



**EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR**  
**THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

## 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
<b>Principal Address</b>	Edale Mountain Rescue Team Headquarters Hope Cement Works Hope Derbyshire S33 6RP
<b>Registered Office</b>	Edale Mountain Rescue Team Headquarters Hope Cement Works Hope Derbyshire S33 6RP
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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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)".

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### **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 primarily within the UK's Peak District National Park as well as the rural areas of South Yorkshire and Derbyshire from our 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 with Derbyshire Constabulary and East Midlands Ambulance Service, we are also called to assist South Yorkshire Police 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 2025 the team has been involved in 3150 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 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 50 team members on the call out list. We also have a support team whose members assist in the non-operational aspects of running the team.

During 2025 we made the decision to disband our swift water rescue section. The specialist equipment used was either sold or donated to other rescue teams within the Peak District.

We 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. In addition, another two team members are training search dogs.

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 that we receive for people suffering from serious injuries team members are encouraged to hold Remote Rescue Medical Technician qualification. We are pleased to report that during 2025 the majority of our operational team members held this qualification.

Apart from being able to reclaim VAT, EMRT receives little funding from government, and we rely 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 both the operational and support team members.

### **Achievements and performance**

In 2025 team members attended 159 callouts with a further 21 incidents being attended by our search dog handlers. Additionally, the team was alerted to a further 5 incidents which did not require a team response. During the year we purchased and modified a new Toyota Hilux response vehicle. The old vehicle that it replaced was passed onto the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation. Once again, we ran our annual “9 Edges Challenge” which is a major fundraising event and raised over £11,000 for team funds.

### **Financial review**

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

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.

After reviewing income streams, expenditure patterns (inclusive of agreed funding for future projects) and risk exposure, the trustees have agreed a target level for reserves equivalent to 18 months of core operating costs or £150,000.

This level is sufficient to

- Maintain essential services and obligations.
- Manage cash flow fluctuations.
- Provide Contingency for unforeseen events.

If reserves fall below the target, the trustees will implement a recovery plan. If reserves rise above the target, Trustees will consider designation towards strategic priorities.

In accordance with the reserves policy and the teams planned capital investment over the next 15 years, at the end of 2025 monies have been allocated to several projects as listed below.

£1,221,000	Project 2042 New Base Fund
£ 60,000	Project Owler Bar Garage Fund
£ 50,000	Vehicle Replacement/Upgrade fund
£ 3,275	Uniform/PPE Replacement Fund
£ 8,145	Equipment Replacement Fund

## **Risk Management**

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

### **Plans for future periods.**

During the year the trustees reviewed the existing 5-year plan that covers the period 2024 to 2029 and were satisfied that this remains unchanged for the coming 12 months. In summary this plan committed to continue to raise funds to cover our running costs.

- Rescue vehicle insurance and maintenance, fuel, phone calls.
- Medical consumables
- Headquarters communications costs and maintenance.
- Replacement of damaged and time expired items such as shelter tents, slings, karabiners and stretchers.
- Development and update of team equipment
- Digital radio communication system improvement and maintenance

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

It is our aim to have all 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. Reserve funding has been allocated to this project which is named "Project Owler Bar".

We will also continue to invest in the training of team members. Without team members there would be no team, and no rescues would be conducted.

### **Project 2042 New Base Project**

Due to the potential future loss of our base in 2042 when the cement works closes, it was decided to commence the search and funding for the construction of a new base. A dedicated working group was established to fulfil this aim. Dedicated fundraising will take place over the coming years in addition to raising funds for our day-to-day activities.

During the year research work has been undertaken to establish the cost of building a new base for our requirements. This work has involved.

- Visiting other Mountain Rescue Teams with relatively new bases to learn from their experiences.
- Engagement with architects to establish an estimate of the professional fees involved in such a project.
- Engagement with a construction company to establish budget costing for the construction of the project.
- Investigating land purchase costs for a project of this size.

Based on the work that has been undertaken we estimate that the construction costs of such a project inclusive of professional fees will be between £1.5million and £2million. Due to the lack of suitable and available land that may become available to purchase we estimate that purchase costs could be up to £1million. We are therefore planning and working on a total project expenditure of circa £2.5/£3million. Due to any potential land that becomes available being sold on the open market and the timescales that would be involved in securing and funding a purchase, the team must have funds readily available to complete a purchase. Hence the establishment of a dedicated fund for Project 2042 and the high level of funds dedicated to it.

**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 charity. 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 during 2025 to Operational Members of the rescue team and of these 2 are trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 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 2025 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).

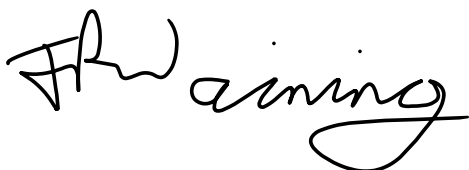
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statement carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 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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16 March 2026



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Income</b>					
Income from generated funds					
Income from charitable activities	186,404	-	-	186,404	388,920
Investment Income	96,904	-	-	96,904	58,575
<b>Total Income and endowments</b>	<b>283,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>283,308</b>	<b>447,495</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Costs of generating funds					
Expenditure on Charitable activities	22,320	82,325	2,697	107,342	125,881
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>22,230</b>	<b>82,325</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>107,342</b>	<b>125,881</b>
<b>Net income before transfers</b>	<b>260,988</b>	<b>(82,325)</b>	<b>-2,697</b>	<b>175,966</b>	<b>321,614</b>
Gross transfers between funds	(409,850)	409,850	-	-	-
Net income for the year	(148,862)	327,525	-	175,966	321,614
Fund balances at 1 January 2025	562,918	1,014,895	2,697	1,580,510	1,258,896
Fund balances at 31 December 2025	414,056	1,342,420	-	1,756,476	1,580,510

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 31/12/24

	Notes	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Assets	2		145,739	134,222
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	3	19,932	10,821	
Cash at bank and in hand		205,945	145,706	
Other investments (Flagstone)	4	810,602	779,374	
Other investments (Rathbones/Investec)		574,758	510,887	
		<u>1,611,237</u>	<u>1,446,788</u>	
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>1,610,737</u>	<u>1,446,288</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>1,756,476</u>	<u>1,580,510</u>
<b>Represented By</b>				
Revaluation Reserve	7		-	
<b>Income Funds</b>	8			
Unrestricted funds			414,056	562,918
Designated funds			1,342,420	1,014,895
Other Charitable funds			-	2,697
Total Income Funds			<u>1,756,476</u>	<u>1,580,510</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<u>1,756,476</u>	<u>1,580,510</u>

For the year ending 31/12/2025 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 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	straight line 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 01/01/25	159,405	25,240	57,187	238,279	480,111
Additions	-	-	4,000	46,547	50,547
Disposals	-	-	-	-38,281	-38,281
At 31/12/25	159,405	25,240	61,187	246,545	492,377
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 01/01/25	120,717	20,192	44,291	160,689	345,889
Disposals	-	-	-	-30,100	-30,100
For the year	7,970	1,262	4,223	17,393	30,849
At 31/12/25	128,687	21,454	48,514	147,982	346,638
<b>Net Book Amounts</b>					
At 31/12/25	30,718	3,786	12,673	98,563	145,739
At 31/12/24	38,688	5,048	12,896	77,590	134,222

### 3. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other Debtors	6,924	6,924
Prepayments and accrued income	7,641	1,632
Chairman's Fund	545	423
Vat Refund	4,823	1,843
	<u>19,933</u>	<u>10,821</u>

### 4. OTHER INVESTMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Flagstone Deposit Platform	810,602	779,374
Investec Low Risk Portfolio	574,758	510,887
	<u>1,385,360</u>	<u>1,290,261</u>

### 4. CREDITORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade Creditors	500	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

### 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 31/12/2025 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 in £5,000 to be spent on equipment bags and medical bags. Of this a balance remained of £2,697 at December 2024. During 2025 £3,907 was spent on Search and Rescue equipment bags and a further £2,763 was spent on medical bags. The restricted fund is considered to be completed in full.

## INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources	2025	2024
Incoming resources from generated funds	£	£
<b>Monetary Donations</b>	56,603	52,208
Restricted Donations	-	-
Legacies	21,459	223,315
Grants	-	24,676
Friends in High Places	2,585	2,612
Collections	7,371	9,241
Shows and Events	3,324	5,942
Collection Boxes	6,081	5,206
Just Giving	72,208	51,122
Nine Edges	14,154	11,812
First Aid Cover	313	1,088
Talks	1,976	1,447
Fundraising Sales	330	251
	<u>129,801</u>	<u>336,712</u>
	<u>186,404</u>	<u>388,920</u>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
Interest receivable	29,788	29,154
Investec profit/loss	<u>67,116</u>	<u>29,421</u>
	<u>96,904</u>	<u>58,575</u>

## EXPENSES

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
Depreciation of fixed assets	30,849	27,222
Base Costs	6,516	4,504
Website	3,760	618
Fundraising Costs	1,326	6,374
Ringlow Garage Exp	859	1,256
Communications	2,586	4,726
Computers and Internet	2,087	2,391
Search and Rescue Equip	7,755	16,669
Training	5,521	1,966
Medical Supplies	6,779	27,373
Vehicle Running Costs	14,676	19,800
Uniforms	14,511	13,562
Team Insurance	1,807	5,570
Water Rescue Equip	-	1,009
Nine Edges Costs	3,949	3,864
Crag Wall Exam	941	585
Restricted Fund, PPE equipment	-	-
Loss on fixtures and fittings disposal	<u>1,681</u>	<u>-14,676</u>
	<u>105,603</u>	<u>122,813</u>
<b>Governance Costs</b>		
Stationery & office supplies	359	327
Printing	-	83
Accountancy and legal fees	1,297	2,658
Sundry expenses	83	-
	<u>1,739</u>	<u>3,068</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>107,342</u>	<u>125,881</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	82,325	81,989
Designated funds	25,017	41,195
Restricted funds	-	2,697
	<u>107,342</u>	<u>125,881</u>