

Charity Registration No. 1138626

**EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Current</b> Ian Bunting, Chair of Trustees Ian Donaldson, Secretary Bob Davey, Treasurer Dave Torr, Team Leader Simon Beasley
	<b>Retired in year</b> None
<b>Secretary</b>	Ian Donaldson
<b>Charity Number</b>	1138626
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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association 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 2015)".

### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of Edale Mountain Rescue Team are 'to save lives and alleviate distress, primarily in upland and mountainous areas' in conjunction with other organisations having similar objectives.

Edale Mountain Rescue Team (EMRT) operates within the UK's Peak District National Park as well as the rural areas of South Yorkshire and Derbyshire from our purpose built headquarters within Hope Cement Works.

The team was first established in February 1956 and has been active continuously since that time.

Whilst we primarily work for the Derbyshire Constabulary we are also called to assist South Yorkshire Police, East Midlands Ambulance Service and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. This also means we work frequently with several Air Ambulance Organisations but particularly the Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland Air Ambulance, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

Due to the large number of outdoor activities carried out within our area, coupled with the high number of visitors/participants, EMRT is one of the busiest mountain rescue teams in the country.

From the beginning of 2000 to the end of 2023 team members have been involved in 2824 incidents. These incidents have occurred whilst people have been partaking in a variety of outdoor activities; walking, climbing, fell running, mountain biking, horse riding, trials biking, hang gliding, paragliding, fixed wing gliding and fishing.

We also assist the police in incidents where our skills can be utilised in more rural locations. These predominantly involve searching for vulnerable people that have gone missing for various reasons and whose disappearance has caused concern.

EMRT members were also involved in several flood rescue incidents over the years, Sheffield 2007, Cumbria 2015 and the Todbrook Dam incident at Whaley Bridge in 2019. Additionally, we have assisted both Sheffield and Derbyshire residents when the roads have been problematic for the statutory emergency services due to snow.

EMRT is one of seven teams within the Peak District and is a member of both the Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation (PDMRO) and Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW).

As with all other UK teams, the team is made up entirely of volunteers who come from all walks of life and give up their time freely. We have 48 members on the call out list. We also have several support members who assist in the running of the team.

Several of our members are specially trained and equipped to provide a swift water rescue section.

We also have three Mountain Rescue Search Dog England (MRSDE) handlers with graded search dogs who will be deployed to incidents with other teams anywhere in the country if their services are required.

Team members train on a regular basis to refresh and improve on old skills as well as learning new ones. These include advanced first aid/casualty care, rope rescue, search techniques, radio procedure, water safety, stretcher handling, equipment familiarisation and equipment maintenance.

Due to the number of calls we receive for people suffering from serious injuries team members are encouraged to hold the Mountain Rescue Casualty Care certificate.

Apart from being able to reclaim VAT, EMRT receives no central funding from government and we rely entirely on donations and grants to raise the money we need to run the team.

All funds raised are used to improve the service we offer to the public by investing in replacement medical consumables, equipment maintenance and renewal, training and equipment for members, running a Land Rover Defender 110 response vehicle, two Toyota Hilux response vehicles, one Land Rover Defender 110 crew transport vehicle and one Mercedes Sprinter search control vehicle; as well as planning for a secure financial future for the team.

Most funds are raised through the hard work of team members and our valued support group.

### **Achievements and performance**

In 2023 team members attended 146 callouts with a further 13 incidents being attended by our search dog handlers. Additionally, the team was alerted to a further 12 incidents which did not require a team response.

Once again we ran our annual "9 Edges Challenge" which was a great success.

### **Financial review**

A combination of fundraising activities and other income streams have continued to benefit the team despite the uncertain economic terms.

The value of our investments has started to recover over the course of the last months following the decrease caused by world events.

We continue to plan to improve our equipment and replace team member's protective clothing at intervals. To provide replacement vehicles in due course and to provide additional garages to protect our vehicles from the elements.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to thirty six month's essential expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that in the event of a significant drop in funding, the charity's current activities will continue while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

At the end of 2023 we were able to allocate the following funds to projects.

£540,000	New Base Fund
£60,000	Garage Fund
£216,000	Reserves for Running Costs (3 years at £72,000)
£70,000	Vehicle Fund
£32,500	PPE Replacement fund

By far our biggest ongoing cost is the fuel, insurance, servicing and maintenance of our vehicle fleet. It is planned to replace our oldest vehicle during 2023.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### **Plans for future periods**

We will continue to raise funds to cover our running costs.

- Rescue vehicle insurance and maintenance, fuel, phone calls.
- Medical consumables, bandages, drugs, oxygen masks, entonox mouthpieces, splints and neck supports.
- Headquarters communications costs and maintenance.
- Replacement of damaged and time expired items such as shelter tents, slings, karabiners and stretchers.
- Digital radio communication system improvement and expansion

At the same time we are planning for the future and fund raising to replace our vehicles, protective clothing and helmets on a rolling basis as required.

It is our aim to have all of our vehicles stored in garages for their protection and to speed up our response during the winter. The search for suitable sites near Owler Bar and Hathersage continues.

We are planning to maintain the training for the swift water rescue section and to add to their equipment to improve their capability.

We will also continue to invest in the training of team members who are our most valuable asset. Without team members there would be no team and no rescues would be carried out.

Long term we are raising funds to provide the team with freehold ownership of an operational base in the Hope Valley to secure the future of the team.

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

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed in October 1981 and registered as a charity on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1982, with charity number 512559.

The company was incorporated as a private limited company on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

The company was registered as a charity on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010 with charity number 1138626.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 charity number 512559 was removed and all assets transferred to the incorporated charity number 1138626.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 the private Limited Company status was changed to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Charity number 1138626 remains the registered charity number of the organisation.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

All trustees are elected annually by the team members at the annual general meeting. Broadly the team leader is responsible for operational activities and the chairman is responsible for non-operational activities.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for identifying and disclosing transactions with related parties. None of the trustees receive remuneration or other benefits apart from travel expenses in some instances for out of area journeys. However, the Charity did pay a £200 kit allowance to Full Members of the rescue team and of these 5 are trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Bunting  
Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Edale Mountain Rescue Team Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

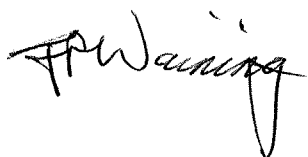
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statement carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act of 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statement do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



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30<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Income</b>					
Income from generated funds					
Income from charitable activities	182,820	-	-	182,820	136,646
Investment Income	25,096	-	-	25,096	946
<b>Total Income and endowments</b>	<b>207,916</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207,916</b>	<b>137,592</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Costs of generating funds					110,219
Expenditure on Charitable activities	32,245	64,149	-	96,394	34,527
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>32,245</b>	<b>64,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,394</b>	<b>144,746</b>
<b>Net income before transfers</b>	<b>175,671</b>	<b>(64,149)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,522</b>	<b>(16,758)</b>
Gross transfers between funds	(45,649)	45,649	-	-	-
Net income for the year	130,022	(18,500)	-	111,522	(7,654)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023	421,967	721,000	4,407	1,147,374	1,154,528
Fund balances at 31 December 2023	551,989	702,500	4,407	1,258,896	1,147,374

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

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31/12/23

	Notes	£	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Assets	2		158,391	146,392
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	3	13,767	14,097	
Cash at bank and in hand		92,662	95,496	
Other investments (Flagstone)	4	513,110	426,416	
Other investments (Investec)		481,466	465,473	
		<u>1,101,005</u>	<u>1,001,482</u>	
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>1,100,505</u>	<u>1,000,982</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>1,258,896</u>	<u>1,147,374</u>
<b>Represented By</b>				
Revaluation Reserve	7		-	
<b>Income Funds</b>	8			
Unrestricted funds			551,989	421,967
Designated funds			702,500	721,000
Other Charitable funds			4,407	4,407
Total Income Funds			<u>1,258,896</u>	<u>1,147,374</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<u>1,258,896</u>	<u>1,147,374</u>

For the year ending 31/12/2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

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I Bunting  
Trustee

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1a. Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

#### 1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

#### 1c. Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### 1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

#### 1e. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

#### 1f. Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Long Leasehold Properties	straight line 5%
Plant and Machinery	straight line 20%
Fixtures and Fittings	reducing balance 25%
Motor Cars	reducing balance 15%

#### 1g. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of value added tax and trade discounts.

## 2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long Leasehold Properties £	Training Wall £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 01/01/23	159,405	25,240	57,187	212,250	454,082
Additions	-	-	-	36,151	36,151
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31/12/23	159,405	25,240	57,187	248,401	490,233
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 01/01/23	104,776	17,668	34,264	150,982	307,690
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
For the year	7,970	1,262	5,730	9,190	24,152
At 31/12/23	112,746	18,930	39,994	160,172	331,842
<b>Net Book Amounts</b>					
At 31/12/23	46,659	6,310	17,193	88,229	158,391
At 31/12/22	54,629	7,572	22,923	61,268	146,392

## 3. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other Debtors	6,924	6,924
Prepayments and accrued income	3,685	4,916
Chairman's Fund	423	373
Vat Refund	2,737	1,884
	13,769	14,097

## 4. OTHER INVESTMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Flagstone Deposit Platform	513,110	426,416
Investec Low Risk Portfolio	481,466	465,473
	994,576	891,889

## 4. CREDITORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade Creditors	500	500
	500	500

## 5. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Each member gives a guarantee to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 to the company should it be wound up. At 31/12/2023 there were 48 members.

## 6. REVALUATION RESERVE

Increases in the value of the low risk investment policy with Investec are transferred to the revaluation reserve until funds are withdrawn from the policy and the increase is realised, at this point the gain will be recognised in the statement of financial activities. Reductions in value are reversed against the historic revaluation reserve and further reductions over and above the brought forward value of the revaluation reserve are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

## 6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

A donation was received of £5,000 to be spent on equipment bags and medical bags. As at 31 December 2023 £4,407 (2022 - £4,407) of this fund remained and is shown as restricted funds on the statement of financial activities.

# INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources	2023	2022
Incoming resources from generated funds	£	£
Monetary Donations	40,918	37,465
Restricted Donations	-	1,018
Legacies	68,957	24,000
Grants	264	117
Friends in High Places	2,046	1,269
Collections	7,907	8,470
Shows and Events	1,277	1,825
Collection Boxes	5,245	5,832
Just Giving	41,340	39,759
Nine Edges	12,057	11,584
First Aid Cover	1,947	3,181
Talks	713	1,851
Fundraising Sales	149	276
	<u>141,902</u>	<u>99,182</u>
	<u>182,820</u>	<u>136,647</u>

# INVESTMENT INCOME

Interest receivable	9,103	946
Investec profit/loss	<u>15,993</u>	<u>(43,631)</u>
	<u>25,096</u>	<u>(42,685)</u>

# EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
Depreciation of fixed assets		
Base Costs	24,152	27,685
Website	802	1,800
Fundraising Costs	420	490
Ringinglow Garage Exp	6,072	5,434
Communications	740	369
Computers and Internet	3,385	5,328
Search and Rescue Equip	1,836	1,472
Training	14,292	11,007
Medical Supplies	3,599	3,429
Vehicle Running Costs	2,042	6,993
Uniforms	10,160	13,152
Team Insurance	14,894	13,268
Water Rescue Equip	3,015	2,742
Nine Edges Costs	4,623	8,087
Crag Wall Exam	4,693	4,143
Restricted Fund, PPE equipment	135	710
Loss on fixtures and fittings disposal	-	1,611
	-	(81)
	<u>94,860</u>	<u>107,639</u>
<b>Governance Costs</b>		
Stationery & office supplies	552	423
Printing	-	150
Accountancy and legal fees	905	1,662
Sundry expenses	77	346
	<u>1,534</u>	<u>2,581</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>96,394</u>	<u>110,220</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	64,149	79,122
Designated funds	32,245	29,487
Restricted funds	-	1,611
	<u>96,394</u>	<u>110,220</u>