



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.

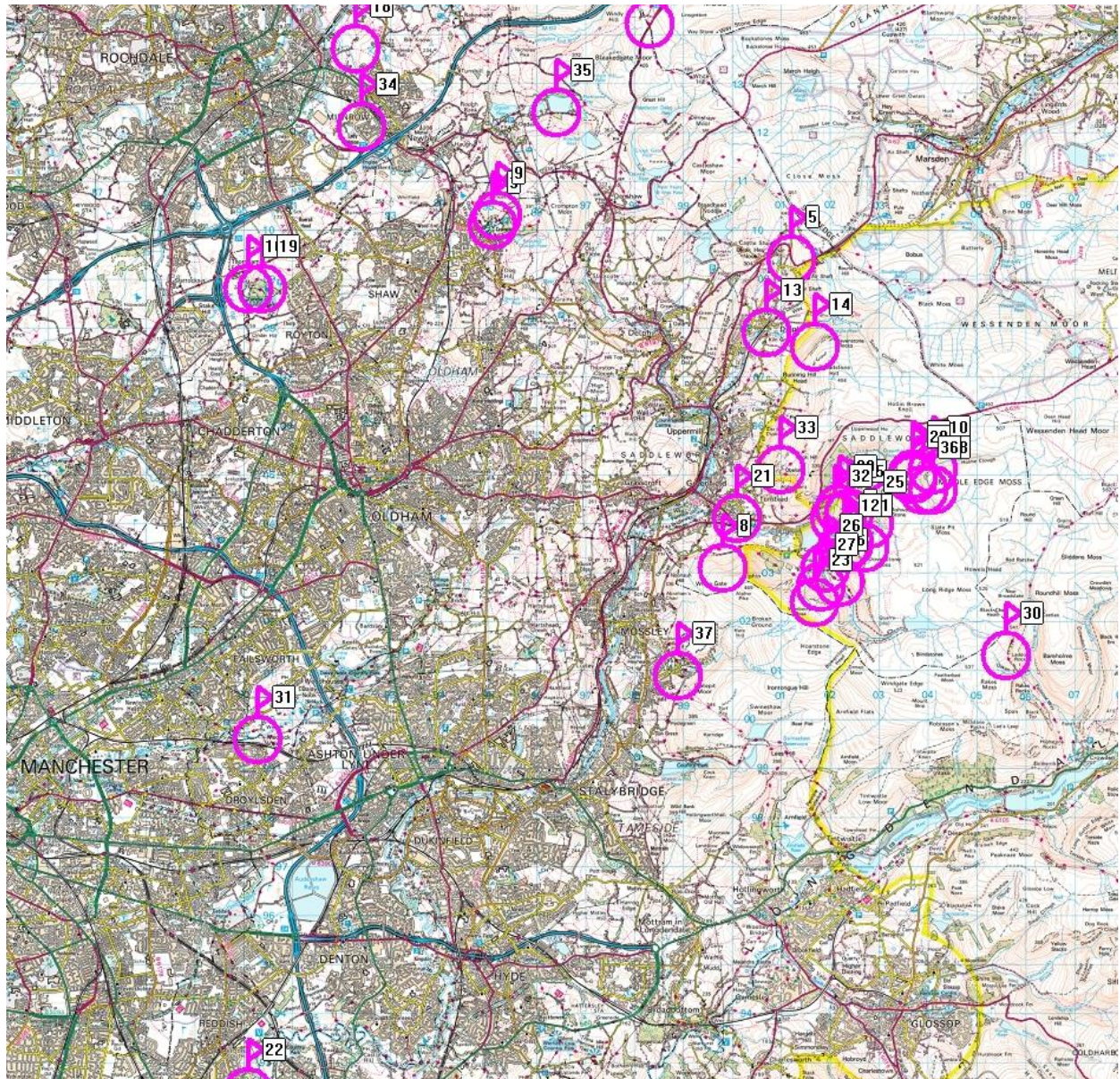
I would like to thank our Team Members for their commitment and resilience during 2023. I would also like to thank the partners, families and employers of our Members, and the local community, without whose unwavering support we would not be able to continue to operate.

Rob Tortoishell

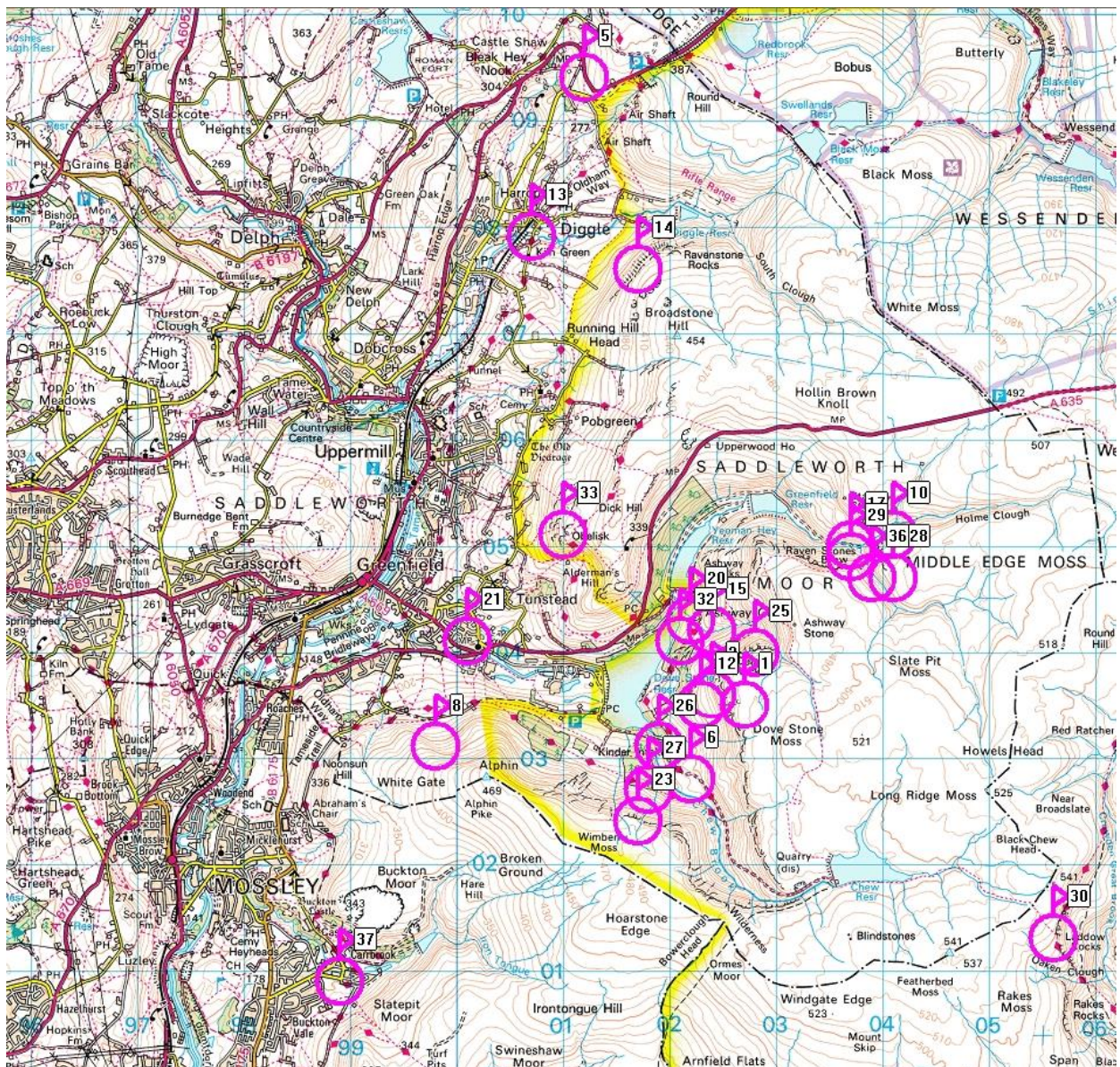
Team Leader

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

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

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

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

TL called by NWS 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.

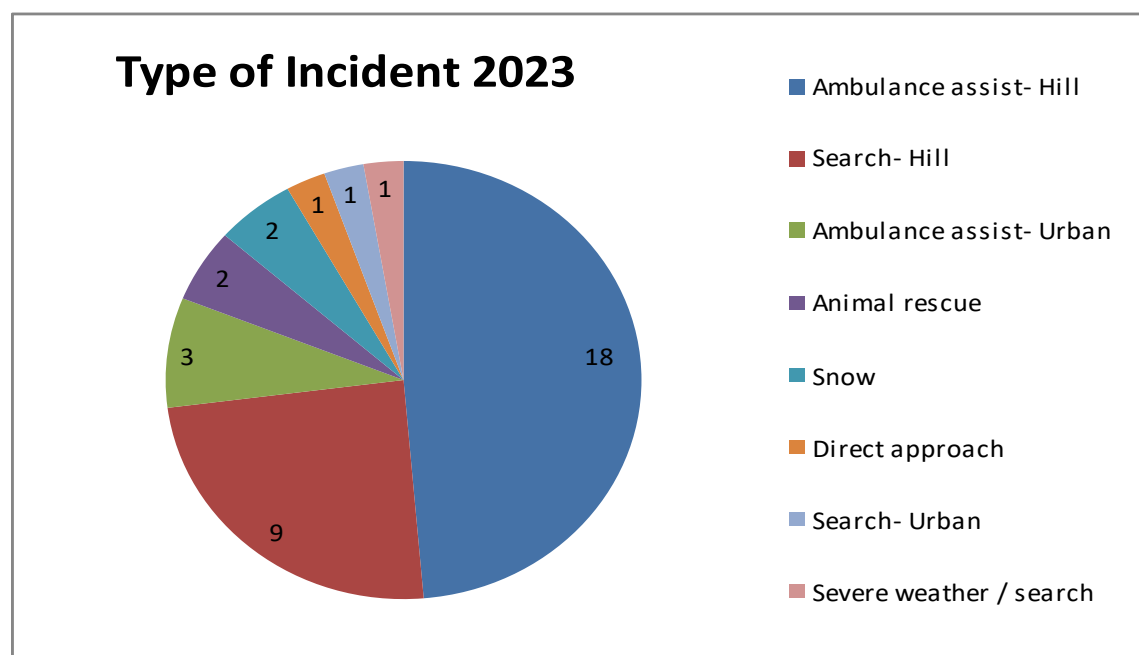
GMP request to assist locating two walkers lost in the Dovestone area. Casualty location identified as above the waterfall in Birchen Clough. Two casualties plus dog located uninjured and in good spirits. Evacuated up onto Middle Edge Moss and back down to the weir where they were returned to their vehicle.

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.

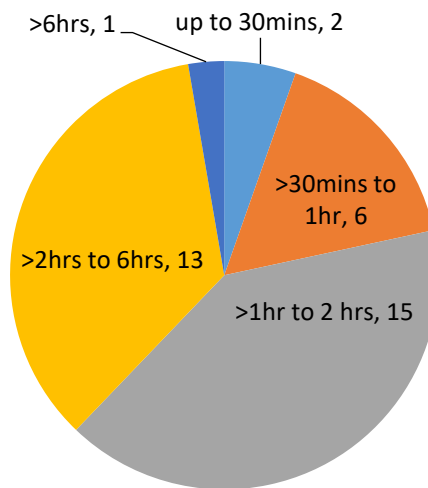
Over the year we assisted 42 casualties which was 1 less than those assisted in 2022. Team members volunteered 969 hours on incidents alone, which is in addition to the considerable time spent on training and equipment maintenance.

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.



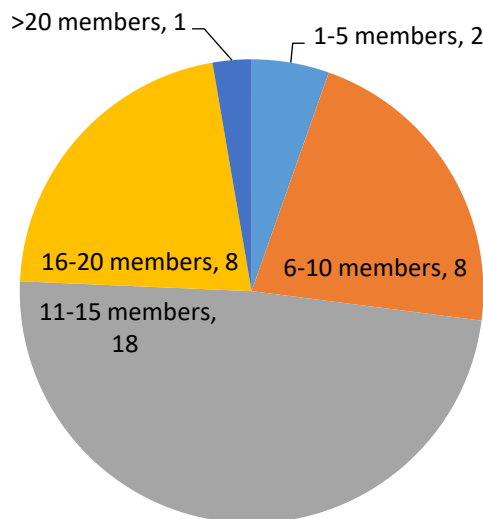
The above chart gives a breakdown of the types of incidents attended through the year. Once again, the majority were providing assistance the ambulance service. We were not required to attend any wildfire incidents during 2023.

Duration of Callouts 2023



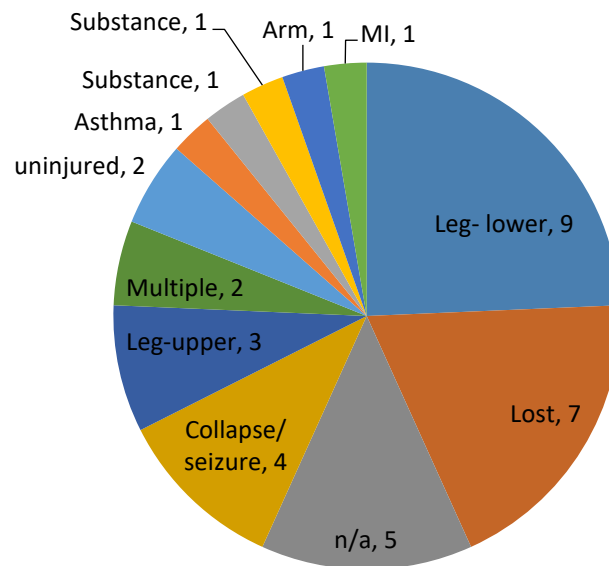
The chart above shows the duration of the incidents. The one incident taking more than 6 hours was an overnight search in November for a missing male. Of the 13 jobs taking longer than two hours only 3 jobs were in Birchen Clough compared to 6 the previous year.

Number of team members attending 2023



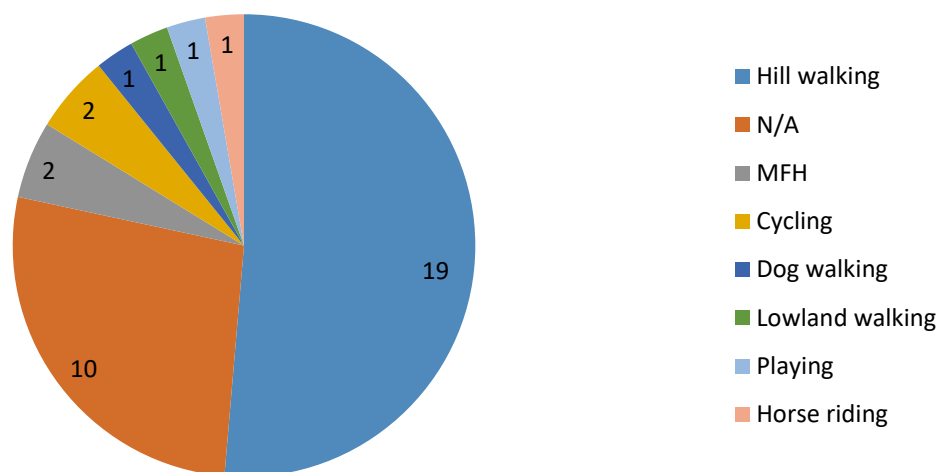
The above shows the number of Team members who attended each of the callouts during the year. The largest number of members attending was 24, to an incident at Pots & Pans on Remembrance Sunday.

Casualty's injury 2023

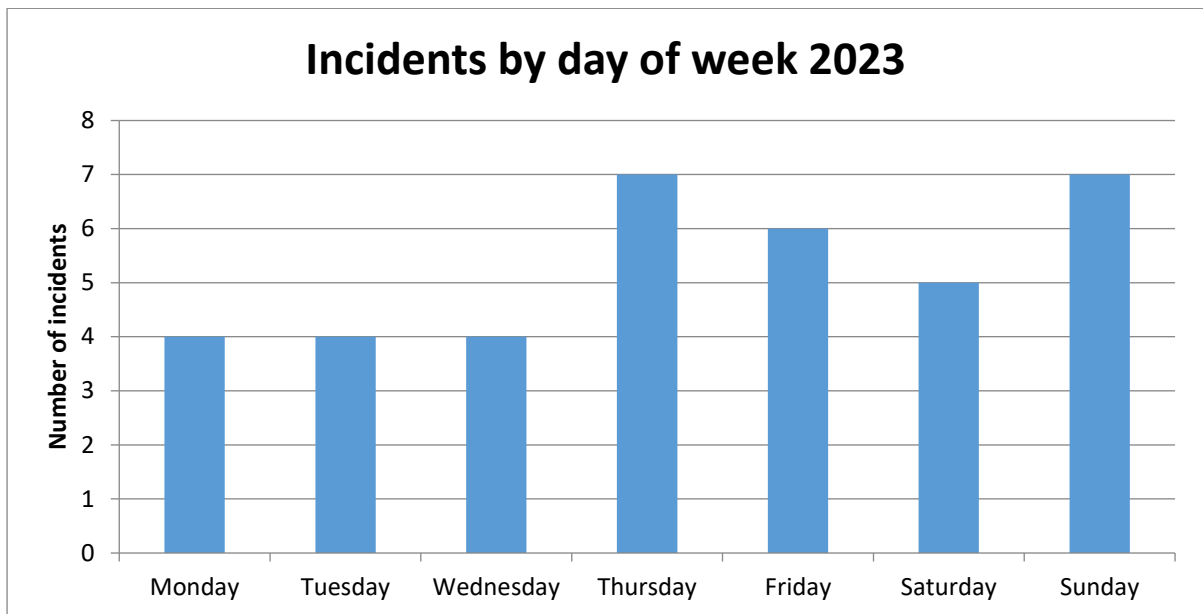


This chart shows the type of injury which each casualty suffered. Lower leg injuries were once again the prominent injury over the year. A new feature for 2023 was the number of people reported as 'lost' which did not feature in the previous year.

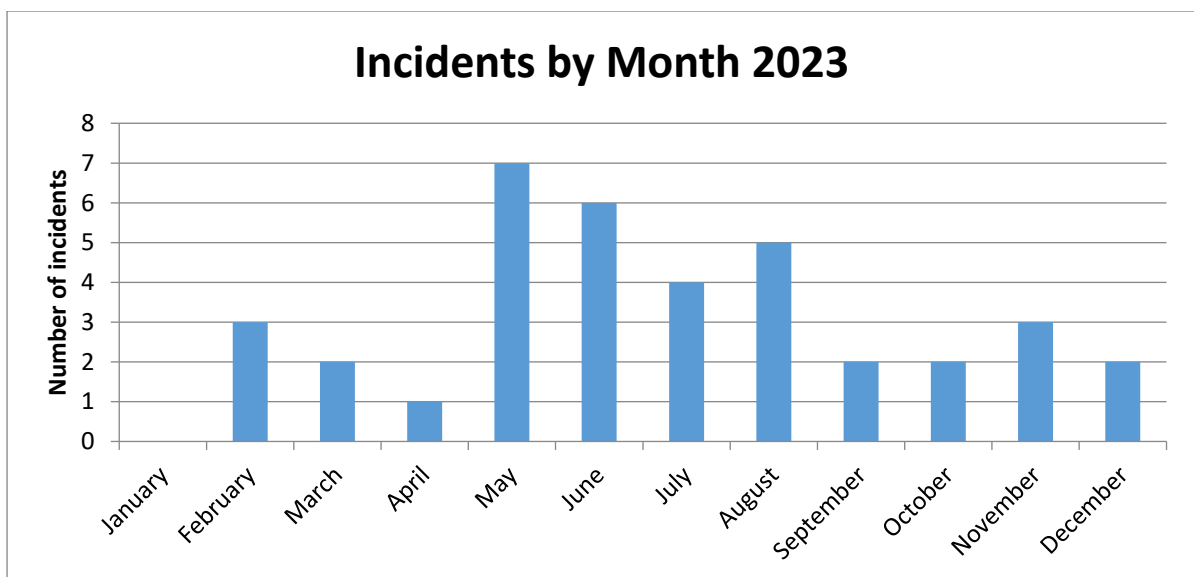
Activity of Person 2023



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
Uppermill Conservative Club
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.

Airstone BH
Mr N Allsopp
Mr M Bundy
Mr SJ Burton
Mike Clegg
JL Colman
Mr CA Coutts
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
Miss Beryl Schofield
Dr Evelyn Scott
Mr & Mrs KE & M Smith
Mr & Mrs I & J Tortoiseshell
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
2 Lower Hey Lane
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Robert Jones
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OL3 6HH

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OL15 0RB

Ian Atherton (Appointed March 2023)
Camden
Dobcross New Road
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OL3 5NP

Peter James Hyde (Retired March 2023)
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OL8 1SE

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6 Abels Lane
Uppermill
Oldham
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94 Pelham Street
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Bankers

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Oldham
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Independent Accountant

The Accountancy People
Phoenix House
Stalybridge
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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.

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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

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Year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

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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.

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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.

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.

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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 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.

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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 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.

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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.

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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.

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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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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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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>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.