



## Trustees Annual Report 2024

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

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

### Objectives and activities:

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

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

### Public Benefits Statement

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

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

The direct benefits that arise are:

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

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

### **Team Leader's Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dave Wyatt**  
**Team Leader**

## **Incidents 2024**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

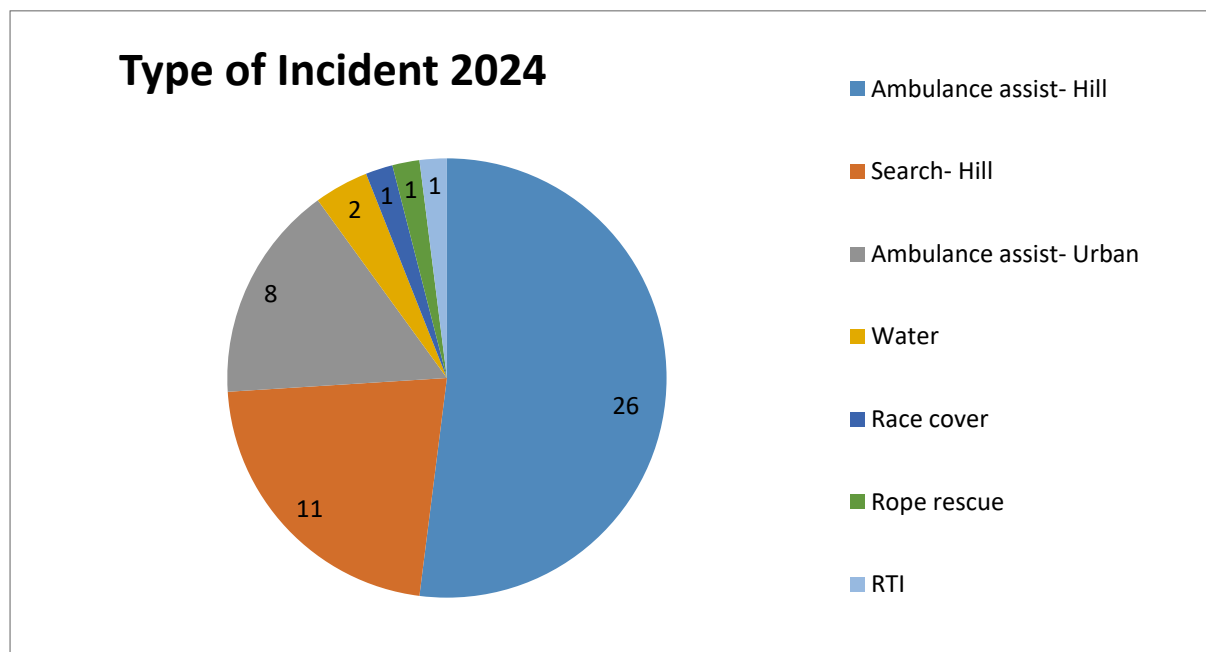
As the team were being deployed NWS stood the team down and the casualty made their own way to A&E.

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

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

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

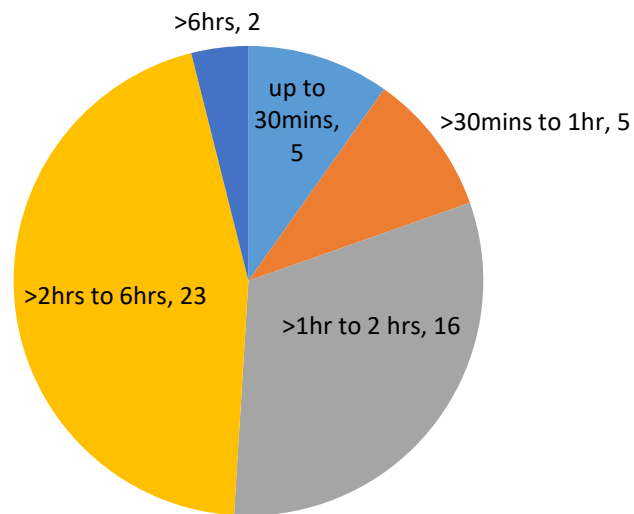
Aircraft assistance was requested on 9 occasions during the year which was provided by HM Coastguard, Northwest Air Ambulance and the National Police Air Service. Our thanks go to these organisations for their invaluable support.



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

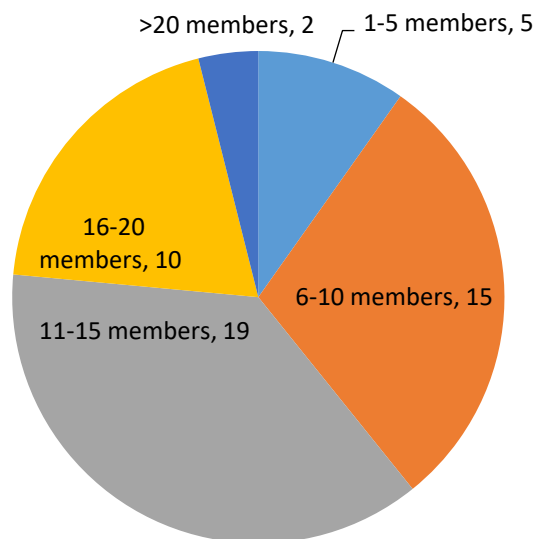


## Duration of Callouts 2024



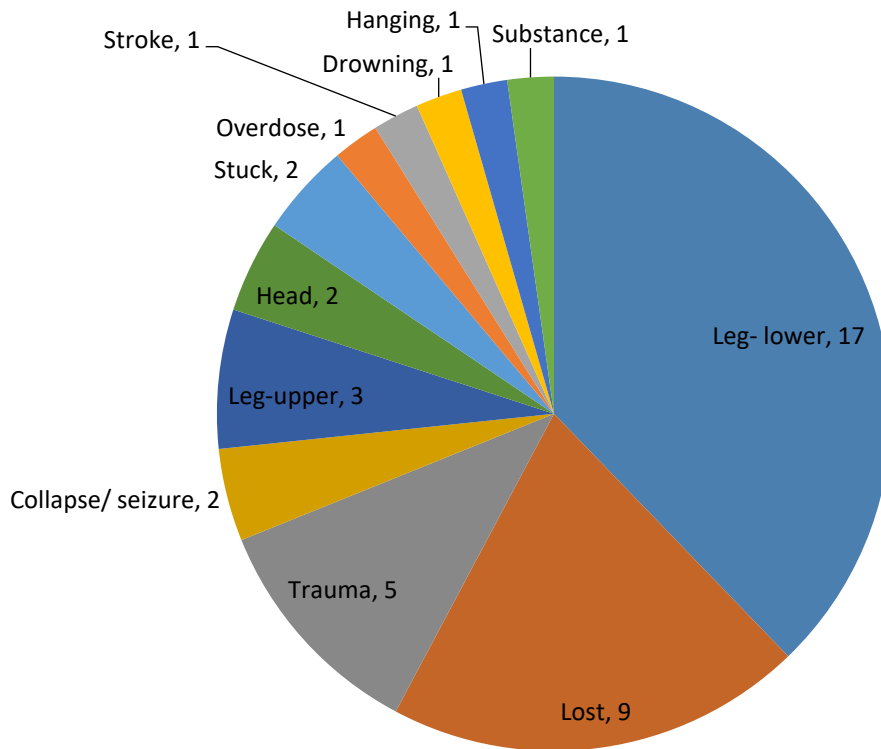
The chart above shows the duration of the incidents over the year. Two incidents took over 24 hours each which were searches for missing persons. There were 3 incidents that took in excess of 4 hours each.

## Number of team members at each incident



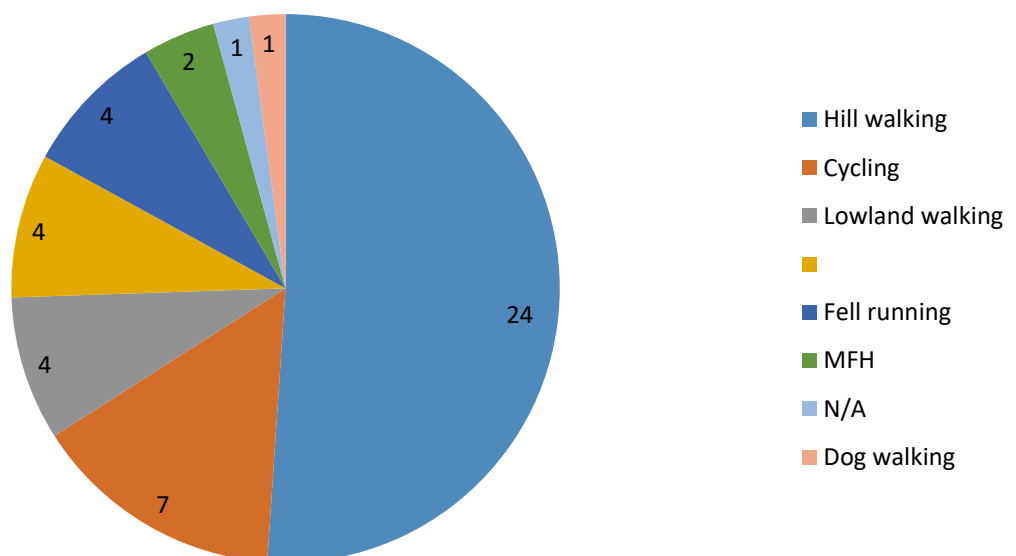
The above shows the number of Team members who attended each of the callouts during the year. The largest number of members attending was 28 for a missing person search and 21 for a crag rescue.

## Casualty injuries 2024

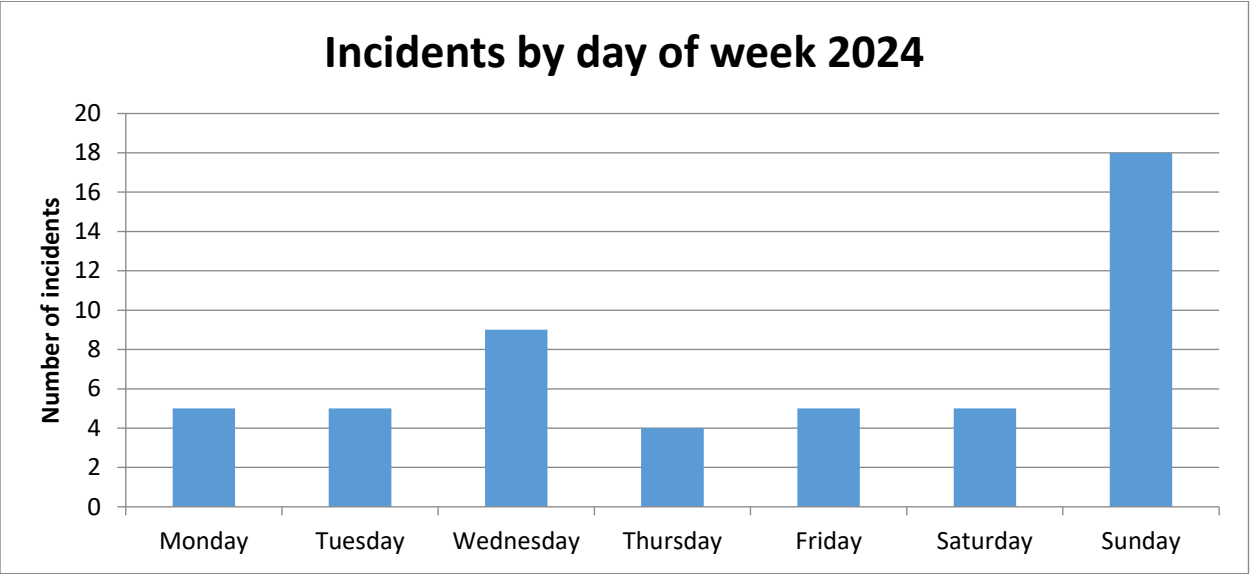


This chart shows the type of injury which each casualty suffered. Lower leg injuries were once again the prominent injury over the year. The number of people reported as 'lost' increased from 7 in 2023 to 9 for 2024.

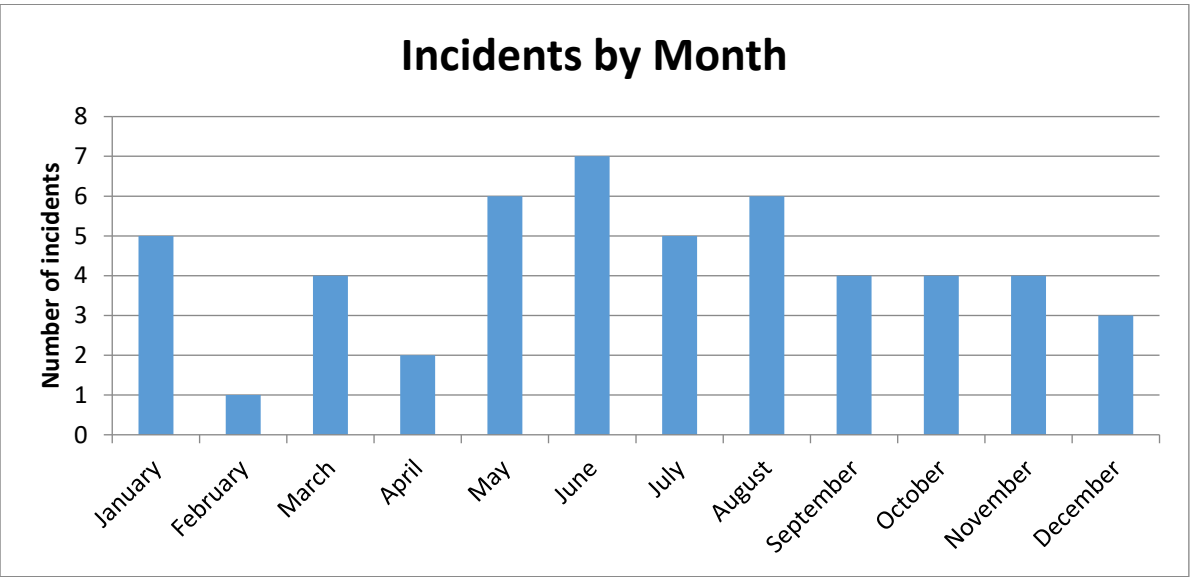
## Activity of Person 2024



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



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



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

**Financial Review and Treasurer’s Report**

**Reserves Policy**

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

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

### **Investment Policy**

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

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Assets**

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

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

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

A new set of ground stakes were purchased.

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

### **Insurance**

Public Liability, Employers Liability, Management Liability, Legal Expense Cover, Medical Malpractice Liability, and Personal Accident insurance are provided nationally by Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW). Vehicle insurance is covered by a fleet policy also provided by MREW. Under this arrangement 3 vehicles are paid for by MREW with additional vehicles paid for by the Team.

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

Contents insurance is provided by Tricketts.

### **Vehicles**

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

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

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

### **Headquarters**

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

### **Accounts**

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

### **Fundraising**

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

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

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

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

### **Thank you**

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

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

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

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

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

Alan Davey  
Derek Leyland

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

### **Collection Boxes**

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

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

### **Friends of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

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

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

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

### **Adam Knight – Treasurer**

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Legal and administrative details**

During 2022 the team was governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2001. Team bye laws were made under Article 70 of the above articles and adopted by the Team on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

### **Team Organisation**

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

#### **Elected officers**

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

#### **Appointed officers**

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

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

### **Operational Area**

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

### **Risk Analysis**

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

<b>Potential Risks</b>	<b>Steps to Mitigate</b>
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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 following approval from the Charity Commission.

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

### **Charity Registration:**

Registration No.: 1088825.



**Trustees serving during 2024 (under constitution dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022)**

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

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

Robert Jones (re-elected 5 March 2024)

46 Springmeadow Lane  
Uppermill  
Oldham  
OL3 6HH

David Wyatt (re-elected 5 March 2024)

8 Leefields Close  
Uppermill  
Oldham  
OL3 6LA

Dr Andrew William Taylor (resigned 5 March 2024)

38 Summershades Lane  
Grasscroft  
Oldham  
OL4 4ED

Sean Richard Reade (re-elected 5 March 2024)

12 Wordsworth Crescent  
Littleborough  
OL15 0RB

Ian Atherton (re-elected 5 March 2024)

Camden  
Dobcross New Road  
Oldham  
OL3 5NP

Rebecca Fitton (appointed 5 March 2024)

24 Earl Street  
Mossley  
Oldham  
OL5 0LT

Helena Maria Pentney (appointed 5 March 2024)

726 Ripponden Road  
Moorside  
Oldham  
OL4 2LP

**Bankers**

HSBC  
109 Union Street  
Oldham  
Lancashire  
OL1 1RT

**Independent Accountant**

The Accountancy People  
Phoenix House  
Stalybridge  
SK15 2QA

**Team Members at year ending 31 December 2024**

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

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

Builder  
Computer Network Technician  
Shopkeeper  
Toolmaker  
Civil Servant

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

**Signatures**

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R Fitton  
Chair

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A Knight  
Treasurer

Dated: October 2025

Registered Charity Number **1088825**

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

Fully signed copy available at Team operational base.

**Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 December 2024**

**The Accountancy People Manchester Ltd**  
2 Huddersfield Road  
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Cheshire  
SK15 2QA

# **Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

## **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Trustees' Annual Report

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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

### Reference and administrative details

**Registered Charity name** Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

**Charity registration number** 1088825

**Registered Office** Unit 19  
Boarshurst Business Park  
Boarshurst Lane  
Greenfield  
Oldham  
Greater Manchester  
England  
OL3 7ER

**The Trustees** Robert Tortoishell  
Robert Jones  
David Wyatt  
Dr Andrew William Taylor (Resigned March 2024)  
Sean Richard Reade  
Ian Atherton  
Rebecca Fitton (Appointed March 2024)  
Helena Pentney (Appointed March 2024)

**Independent examiner** The Accountancy People Manchester Ltd  
2 Huddersfield Road  
Stalybridge  
Cheshire  
SK15 2QA

**Bankers** HSBC  
109 Union Street  
Oldham  
Lancashire  
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# **Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

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

#### **Structure**

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

#### **Governance**

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

#### **Management**

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

#### **Risk management**

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

# **Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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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.



# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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

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

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

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

### **Financial review**

#### **a) Going concern**

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

#### **b) Reserves policy**

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

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

#### **c) Investment policy**

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

#### **d) Fundraising**

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

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

# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

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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 2024**

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

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

The Accountancy People Ltd  
Huddersfield Road  
Stalybridge  
Cheshire  
SK15 2QA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

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

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

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

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

# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	14		<u>95,391</u>		<u>85,409</u>
			95,391		85,409
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	15	-		400	
Debtors	16	7,441		2,986	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>96,218</u>		<u>126,086</u>	
		103,659		129,472	
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Trustee

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# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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**2. Accounting policies** *(continued)*

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**Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**  
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**Year ended 31 December 2024**

**3. Donations**

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60th year of existence celebrations	4,422	-	-
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**6. Investment income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	1,990	<b>1,990</b>	477	<b>477</b>



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**Year ended 31 December 2024**

**7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	<b>Total Funds £</b>	Total Funds 2023 £
Direct costs	34,117	12,681	<b>46,798</b>	20,104
Support costs	33,011		<b>33,011</b>	33,124
Governance costs	<u>450</u>	<u>—</u>	<b><u>450</u></b>	<u>438</u>
	67,578	12,681	<b>80,259</b>	53,666

**8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type**

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	Total fund 2023 £
Direct Costs	35,686	11,112	<b>46,798</b>	20,104
Support costs	4,987	28,024	<b>33,011</b>	33,124
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>	<b><u>450</u></b>	<u>438</u>
	40,672	39,587	<b>80,259</b>	53,666

**9. Analysis of expenditure**

	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total 2023 £
Rent	15,320	15,320
Light and heat	3,384	3,771
Insurance	2,860	2,162
Repairs and maintenance	1,100	443
Equipment	31,408	6,983
Team member training	535	1,683
Telephone	1,651	1,188
Printing and stationary	-	64
Computer costs	1,690	3,593
Catering costs	3,600	1,277
Fundraising costs	142	222
Sundry expenses	3,118	3,047
Motor expenses	3,886	3,537
Accountancy charges	342	318
Bank charges	108	120
Depreciation	<u>11,112</u>	<u>9,939</u>
	<b>80,259</b>	<b>53,666</b>

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**10. Net income/(expenditure)**

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

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<b>11,112</b>	9,939

**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 £342 (2023: £318) during the year, of which £342 (2023: £318) related to the accounting software. There were no costs relating to the preparation and examination of the accounts during the year, nor in 2023.

**13. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

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

**14. Tangible fixed assets**

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

**Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**  
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**Year ended 31 December 2024**

**15. Stocks**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	-	400

**16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
VAT	7,441	2,986

**17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	-	382

**18. Analysis of charitable funds**

**Unrestricted funds**

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

**Restricted funds**

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

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**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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**18. Analysis of net assets between funds**

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

**19. Related party disclosures**

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

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**31 December 2024**

**The Accountancy People Manchester Ltd**  
2 Huddersfield Road  
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# **Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

## **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Trustees' Annual Report

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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

### Reference and administrative details

**Registered Charity name** Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

**Charity registration number** 1088825

**Registered Office** Unit 19  
Boarshurst Business Park  
Boarshurst Lane  
Greenfield  
Oldham  
Greater Manchester  
England  
OL3 7ER

**The Trustees** Robert Tortoishell  
Robert Jones  
David Wyatt  
Dr Andrew William Taylor (Resigned March 2024)  
Sean Richard Reade  
Ian Atherton  
Rebecca Fitton (Appointed March 2024)  
Helena Pentney (Appointed March 2024)

**Independent examiner** The Accountancy People Manchester Ltd  
2 Huddersfield Road  
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**Bankers** HSBC  
109 Union Street  
Oldham  
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OL1 1RT

# **Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

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

#### **Structure**

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

#### **Governance**

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

#### **Management**

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

#### **Risk management**

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



# **Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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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.

# **Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**

## **Trustees' Annual Report** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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

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

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

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

#### **Financial review**

##### **a) Going concern**

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

##### **b) Reserves policy**

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

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

##### **c) Investment policy**

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

##### **d) Fundraising**

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

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

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

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

# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

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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 2024**

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

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

The Accountancy People Ltd  
Huddersfield Road  
Stalybridge  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

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

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

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

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

# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

## Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	14		<u>95,391</u>		<u>85,409</u>
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<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	15	-		400	
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# Oldham Mountain Rescue Team

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Year ended 31 December 2024

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**Oldham Mountain Rescue Team**  
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**6. Investment income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	1,990	<b>1,990</b>	477	<b>477</b>

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**7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	<b>Total Funds £</b>	Total Funds 2023 £
Direct costs	34,117	12,681	<b>46,798</b>	20,104
Support costs	33,011		<b>33,011</b>	33,124
Governance costs	<u>450</u>	<u>—</u>	<b><u>450</u></b>	<u>438</u>
	67,578	12,681	<b>80,259</b>	53,666

**8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type**

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	Total fund 2023 £
Direct Costs	35,686	11,112	<b>46,798</b>	20,104
Support costs	4,987	28,024	<b>33,011</b>	33,124
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>	<b><u>450</u></b>	<u>438</u>
	40,672	39,587	<b>80,259</b>	53,666

**9. Analysis of expenditure**

	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	Total 2023 £
Rent	15,320	15,320
Light and heat	3,384	3,771
Insurance	2,860	2,162
Repairs and maintenance	1,100	443
Equipment	31,408	6,983
Team member training	535	1,683
Telephone	1,651	1,188
Printing and stationary	-	64
Computer costs	1,690	3,593
Catering costs	3,600	1,277
Fundraising costs	142	222
Sundry expenses	3,118	3,047
Motor expenses	3,886	3,537
Accountancy charges	342	318
Bank charges	108	120
Depreciation	<u>11,112</u>	<u>9,939</u>
	<b>80,259</b>	<b>53,666</b>

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**10. Net income/(expenditure)**

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

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<b>11,112</b>	9,939

**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 £342 (2023: £318) during the year, of which £342 (2023: £318) related to the accounting software. There were no costs relating to the preparation and examination of the accounts during the year, nor in 2023.

**13. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

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

**14. Tangible fixed assets**

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

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**15. Stocks**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	-	400

**16. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
VAT	7,441	2,986

**17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	-	382

**18. Analysis of charitable funds**

**Unrestricted funds**

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

**Restricted funds**

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

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**18. Analysis of net assets between funds**

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

**19. Related party disclosures**

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