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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 04178168

Oldham Mountain Rescue Team
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2020

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Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

Financial Statements

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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

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*
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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

The Team is 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

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

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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.

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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.

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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
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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.

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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.

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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

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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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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

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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>

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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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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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.

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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

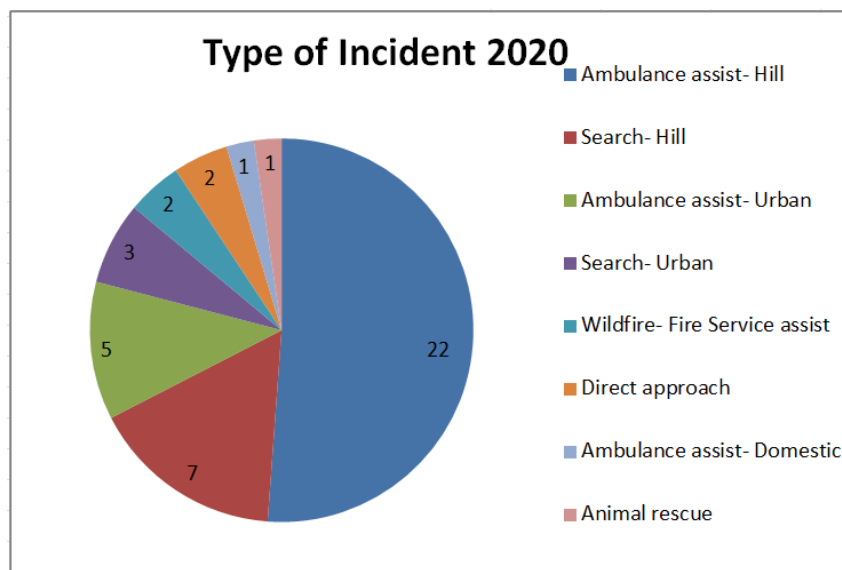
Team was contacted by NWS for assistance with treatment and evacuation of 45-year-old female at Brushes Clough Res, unknown injuries. Team responded, driving to within 50m of the casualty site on a

track. Team members arrived at the same time as NWAS 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.

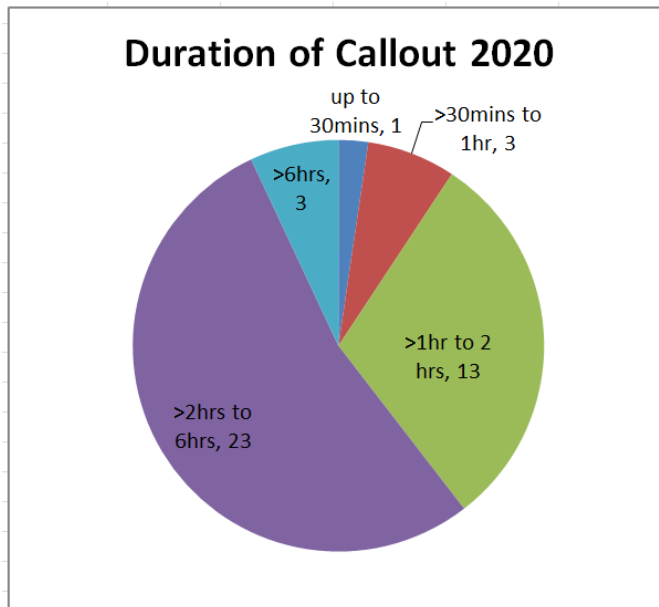
- 41 26th Dec 2020. 27 Team members for 4hrs 17mins. Location – Dove Stone, Ravenstones**
Contact from NWAS regarding 40-year-old male with chest pains on hill near Dovestones. Team deployed to King of Tonga & Birchen. Helimed clarified location with grid ref near Ravenstones. Two Helimed on scene – 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 NWAS 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**
NWAS 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.

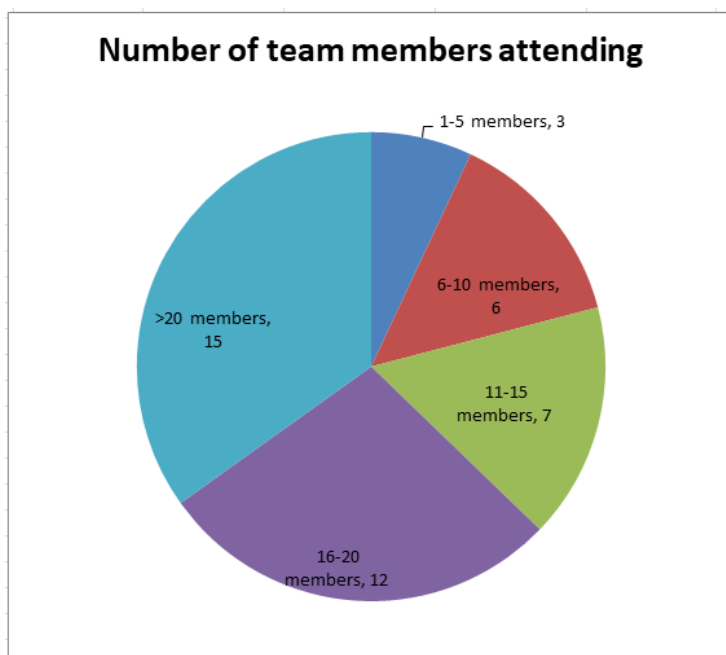
We assisted 43 casualties and attended 2 wildfires. Team members put in 2,642 man-hours during the year on incidents – a huge increase on the 659 man-hours in 2019.



A pie chart showing an analysis of the various incidents in 2019 is shown above.

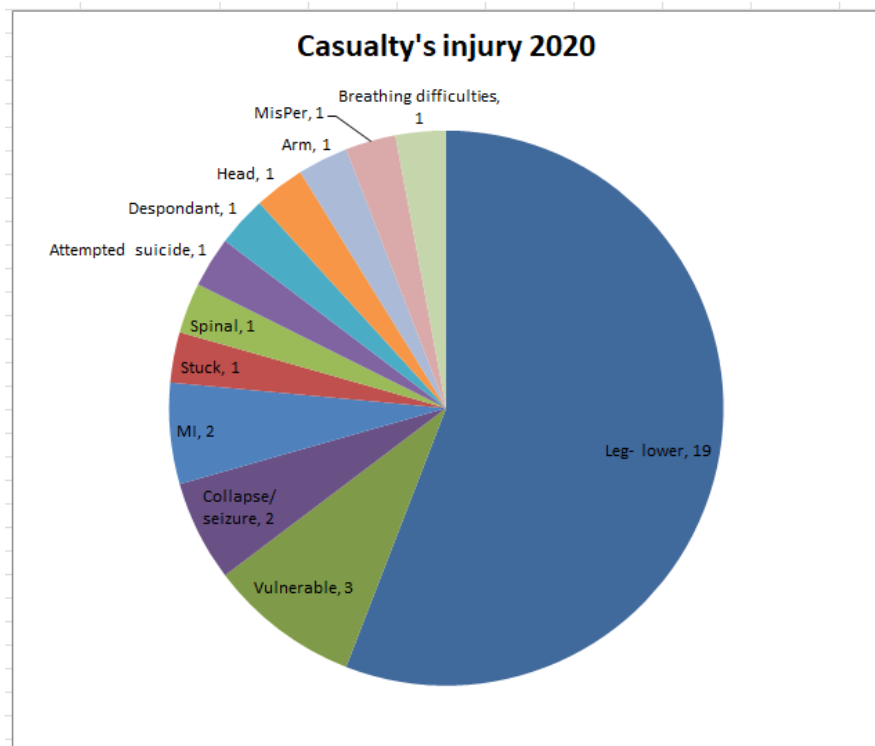


The pie chart above shows the duration of the incidents. More than half of the incidents took greater than 2 hours. The three incidents taking more than 6 hours were 2 wildfires and a two-day search for a missing person.

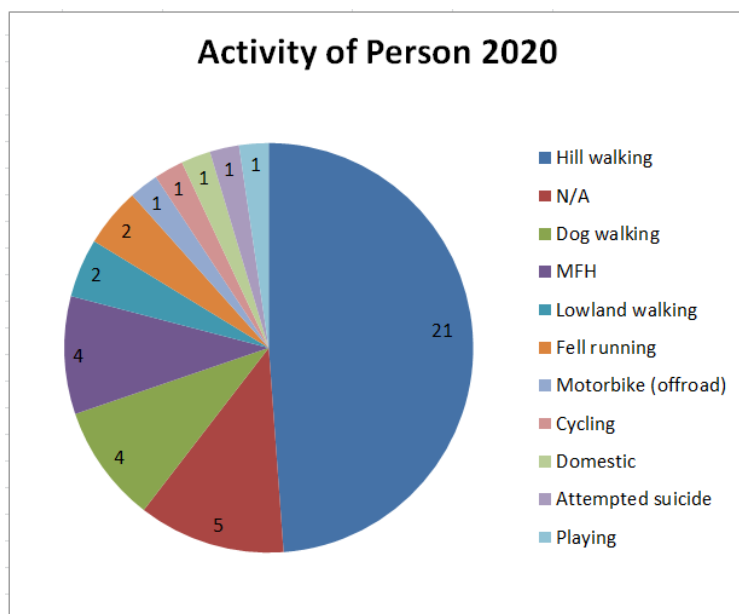


Above is shown the number of Team members who attended each of the callouts.

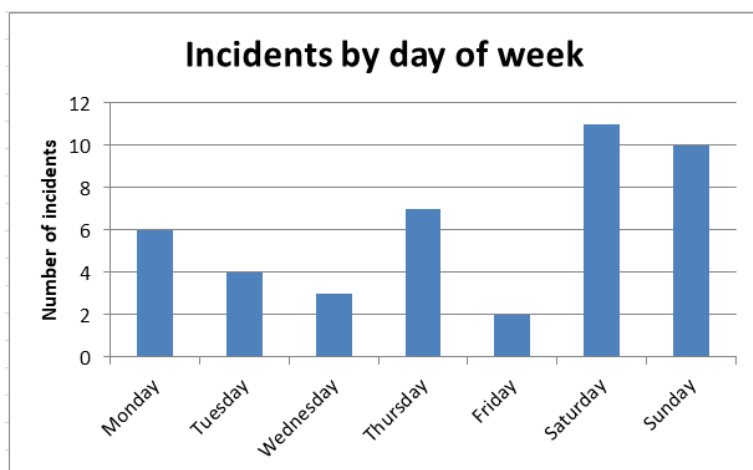
There were large turnouts of members for many callouts—many necessary given the type of incident. We also called on the help of nearby Mountain Rescue teams on a number of incidents given the chances of extended carry-offs, though we were fortunate to be able to use Police, helimed and Coastguard helicopters on 9 incidents.



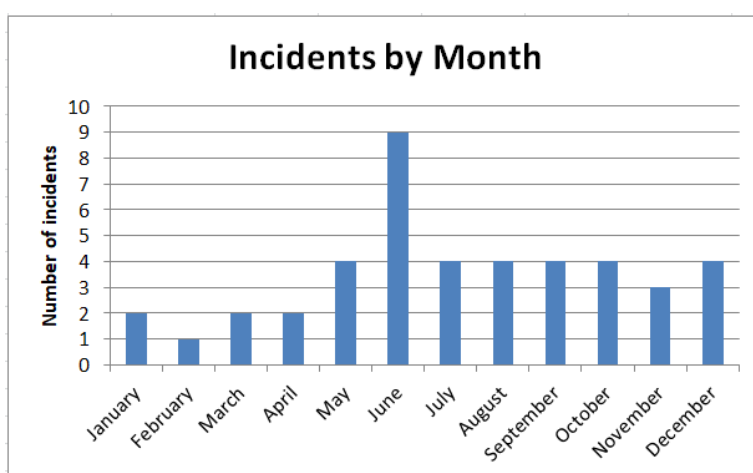
More than half of the incidents with injuries involved the lower leg & ankle—which is typical for many Mountain Rescue teams.



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:

Greater Manchester Police
North West Ambulance Service
Altrincham Rambling Club
B Hickmott
Brian Candler
Crag Runner
Crompton House C of E School
Cross Keys Inn
Dobcross Village Community
Donaldsons Vets

Dovestones WI
GMP Rochdale
Mr J Trower
Jules Carlisle
Langley Masonic Lodge
Manchester Mountain Bikers
Mayor of Oldham
Mercia Milhench
Mike Clegg
Mr & Mrs Hardyman
Mr & Mrs Baynham
Mr P Bamforth
Mr R Madden
Mrs P Moore
Nicola Johnson
Oldham & District Ladies Bowling League
Oldham Hulme Grammar School
Rochdale CHA Rambling Club
Saddleworth Parish Council Chairmen's Charity
Saddleworth Pedestrians
Saddleworth Runners Club
Simon Dalby
St Thomas Church Moorside
Steph Pelmore
The Ramblers Association – Cheshire Branch
Mossley Masonic Unity Chapter
Venari Group
Woodend Garage

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

Adrian West
John Mills
Martyn Sharpe
PC Warby
Phil Curran
Sylvia Valvona
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	Information Science Consultant
Steven Bramwell	Toolmaker
Kelvin Storer	Retired
Ceri Thomas	Rope Access Technician
Simon Taylor	Shopkeeper
Chris Maylor	Police Officer
Lee Briggs	Toolmaker
Nigel Hyde	
Helena Skinn	Product Development Scientist
Ron McFaull	Magistrate
Luke Viney	Indirect Tax Advisor
Rebecca Fitton	
Ian Atherton	Company Director
Sam Davey	Builder
Nigel Clegg	Site Inspector
Dave Henderson	Gardener
Dr Antonia Hoyle	Orthopaedic Surgeon