment and evacuation of 45-year-old female at Brushes Clough Res, unknown injuries. Team responded, driving to within 50m of the casualty site on a

track. Team members arrived at the same time as NWS and jointly treated the casualty for a suspected fracture to lower leg. Casualty was packaged on the stretcher and carried up a short slope to the Land Rover, with a rope for back up.

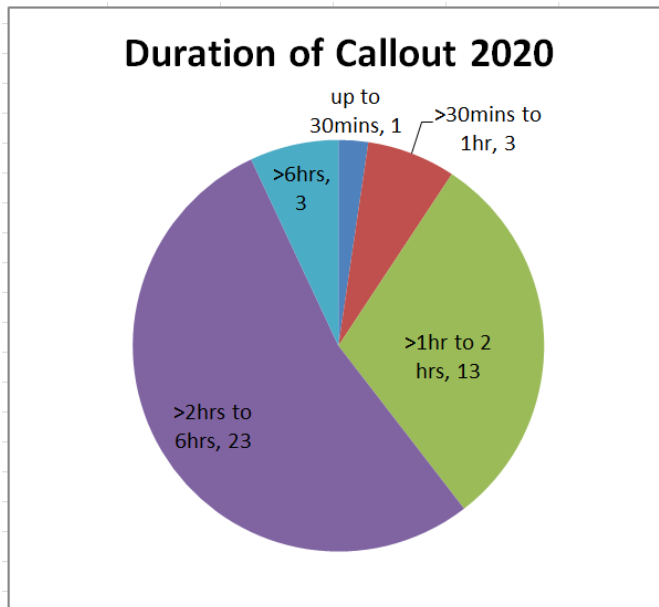
- 41 26th Dec 2020. 27 Team members for 4hrs 17mins. Location – Dove Stone, Ravenstones**
Contact from NWS regarding 40-year-old male with chest pains on hill near Dovestones. Team deployed to King of Tonga & Birchen. Helimed clarified location with grid ref near Ravenstones. Two Helimed on scene – H72 & H75 – took over CPR from witnesses. Casualty delta at 12:38, declared by H72 doc. GMP attended to check scene and interview witnesses. The Team packaged casualty and evacuated on our stretcher down to NWS ambulance at bottom of Ashway. Hot debrief for Team personnel at rendezvous.
- 42 27th Dec 2020. 22 Team members for 2hrs 14mins Location – Park Bridge, near Heritage Centre**
NWS asked for assistance with 82-year-old female who had fallen, injuring her ankle, and been on the floor 2 hours in the Park Bridge area. Team cas-carer administered medical aid, packaged on stretcher in winter cas-bag and evacuated to Team vehicle. She was transported to hospital in OM3 and handed over to triage at Royal Oldham Hospital.
- 43 31st Dec 2020. 21 Team members for 1hr 30mins. Location – Dove Stone, Birchen Clough**
Contact from GMP for assistance with 2 males & dog stranded above cliff near Dovestones. General location established by GMP as Middle Edge / Birchen, Team Leader phone call confirmed. OM1 sent to Birchen weir and could see casualty torch from there. Fast party made contact and escorted casualty (x2) & dog down Birchen to OM2 and back to base to get warmed up. Casualty (x2) & dog then dropped at their car at Dove Stone car park.

The number of callouts in 2020 was close to our normal numbers, even with Covid-19, and a significant increase on the low numbers in 2019.

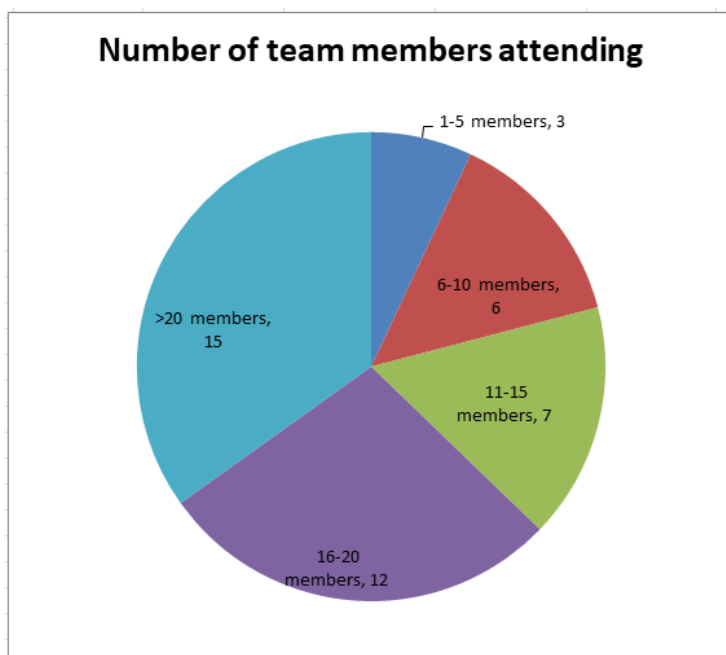
We assisted 43 casualties and attended 2 wildfires. Team members put in 2,642 man-hours during the year on incidents – a huge increase on the 659 man-hours in 2019.



A pie chart showing an analysis of the various incidents in 2019 is shown above.

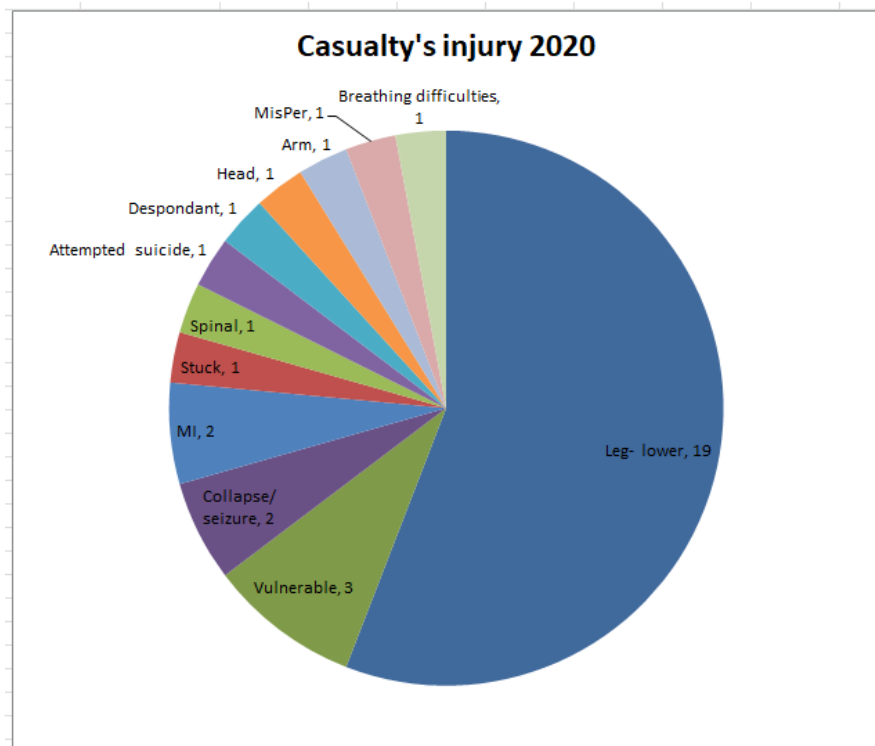


The pie chart above shows the duration of the incidents. More than half of the incidents took greater than 2 hours. The three incidents taking more than 6 hours were 2 wildfires and a two-day search for a missing person.

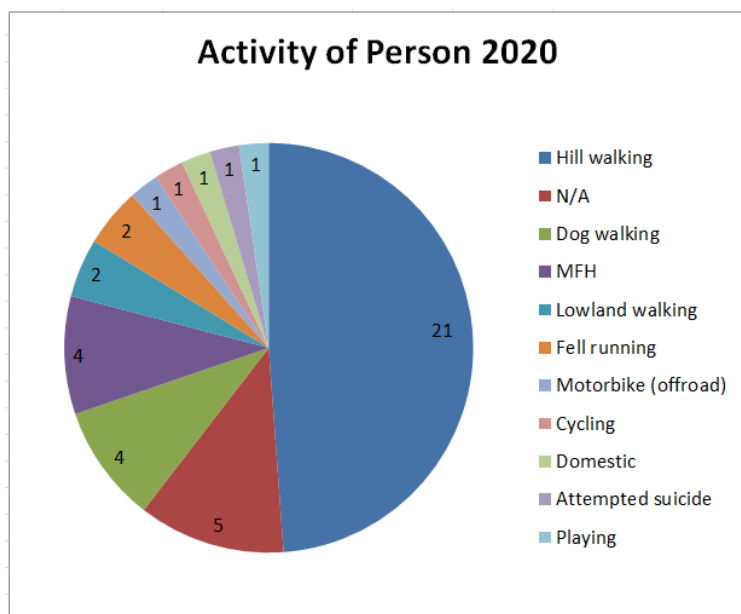


Above is shown the number of Team members who attended each of the callouts.

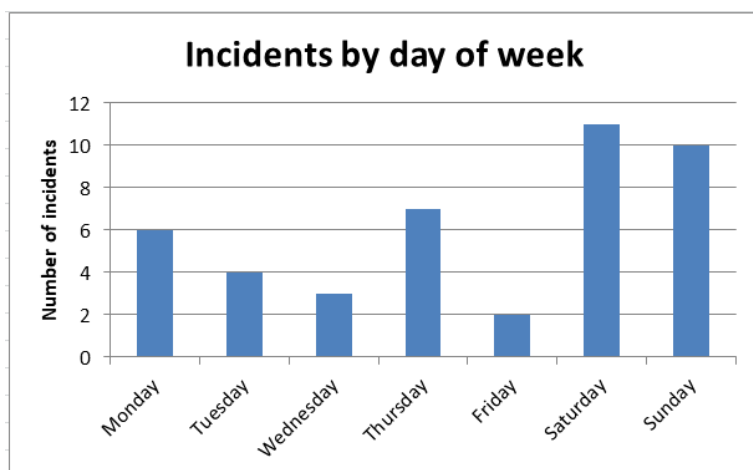
There were large turnouts of members for many callouts—many necessary given the type of incident. We also called on the help of nearby Mountain Rescue teams on a number of incidents given the chances of extended carry-offs, though we were fortunate to be able to use Police, helimed and Coastguard helicopters on 9 incidents.



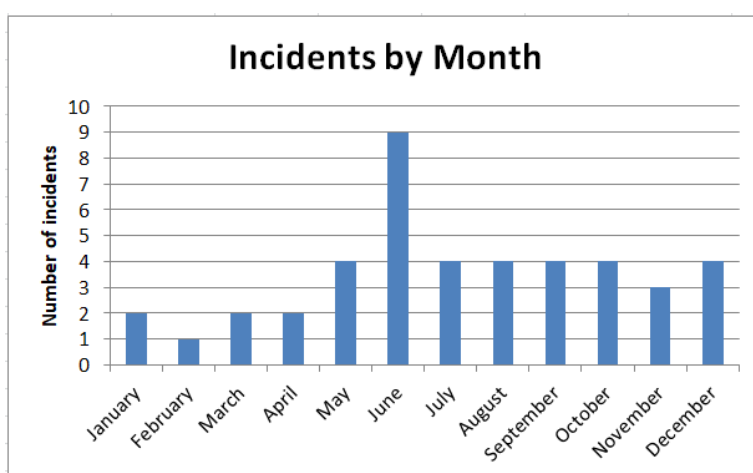
More than half of the incidents with injuries involved the lower leg & ankle—which is typical for many Mountain Rescue teams.



This pie chart shows the activity of the casualty. More than half of the casualties were from walking injuries.



As is to be expected, the weekend is the busiest time of the week.



Due to Covid-19 the number of incidents during April 2020 and May 2020 were low, but with the relaxation on travelling and outdoor exercise there was a huge increase during June. There was some indication that a number of the incidents were for people who had less experience of hill walking.

Chairman's Report

We started the year in the normal manner with some initial planning for our annual training weekend in May 2020 being discussed, along with the training plan for the forthcoming year, only for it all to be turned on its head as Covid-19 struck; firstly, in China, then in pockets of Austria and Italy, before engulfing Europe and spreading globally.

The Team took decisive action to halt all face to face training and meetings, but to continue with regular vehicle and equipment checks with a skeleton crew maintaining strict safety protocols and social distancing. It was clear things weren't going to change soon so the Team, along with thousands of businesses up and down the country, modified normal routines with monthly video conferencing calls with the management Team and Team meetings, and all but essential training cancelled.

As information, evidence and advice evolved, and with the support of GMP as our calling authority, our training also evolved to smaller focused groups with a constant eye on the inevitable skills-fade that occurs without regular training.

The Team responded well to the new regime and saw a period of relatively frenzied activity during lockdown as more people ventured out. I'd like to thank the Team for the resilience shown by each and every member, a number of whom work in the NHS and saw the suffering from the front line of the pandemic.

Although we continue to feel the effects of Covid-19, we have had a busy year regardless. At the start of the year the Team took delivery of a UTV and a sled plus a motor and battery for our boat to enhance our flood water response capability, courtesy of a DEFRA Flood Rescue Grant. The Team also took delivery of a new control vehicle from MAN which, along with the UTV, went to Venari in Brighouse for modifications, blue lights and livery. We are immensely grateful to MAN, and all at Venari for their efforts and ongoing support.

As the country went back into lockdown, we rounded the year off with a hopeful outlook, that we might see a return to a level of normality as the vaccine programme started to take off. Sadly, as we started 2021, we faced some difficult news. As with many organisations, groups and families, we also suffered our own loss - a former Team member and dear friend to many in the Team, Mike Grimes, whose life was tragically cut short due to the pandemic. Mike was one of those people who always made you smile when you saw him and always had a one liner or joke (including some pretty awful ones), but you always felt that little bit lighter in spirit for seeing him. Our thoughts remain with Mike's brother, Noel, also a former Team member, and the whole family.

As we look to the future, we're in the process of a constitutional and administrative change to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and we start to formulate a 5 to 10 year plan which will doubtless include the replacement of ageing equipment and vehicles and we must continue to adapt to the changing nature of the call outs we receive.

Finally, I'd like to pay a huge tribute to the family and friends of our Team members; without their support, we simply couldn't do what we do. Thank you.

Chairman

Justin Parkinson

Training Officer's Report

Overview

2020 with its global pandemic turned out to be a year that no one expected and, the effect on the Team training programme could not have been envisaged.

Having started the year with the regular schedule of training events, things soon changed for the Team as the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic began to be felt. After only two months of the year and a handful of training events, a national lockdown was announced.

From the start of this lockdown, Mountain Rescue as an organisation had a dispensation from the NPCC which allowed Teams to carry out "necessary and essential core training". Despite this, the consensus was that it was more important to protect the operational capability of the Team, as well as the health and wellbeing of the members and their families, by keeping everyone apart.

It was also felt that the perception of the public, seeing the Team in numbers out on the hill, may have a negative effect on our reputation given that the general public were being asked to stay at home. Taking all of this into account it was decided that all face-to-face training would be suspended in line with the UK Government guidelines. At this point we had only managed to carry out 5 training exercises with a total of 435 person hours recorded.

As the year progressed, and despite some easing of the national restrictions, the situation locally changed very little due to the high level of infections and the implementation of Tier 3 restrictions. Although a large proportion of the Team had continued to respond to a regular flow of live incidents through the year, there was a growing feeling that some form of refresher training involving everyone was now necessary. As we had developed our understanding of social distancing, and the use of personal protective equipment over the year, it was decided that it was time to look at some form of face-to-face sessions.

A small set of core skills were identified and a module of specific points identified for each one. Senior Team members with subject specific skills were allocated to deliver each of the modules. December 2020 saw the start of these sessions which were successfully delivered on a section by section basis across different weeks. This was to make sure that should there be any isolating required it would only affect a small part of the Team. Despite the time of year these sessions were held outdoors with both PPE requirements and social distancing observed.

Technical Rope Rescue

Because of the social distancing restrictions, it was not possible for our annual rope skills weekend to go ahead this year. Traditionally known as the "Oldham Weekend", it has generally been the focus of our rope skills training for the year. If restrictions permit in the coming year, the event will be high on the priority list to be reinstated. The Team already possesses a number of members with a high level of professional rope competency which ensures that we have the capability to respond to any incident where such skills may be required.

Rope rescue remains a core principle and skill for the Team and will continue to feature regularly in the training programme.

Medical

Despite 70% of the specific medical training events being cancelled because of the restrictions, some sessions carried out at the start of the year still managed to record over 150 person hours of specific medical training. This training allowed a further two Team members to achieve their casualty care certificate and increase our current number of certificate holders to 10. This is in addition to our two doctors and 34 first aid certificate holders. Our tried and tested modular approach to medical training will continue as soon as circumstances allow.

Helicopter Training (SAR-H)

Practical helicopter training with the MCA, provided through Bristows, was suspended nationally for the whole year due to the pandemic. Annual online refresher training however, remains a compulsory element of training for all Team members. The Team currently has 100% compliance in this element of training. Our ongoing capability in this area of rescue was evidenced through the three successful live jobs carried out during the year which necessitated the use of the Coastguard helicopter.

Water

The Team was successful in gaining additional funding through DEFRA to expand our water rescue capability. Despite all of the lockdown restrictions we managed to get three new members qualified to Swift Water Technician Level 3 and one of our existing group recertified.

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 restrictions prevented any further qualifications being achieved therefore we closed the year with four fully qualified members and four previously qualified who were awaiting recertification. Some basic water training has taken place locally during the year ensuring that we remain operationally ready should the need arise.

Trainees

Three trainees from the 2018 intake have successfully progressed to the call out list during 2020 and have attended a number of live incidents as part of the full Team. Their development will continue as they aim to reach full Team member status.

The six applicants from the October 2019 intake were reduced to four early in 2020 after two of the cohort decided that they did not wish to continue. The remaining four progressed through the attendance requirements and finally completed their hill tests towards the end of the year. They will now progress as "Trainees Not On Call" and begin learning the specialist skills required to be an effective part of the Team. Because of the restrictions imposed during the pandemic it has not been possible to carry out an assessment day for new applicants to the Team as we have done in previous years. Contact has been made with all of those showing an interest in joining the Team explaining that we will commence the process as soon as restrictions allow.

Summary

Despite the extensive restrictions imposed throughout the year, and the impact on the overall training calendar, there has been no obvious decline in the skills level of the Team. The regular quantity of live incidents during the year has provided ample opportunity for the majority of the operational members to maintain their skill levels. It is hoped that restrictions are lifted early in 2021 to allow full Team training events to take place so that everyone has the opportunity to maintain and enhance their skill levels.

As always, the training sessions that we did manage to carry out were well attended and demonstrates the continued commitment of the Team members. Everyone on the Team is keen for restrictions to be lifted so that we can get back to our full training regime as soon as possible.

Training Officer***Sean Reade***

Treasurer's Report

Risk Management

The trustees have identified that a principal risk to the charity is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. The Team maintains a cautious approach to investment. Deposits held in any one financial institution are kept within the Financial Services Compensation Scheme ("FSCS") limit.

Assets

The Team's material assets are rescue equipment, headquarters equipment, fundraising kit, vehicles, a rescue boat, bank deposits and cash. Major purchases this year include a new control vehicle including various IT and communications equipment, a UTV off road vehicle, 8 sets of water rescue personal gear, and an electric outboard motor.

Insurance

Public Liability, Employers Liability, Trustee Indemnity, Legal Expense Cover and Personal Accident insurance are provided nationally by MREW. Vehicle insurance is covered by a fleet policy also provided by MREW.

Under this arrangement 3 vehicles are paid for by MREW with additional vehicles paid for by the Team. This contribution by MREW represents a significant saving to the Team. NWAS provide medical negligence cover.

Vehicles

The Team currently owns 5 vehicles: 2 Land Rover Defenders, a control van, a minibus, and a Honda UTV. The associated costs of keeping these vehicles operational is a major cost to the Team. Servicing, maintenance, and fuel were over £5000.

Headquarters

The rent and service charges of the Team's business unit at Boarshurst are the Team's largest annual commitment standing at £15,000 per annum. Utilities costs were £2,000.

Fundraising

Thank you to all the local community groups and people who have raised money for the Team during 2020.

Thank You

Whilst it is not practical to list everyone within this report who has made donations during the year, the Team depends totally on public support in one form or another. Special thanks to those who have raised money for us via various challenges and events. We are extremely grateful to all the individuals and organisations that have been involved with our work or supported us in cash or kind during the year. We wish to record a special thank you to our patrons and the following for their continued support:

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Thomas West

Collection Boxes

The Team would like to thank proprietors of the following businesses for their support and their patrons for donating to our collection boxes.

Co-op Uppermill
Cross Keys Inn
Diggle Chippy
Frankie Fine Buys
Holme Build

Mountainfeet
Naked Bean Café
Saddleworth Outdoors
Saddleworth Wine Vaults
The Farmer's Arms
The Wellington
The White Hart
The White Lion Delph
Uppermill Post Office
Village Pets Uppermill
Woodend Garage
Woolyknit Café

Friends of OMRT

The Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Airstone BH
Allied Scaffolding
Mr N Allsopp
Mrs JL Bolton
Mr M Bundy
Mr S Burton
JL Colman
Mr C Coutts
Mr R Gillian
Mrs Henthorn
Mrs E A Hibbert
Ms J Hill
Mr & Mrs Holland
Mr R Hope
Mr B Lees
Mr M Lewis
Mr S Loft
Miss C Mexson
Mrs Percy
Mr R Roberts
Miss Beryl Schofield
Dr E Scott
Mr & Mrs KE & M Smith
M Tetlow
Mr & Mrs Tortoiseshell
Mr C Wheeler

Treasurer

David Wyatt

Membership

Elected officers

Team Leader: R Tortoisshell
Company Secretary: A Gillon
Team Treasurer: D Wyatt

Appointed officers

Chairman: J Parkinson
Team Secretary: R Jones
Deputy Leaders: L Allport, D Wyatt
Team Doctor: Dr. A Taylor
Medical Officer: I Airth
Section Leaders: A Knight, J Parkinson, A Hadfield, I Airth
Training Officer: Sean Reade
Equipment Officer: P Smith, J Brown,
Vehicle Officer: M Owen
Comms Officer: D Broadhurst

The body of the Team is divided into 3 sections. We take on trainees, who need to be experienced in relevant outdoor activities, and, after a series of training lectures, exercises and assessments are eligible to become full members. The Team is a member of the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation ("PDMRO") and is affiliated to MREW.

Operational Area

Our normal operating area is the local moorland and crags in the Saddleworth area of the Peak District. We are one of the 7 teams that make up the PDMRO, which in turn is affiliated with MREW. The Team also provides an urban search and rescue service working with the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services in Greater Manchester. The Team is always available to provide similar assistance anywhere in the United Kingdom.

Potential Risks	Steps to Mitigate
Ability of the Team to meet changes in organisational and operational areas.	Regular subgroup meetings for planning three key operational areas medical, training and equipment. Regular reviews of training, equipment and medical procedures.
Losing touch with the changes in the statutory emergency services.	Attend all liaison meetings with the emergency services and emergency planning departments at local and county level.
Financial shortfall due to failure of income streams.	Maintain reserves in line with the stated reserves policy. Plan special fundraising activity.

Team Members for year ending 31 December 2020

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Rob Tortoiseshell	Team Leader	Product & Training Manager
Lee Allport	Deputy Team Leader	Operations Director, SAR Products Ltd
David Wyatt	Deputy Team Leader/Treasurer	Software Development Lead
Peter Hyde	President	Retired
Justin Parkinson	Chairman/Section Leader	Managing Director
Tony Gillon M.B.E.	Company Secretary	Civil Servant
Andy Taylor	Team Doctor	Retired GP
Adam Knight	Section Leader	Electronics Engineer
Iain Airth	Medical Officer/Section Leader	School Teacher
Paul Smith	Equipment Officer	Depot Manager
Jake Brown	Equipment Officer	Artist
Mike Owen	Vehicle Officer	
Rob Jones	Secretary	Accountant
Denzil Broadhurst	Comms Officer	Airlifting Assistant
Mick Nield M.B.E.	Dog handler	Self-employed Builder
Stephen Ward	Dog handler	Shopkeeper
Tony Tombs	MRSDE dog handler	Driver Trainer
Mark Harrison	MRSDE dog handler	Group Finance Director
Sean Reade	Training Officer	Retired
Iain Dredge	Buildings Manager	Network Engineer
Andrew Hadfield		Self-employed Plumber
Kevin Simmonds		Group Sales Manager
Mike Porritt		Mechanical Design Engineer
Matthew Torr		School Teacher
Katie Johnson		Chartered Insurer
Paul Mayall		Class 1 HGV driver
Colin Pierce		Kitchen Fitter
Phil Beard		Director, Height Safety Consultants Ltd
Dave Allport		Technical Director, SAR Products Ltd
Richard Beswick		Police Officer
Scott Downs		Computer Network Technician

Paul Bruton
Steven Bramwell
Kelvin Storer
Ceri Thomas
Simon Taylor
Chris Maylor
Lee Briggs
Nigel Hyde
Helena Skinn
Ron McFaul
Luke Viney
Rebecca Fitton
Ian Atherton
Sam Davey
Nigel Clegg
Dave Henderson
Dr Antonia Hoyle

Information Science Consultant
Toolmaker
Retired
Rope Access Technician
Shopkeeper
Police Officer
Toolmaker

Product Development Scientist
Magistrate
Indirect Tax Advisor

Company Director
Builder
Site Inspector
Gardener
Orthopaedic Surgeon