WASDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1170178

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-11-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO SAVE LIFE AND ALLEVIATE DISTRESS PRIMARILY IN UPLAND OR MOUNTAINOUS AREAS

Activities: Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team provides a Search & Rescue service on the mountains and off road locations in the Wasdale and Eskdale valleys of West Cumbria and surrounding areas. The team typically handles over 100 calls for assistance a year. Further information can be found at wmrt.org.uk

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£286,334	£148,642	-	-
2023-09-30	£119,869	£121,920	-	-
2022-09-30	£100,082	£108,281	-	-
2021-09-30	£124,212	£58,422	-	-
2020-09-30	£202,076	£87,619	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mike Smith	Chair	2021-11-15
David Lee Tunstall		2023-11-27
Dr Andrew Thomas Cramp		2025-11-17
Ian James Davidson		2022-11-21
John Noake		2021-11-15
John Richard Bamforth		2021-02-14
Jonathan Lynch		2025-11-17
Penelope Kirby		2016-11-14
Robert Stalker		2024-11-18

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Accounts

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Annual Report 2023/2024

Presented to the Annual General Meeting 18th November 2024

Team members and Officials 2023/2024

Presidents and Vice-presidents

President	Richard Longman
Vice-president	Dr. Nigel Burton
Vice-president	Maurice Pringle
Vice-president	Dr. Adrian Simper OBE

Trustees

Chair	John Bamforth
Duty Team Leader	Ian Davidson
Duty Team Leader and Training Officer	Phil Hall
Duty Team Leader	John Hryb
Duty Team Leader	Penny Kirby MBE
Trustee and Treasurer	John Noake
Trustee	Mike Smith
Trustee and Water/Boat Officer	Rob Stalker
Trustee, Equipment and Statistics Officer	Lee Tunstall

Co-opted officers

Buildings Officer	Hugh Redington
Medical Officer	Lucy Belson
Communications Officer	Dave Allery
ICT Officer	Paul Barratt
Recruitment Officer	Sue Noake
Secretary	Graham Hogg
Press Officer	Richard Warren
Vehicles Officer	Jake Manson
Fundraising Officers	Anne Guest and Sam Stalker
Wellbeing Officer	Paul Kerry

Full Team Members (37)

Dave Allery	Phil Hall	Sue Noake
Chris Adams	Mark Harrison	Gareth Platt
John Bamforth	Robert Higham	Mike Robinson
Jack Bavister	Graham Hogg	Dan Shepherd
Martin Bentley	John Hryb	Mike Smith
Alan Blight	Sarah Kekus	Rob Stalker
Andy Cramp	David Kennedy	Luke Tipper
Chris Cripps	Penny Kirby MBE	Lee Tunstall

Ian Davidson
Chad Dixon
Phil Gibbs
Ava Grossman
Mitchell Graham
Jon Lynch
Jake Manson
Richard Moss
John Noake
Stephen Walter
Richard Warren
Sarah Wild
Klemen Zafred

Associate Team Members - Probationers (6)

Ula Bronkowska
Sam Ketchen
Basia Macmillan
Stuart Rigg
Stuart Rushton
Tony Shambrook

Associate Team Members - Support (9)

Paul Barratt
Lucy Belson
Tim Brooks
Anne Guest
Mark Hazell
Paul Kerry
Dr. Tariq Qureshi
Hugh Redington
Sam Stalker

Honorary Life Team Members (28)

Dave Barras
Bob Bennett
Howard Christie
Dave Fryer
Jenny Green
Roger Green
Karen Greene
Mike Greene MBE
Pete Holburt
Carol Holmes
Keith Hudson
Richard Longman
Joe Moody
Will Mullineux
Guy Newbold
Ken Owens
Bill Pattison MBE
Dave Polhill
Maurice Pringle
Janice Reynolds
Brian Smith
Colin Smith
Gordon Starkie
Keith Thompson
Nick West
Dave Willey
Royanne Wilding
Martin Young

Agenda

1. Opening remarks from the Chair

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 27th November 2023

3. Election of Trustees being:
   - Chair
   - Up to 4 Duty Team Leaders
   - Up to 9 trustees, including Chair and Duty Team Leaders

   The following nominations for trustees were received by the deadline:

Position	**Candidate**	**Proposer**	**Seconder**
Chair	**John Bamforth**	Mike Smith	Rob Stalker
Duty Team Leader	**Ian Davidson**	John Hryb	Richard Warren
Duty Team Leader	**John Hryb**	Jon Lynch	Penny Kirby
Duty Team Leader	**Penny Kirby**	Mike Robinson	Richard Moss
Duty Team Leader	**Rob Stalker**	Jake Manson	Luke Tipper
Charity Trustee	**Paul Barratt**	Lee Tunstall	Alan Blight
Charity Trustee	**John Noake**	Sue Noake	Penny Kirby
Charity Trustee	**Mike Smith**	Alan Blight	Jack Bavister
Charity Trustee	**Lee Tunstall**	Mike Smith	Richard Warren

4. Presentation of the 2024 Annual Reports by Officers including the 2023/24 Accounts

5. Motions for debate and proposed constitutional change

6. Appointment of Auditors (with a proposal to retain Robinson & Co)

7. Any Other Business

Chair's Report

Welcome to the 2024 annual report for Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team. More detail can be found in the officer reports later but this introduction highlights some of the great efforts in another tremendous year for the team.

Again, to press, we have been the busiest team in the Lake District this year in terms of numbers of callouts including alerts and it is looking like we will be close to the team's 2023 record of 167 by the end of the year. A really striking statistic is the number of rescue hours, which at the end of October was over 25% higher than the next busiest team in the Lakes and 2.5 times the average number of hours for all Lake District rescues. The terrain of the patch and other factors mean that the average callout length is more than 4 hours for our team and, in some months, has been 5-6 hours on average.

The picture across the Lake District shows that team deployments are over 20% higher than in 2023. The demands that this effort has placed on our team and its resources has been profoundly felt and we have formed a group of folks who are looking at how we can sustain this going forward, whilst ensuring our wellbeing as team members. Talking of wellbeing, we have deliberately carved out some time to look at what we do and how emotively difficult situations affect us, including speaking to casualties, their friends, and families, so that we cannot support each other better in challenging situations. As ever, the team has responded splendidly, and thanks must go to our Duty Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders for handling the calls often at unsociable times, and to all members for attending callouts when they can.

In addition to the number of callouts, we have still been training hard but have recognised this year that the summer busy season takes its toll with depleted resources as members go on holiday, and so we decided to stop training though most of July and August. That said, we have increased the formal training with a very successful crag training weekend in North Wales in Autumn to augment the popular Winter training weekend in Scotland. Thanks must go to the training officer and all those who have organised our training activities including training with other teams, other agencies and using other volunteers to give us an ever wider-ranging field of knowledge.

About a third of our callouts have included a medical response, and whilst many have been traditionally frequent lower limb injuries, some have been very complex in nature and in very difficult terrain. It is not an overstatement to say that some of our casualties would either not have survived or would have a worse prognosis had it not been for the medical interventions on the hill. You just need to read some of the responses that we receive from casualties, their family, and friends to understand the impact that the team has on what is possibly one of the worst days of their lives. Anyone involved can feel rightly proud of their contribution, none more so than our fabulous medical team, who have gone the extra mile to give us the skills to be able to do the job when it matters.

Just over five years has passed since we recognised that we could not rely on new members approaching us to join the team and we started to actively recruit to match the continual growth in callouts. Another cohort of probationers is nearing the end of their training, some of the previous year's cohort have become full members and next year's cohort are about to undergo

their hill test after a rigorous application and selection process. Thanks must go to all those involved in recruiting, interviewing, and assessing our candidates.

Our vehicles have generally performed well, although Mobile 1 and Mobile 3 are starting to show their age and so we have considered their replacements, both of which are expensive capital items. Fortunately, we have been awarded grants from the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership to upgrade Mobile 1 to the standard of Mobile 4, and to replace Mobile 3: our thanks go to them and to our vehicles officer and others for their efforts in ensuring that our fleet remains serviceable.

After many years of sledging casualties on our Bell stretchers, where possible, the main change this year has been the almost total use of a lighter titanium stretcher with a purpose-designed wheel. There are still issues to iron out over time, but there appear to be many advantages to the new system, and we are about to investigate the addition of a disc brake to the new setup. There are many items of equipment required for the team to do its job, and several members have assisted the equipment officers over the year to check existing equipment, specify new equipment, as well as logging callouts and training sessions. Thanks to our equipment officers and all those who have helped including the recording of everything on our D4H software system.

Our water and boat capability is nearing the ideal number for the team and congratulations must go to the water officer and those who have qualified as technicians, advanced technicians, instructors, team commanders and boat drivers.

Our base is evolving over time and kit storage has moved, notably in the garage, to make way for the installation of our lowering platform to allow us to practice techniques with good visibility in a safe environment. Sadly, the installation has not yet happened, but we are hopeful for next year. With the increase in membership has come an increased requirement for car parking and we are looking to mark car park bays to maximise what we have and possibly increase the area. Who would have thought we would reach capacity in such a short time after the build only six years ago? Thanks to the buildings officer and all who have cut the grass, tidied up, stayed in for the alarm service or other maintenance jobs and helped keep our base a real showpiece.

Communications on the hill is a key requirement and our digital radios continue to evolve with more repeater stations both in vehicles and on land, assisted by the Starlink capability at Wasdale Head. We have also improved resilience and speed by routing our network connection at base through another Starlink connection. When we looked at our onboarding and offboarding process for members, it became very evident how many IT systems we have now. Our thanks must go to the IT and communications team who work diligently behind the scenes making sure we have the tools to do the job and fixing things when they inevitably go wrong.

Last year we reported that it cost about £95k excluding depreciation to run the team for a year and this year that amount has increased to about £102k. Admittedly, some of the costs in both years include clothing and other equipment which is expected to last (much) more than one year, but costs post-pandemic seem to have reached a new normal state that is significantly more than the £70-75k figures that we previously quoted in public. We have managed to earn more than we have spent, and we are fortunate to have a healthy bank account with at least three years' worth of operating expenditure as reserves in addition to earmarked reserves for future vehicle replacement. Thanks must go to our fundraising team and others who have helped to

bring in the much-needed funds: this includes attending functions and events throughout the year to gain and receive these funds, and thanks must also go to those involved in our team's financial governance.

Lake District Rescue aired on More4 and then Channel 4 this year with Series 1 covering 4 episodes including several WMRT rescues. Regularly, the team is asked about the series when on callouts and at shows: the series really seems to have raised the profile of mountain rescue to showcase what we do and reinforce several messages. A possible Series 2 and other channels of communicating outside of the team are in discussion with the producers, Summer Films. As mentioned last year there is a considerable workload in providing press releases, dealing with the media, handling public visits to the base, and providing a constant flow of social media content across several platforms. Thanks to those involved with all these outward communications which showcase the great work that this team does on a 24/7/365 basis, to a wide audience, increasing awareness and helping to bring in the funding and goodwill that the team needs to continue.

As regards members, many congratulations go to Penny Kirby for her MBE awarded at the start of the year, which is a fabulous achievement and a culmination of over 40 years of mountain rescue including significant service with search dogs. Sadly, during the summer, we all had to say good bye to Joss Naylor MBE. We are proud to say that he was a vice-president of our team, and he very kindly did us the honour of opening Longlands base in 2018. Typical of the character that he was, he did not choose a pair of scissors to cut the ribbon but rather a pair of sheep shears to cut baler twine! Congratulations go to Dave Willey for 50 years' service, Jake Manson for 20 years' service, and Dave Kennedy for 20 years' service.

I would like to thank our elected and co-opted officers who have worked tirelessly to maintain our effectiveness as a team during another very busy year of rescues and training, as well as all those who have contributed in any way. Finally, thanks must also go to families and friends. They often must pick up the pieces on callouts, and this help is invaluable: please pass on our thanks.

John Bamforth

Chair

Secretary's Report

2024 has been another increasingly busy year for the team and for the supporting activities outside of our call-out operations.

Looking back at my 2023 report, I suggested that my style of carrying out one aspect of this role - recording meetings - I made more difficult than it needed to be. I am not sure that 2024 has seen an improvement in this area.

All the 'extra jobs' in the team are ever-expanding. More people than ever contact the team for a whole host of reasons, and all with good intentions. Thanks to all members that support our interaction with the public in many ways.

The membership has again seen change this year. A new programme was introduced following the 2023 attendance review to allow some members to continue training with the team and re-join the callout list later in the year. Having sat independently through much discussion on this subject, I would like to note how much effort trustees invested in this area. I look forward to the team's continued 'contribution conversation' and the working party on this subject and others.

Thank you to John for keeping the website up to date and to our social media team. Engagement with the team is increasingly via social media and this will only likely continue. The use of donations via social media is something trustees often discuss at meetings to get the balance right. It is this aspect which has led us to consider the future of, for example, the 'Supporters Club'. The engagement with the members of the club has been very limited given the efforts required elsewhere and combined with the volume of information about the team's activities on social media, trustees have decided that we will look to wind-down the club.

I wish to extend my thanks to those members who continually support the work of the secretary – you know who you are – and I'm extremely grateful. Given the increasing level of responsiveness required of the team's secretary, I feel that I'm probably not the right member for the job anymore. I will therefore be looking to hand over the role during 2025. However, should this be of interest to the incumbent, I will continue to record minutes of meetings – hopefully taking away one routine aspect of the job, allowing them to focus on the other aspects of the role. Please let me know if you are interested.

Graham Hogg

Secretary

Duty Team Leader's Report

We have had another busy year, the number of callouts currently at 160 (17.11.2024). Looking at the statistics, in line with previous years, there has been a predominance of leg and ankle injuries, the majority on Scafell Pike, as ever. We have had a few people crag fast, and a few callouts where we used the boat, as well as drones and our search dog. There have also been the usual large number of lost/missing/overdue. Not all callouts have been in the hills, and we have been called to assist NWAS a few times.

We have had help from other teams, especially Duddon & Furness, and been able to help other teams on occasion. We have also had a lot of help from the air ambulances and coastguard helicopters. We have helped to save more lives, extricated injured walkers, reunited lost folk with their families, and those we couldn't help directly have been treated with care and dignity, and their friends and families with compassion.

We have worked with many other agencies, amongst them Cumbria Police, NWAS, ARCC, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Helimed, Fire and Rescue Service, Coastguard, WCSAR and Inshore Rescue. We have had productive conversations with the National Trust, which have resulted in some developments aimed at reducing the number of callouts. The conversations are to continue at a local and regional level. MREW are also exploring how the increasing workload is impacting rescuers all over the country and how this might be addressed.

Some team members have attended conferences, given talks to the public, hosted visits to the base, attended local shows and fund-raising events, and helped on the annual Flag Day. Many thanks to them, especially Anne and Sam who look after our fund-raising. Thankyou to John and Susan Noake for, amongst many other things, dealing with all the donations that come in, responding to the donors, and sending Christmas cards. John and Susan have also organised not one, but two, training weekends away, one in Scotland and one in Wales, which were well received. Other team members helped run the training.

Other members have attended external training in addition to team training. We have new boat drivers, new blue light drivers, new SRT's and new Casualty Carers – now RRMT's

We took on 6 new probationers at the beginning of the year and they have been a great asset to the team already, we look forward to them becoming full members in the New Year. And we have said goodbye to some others, and we thank them for their time and commitment over the years.

The filming that took place last year resulted in a series of 4 1-hour long episodes on Channel 4, featuring Coniston and Keswick teams, and us. It was screened earlier this year and repeated a couple of months ago, this appears to have been very well received by the public. There may be a further series.

Thankyou to the many people who help out in so many other ways, whether or not they have a "job title" – training, especially Lucy and Tariq who put in an amazing amount of time and energy, finances, with a special thanks to John Bamforth for his efforts in securing yet another significant grant from the Mid-Copeland GDF Community Partnership, equipment, clothing, vehicles and boat, wellbeing, media, IT and comms, recruitment, building maintenance, base operators, catering, in addition to attending our training and ever increasing callouts. We could not function

otherwise. And thankyou to the Trustees who deal with the more unseen aspects of team management such as insurance, risk registers, byelaws and policies.

We must also thank members of the public, local farmers, hoteliers, especially the staff at Wasdale Head Inn, who go out of their way to help casualties, and in doing so, help us.

And last but not least, despite the phenomenal increase in callouts, we have amazing, continued commitment from team members, and by definition, their families and partners as well, thankyou. Team members are our number one resource, and we cannot stress enough how appreciative we are of your time and commitment. Many, many thanks.

Penny Kirby MBE

On behalf of the Duty Team Leaders

Medical Officer's Report

Callouts

Medical/trauma have made up 35% of all callouts. Most cases have involved injuries with ankle trauma continuing to take the top spot, up from 16 to 21 this year.

Medical	
Cramp	5
Cardiac Arrest	2
Dizziness	2
Heart Attacks (MI)	0
Heat Exhaustion	1
Heat Stroke	0
Hypothermia	1
Seizures	1

Trauma	
Ankle	21
Arm	3
Chest/Ribs	1
Pelvis	4
Shoulder	6
Lower limb	7
Head	11
Other	13

Equipment

The team appeared pleased to take possession of the Easy Pulse a mechanical cardio-pulmonary (CPR) device which weighs in at 3.5kg. Somewhat different to the previous device which weighed in at 15kg!

Working with other teams

The new year began with a trip out to visit the RNLI crew at St Bees.

The crew made us very welcome and showed us all the kit they use when deployed. It was interesting to share experiences and to understand some of the unique challenges the RNLI face. This year we are combining with Duddon and Furness MRT to run the Remote Rescue Medical Technicians (RRMTs) assessments. Each team has shared a 'show and tell' session with regards to medical and other kit.
Wasdale is committed to sharing medical training equipment with other MR teams and we hope to continue to work in a collaborative and supportive way.

Training

Course	% members trained
BLS/AED	100
OFA	39 (excluding RRMTs)
Stop the Bleed ®	67
ROLE	30
RRMT	40

There is a comprehensive training programme throughout the year. Dr Qureshi continues to lead on the RRMT training, Stop the Bleed and ROLE (Recognition of life extinct). Mike Smith delivers a high quality outdoor first aid course and we have other guest speakers dropping in over the year.

In March 2025 we hope to host an MREW Instructor course for RRMT training at base. This has been developed by Dr Alistair Morris (Medical Director for MREW) and Kate Denning (Educator). This will be for all LDSAMRA teams.

Supporting RRMTs

We are going to trial a rolling training programme for our RRMTs. This will involve regular casualty care practice sessions and opportunities to tackle any areas that they may wish to develop further. This is in addition to the Medical Mondays.

Medical is very much a team approach and thank you as always to Dr Qureshi, Iain Proctor-Dow, all the RRMTs who help with training but also deliver high quality care on the hill. All the team members are involved in some way – thank you.

Lucy Belson

Medical Officer

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the year to 30 September 2024 are being finalised and thanks must go to Emma Woodend and Jason Spires of Robinson & Co. for preparing them.

Overview

Firstly, thanks to John Noake for all his accounting for transactions, and to Sue Noake for her assistance. Thanks also to the fundraising team of Anne Guest and Sam Stalker plus others for their efforts in bringing valuable funds in.

The accounts for the 12 months to 30 September 2024 show a surplus of £28.5k, being £179.4k of income less a grant of £25.0k, direct expenses of £64.4k and overheads of £61.6k.

Income

Of the £136.5k donations received in the year, significant single donation banking amounts are:
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- £9.5k from a donor via Charities Aid Foundation
- £10.2k as a single banking of cheques from various donors
- £1.0k from St. Olaf's Church, Wasdale
- £20.0k from the family of Alex Neely (incident 92 on 2 July 2023) in memory of him
- £1.9k from Wasdale Head Inn
- £1.9k from Lakeland Lights
- £5.0k from the late Dr Claude Magrabi

Of the £19.9k grants received, £10.0k was from the January and March distributions of funds from LDSAMRA, £2.4k was funding from MREW and £7.5k relates to grants released from the year 1 cash grant received from Mid-Copeland GDF Community Fund as explained later.
We have also received six legacy amounts totalling £8.3k, and investment and other income totalling £14.7k.

Grant

The trustees have granted £25.0k of this year's surplus to Duddon & Furness MRT for their new base fund in recognition of their significant operational contribution to Wasdale MRT.

Direct Expenses

Of the £64.4k direct expenses, £16.5k relates to team member equipment, £37.9k to team equipment, £9.0k to training and £1.0k to other expenses.

Team member equipment costs comprise:	
Member clothing	£12.7k
Member equipment	£1.2k
Member personal allowances	£2.6k
	£16.5k

Team equipment costs comprise:	
Crag equipment	£7.8k
SRT equipment	£5.4k
Medical equipment	£19.5k
Communications kit	£4.5k
Other	£0.7k
	£37.9k

Training costs comprise:	
Outdoor first aid	£1.1k
Vehicle driving	£2.4k
Boat driving	£0.2k
Winter - Scotland	£1.8k
Crag - Wales	£1.9k

Other	£1.6k
	£9.0k

Overheads	
These costs comprise:	
Electricity	£5.8k
Travel expenses	£1.5k
Vehicle fuel / maintenance	£8.6k
Buildings maintenance	£5.4k
ICT	£2.7k
Insurance	£7.0k
Refreshments	£3.8k
Security	£1.4k
Depreciation	£24.4k
Other	£1.0k
	£61.6k

Financial Position

As at 30 September 2024 we: -

- Owned fixed assets with a net book value of £829.5k (Sep 2023 – £818.3k)
- Had cash deposits totalling £556.8k (Sep 2023 – £421.8k)
- Had £25.7k VAT owed by HMRC (Sep 2023 - £40.0k)
- Owed suppliers £9.2k (Sep 2023 - £1.2k)
- Had £102.2k of grants received but not released to income (Sep 2023 – nil)
- Had a net worth of £1,300.6k (Sep 2023 – £1,272.2k)

Mid-Copeland GDF Community Fund

1) In January we received £75.3k being the full year 1 grant from the Mid-Copeland GDF Community Fund as the first claim. This funded the purchase of Mobile 4, plus the Laerdal interactive manikin, satellite radios and latest defibrillators. This grant is being released to income over the life of the assets to which it relates (to offset the depreciation cost of those assets).

2) We have since been awarded a year 2 grant of £49.5k covering the purchase of additional satellite radios, infra-red monocular devices, and the refurbishment of Mobile 1 to the same specification as Mobile 4. In February we received £34.4k of this and are due to receive the balance of £15.1k in November.

3) A third-year claim of £97.3k been awarded for Mobile 3 vehicle replacement, more titanium stretchers with Tirrol Kit and wheels, further night vision monocular devices and waterproof drones.

Summary

Most of our substantial equipment costs have been covered by grant income and we have managed to earn £28.5k, after granting £25.0k to DFMRT.

John Noake

Treasurer

The draft accounts for the year to 30 September 2024 are as follows: -

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team
Profit and Loss

From: Month 12, September 2024
To: Month 12, September 2024

Chart of Accounts: Default Layout of Accounts

	Period		Year to Date	
Sales				
Donations	16,256.13		136,476.52	
Grants	627.16		19,921.75	
Legacy	0.00		8,329.14	
Fund Generation - Charity Shop	0.00		253.63	
Fund Generation - Fund Raising	0.00		248.76	
Charitable Activities	110.11		301.57	
Investment Income	1,091.68		10,451.57	
Other Income	0.00		2,923.28	
Sale of Assets	0.00		500.00	
		18,085.08		179,406.22
Purchases				
Charitable Expenditure - Grants Payable	0.00		25,000.00	
		0.00		25,000.00
Direct Expenses				
Charitable Expenditure - Stock for Charity Shop	0.00		79.49	
Cost of Fund Generation - Fund Raising	39.00		557.29	
Team Members	316.50		16,507.04	
Equipment	1,356.87		37,880.84	
Base	15.08		307.06	
Training	630.00		9,024.46	
		2,357.45		64,356.18
Gross Profit/(Loss):		15,727.63		90,050.04
Overheads				
Support Costs - Rent and Rates	0.00		98.00	
Support Costs - Heat, Light and Power	221.06		5,804.04	
Support Costs - Travelling Expenses	0.00		1,497.26	
Support Costs - Printing and Stationery	0.00		799.52	
Support Costs - Telephone and Computer	557.96		2,678.92	
Support Costs - Maintenance	1,861.34		14,016.48	
Support Costs - General Expenses	383.20		12,220.74	
Management & Admin - Bank Charges	5.00		60.40	
Management & Admin - Depreciation	2,033.00		24,418.00	
		5,061.56		61,593.36
Net Profit/(Loss):		10,666.07		28,456.68

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team
Balance Sheet

From: Month 12, September 2024
To: Month 12, September 2024
Chart of Accounts: Default Layout of Accounts

	Period		Year to Date	
Fixed Assets				
Property	0.00		676,170.00	
Equipment and Fixtures	(1,412.00)		109,415.31	
Motor Vehicles	(621.00)		43,869.11	
		(2,033.00)		829,454.42
Current Assets				
Deposits and Cash	17,754.70		554,019.11	
Bank Account	0.00		2,798.73	
VAT Liability	0.00		25,689.24	
		17,754.70		582,507.08
Current Liabilities				
Creditors : Short Term	644.74		9,155.89	
Bank Account	2,177.90		0.00	
VAT Liability	2,860.15		0.00	
		5,682.79		9,155.89
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		12,071.91		573,351.19
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		10,038.91		1,402,805.61
Long Term Liabilities				
Creditors : Long Term	(627.16)		102,158.19	
		(627.16)		102,158.19
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:		10,666.07		1,300,647.42
Capital & Reserves				
Funds	0.00		1,272,190.74	
P & L Account	10,666.07		28,456.68	
		10,666.07		1,300,647.42

Fundraising Officer's Report

Events attended by WMRT

Date	Event	Type of Event	Location	Money Banked
16/12/2023 23/12/2023	Flag Day (whole team event)	Collection buckets on the street	Egremont and Whitehaven	£962.07
09/04/2024	Easter Weekend WMRT presence	Advice and Guidance to walkers	Bracken Close car park	approx £200
19/04/2024	Egremont Farmer's Market	Refreshments Stall serving tea, coffee and cakes	Market Hall, Egremont	£1,112.95
08/06/2024	Drigg Gala	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Drigg	£109.43
22/06/2024	Seascale Gala	WMRT merchandise and M2	Seascale	£481.33
20/07/2024	Egremont Fun Day	WMRT merchandise and M3	Egremont	£23.00
27/07/2024	RNLI Drowning Prevention Day	WMRT merchandise and M3	Whitehaven Harbour	£196.49
17/08/2024	Gosforth Show	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Gosforth	£369.29
31/08/2024	Whitehaven Harbourfest	WMRT merchandise and M2	Whitehaven Harbour	£440.42
28/09/2024	Eskdale Show	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Eskdale	£207.35
12/10/2024	Wasdale Show	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Wasdale Head	£290.85
			Total raised	**£3,244.11**

Collection Boxes

Regular collection boxes come in from various locations and we are grateful to those team members who pick them up and often count the money for us, among them Basia, Mitch, Chad, Karen Blight, Jack, Jake – and Carol Holmes, who picks up all the boxes in Eskdale and Ravenglass periodically.

There are always spare collection boxes in the Fundraising cupboard in the office, so please take one if you see a full box anywhere on your daily travels. It is a great help to Sam and me if team members continue to collect for us and bring the boxes to base. Similarly, if you can see that there are none left, let me know and I can restock the cupboard.

Date	Paid In
12/02/2024	£348.88
29/05/2024	£445.64
28/06/2024	£499.67
24/07/2024	£214.14
12/08/2024	£83.77
09/09/2024	£415.86
07/10/2024	£184.50
25/10/2024	£523.70
Total	**£2,716.16**

PayPal Account

All orders for merchandise from the website go straight to the PayPal account, as do card payments at the shows. There are also regular payments from the PayPal Giving Fund via our social media pages.

Date	Merchandise	PayPal Giving Fund	Donations	Outgoings
Jan-24		£184.68		
Feb-24	£8.67	£44.11		£321 (new neck scarves ordered)
Mar-24	£67.99	£1,449.98		£15 – Gosforth Show stand fee 1
Apr-24	£167.31	£3,394.38		£355.52 – merch and table runner
				£30 Gosforth Show stand fee 2
May-24	£2.76	£42.76		
Jun-24	£13.55	£497.81		
Jul-24	£29.61	£22.50		
Aug-24	£21.95	£62.58		
Sep-24	£15.32	£1,033.34		
Oct-24	£31.63	tbc		
Totals	**£358.79**	**£6,732.14**		**£721.52**
	Total paid into PayPal account: £7,090.93			
The balance in the PayPal account currently stands at £16,550.59				

Donations

Donations have been received from various casualties and their families, as well as Ravenglass Craft Fayre which amounted to approx. £1100.

Donations are paid into the Cumberland Building Society account and some are made through the Treasurer who has more details.

Joss Naylor's sculpture raised over £1000 at auction and miniature editions will be on sale soon.

Conclusion

There have been significantly more fundraising events for us to attend this year and consequently our takings have gone up. Once again, we thank a handful of people who regularly help us at these events. We can't do it without you.

John Hryb has proposed an event in the spring featuring the band Kickstart from Holmrook. Sam and I are looking into suitable marquees/gazebos to accommodate them at base.

Anne Guest
Sam Stalker

Fundraising Officers

Vehicle Officer's Report

A big thank you to all of you who have driven the vehicles safely, kept them clean and tidy, and for reporting any issues. An extra mention to all who have helped me during the last year; Lucy Belson and Mike Smith, who have given me many lifts, Dave Allery for technical assistance, Lee Tunstall, Jack Bavister and Alan Blight for practical help, and Dan Pocock for advice on tyres. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

The Team now to operates with the support of four vehicles, which have between them the capacity to carry 24 team members. It was rare that all four were deployed together during a full call-out, leaving spare capacity to attend a second incident; this occurred several times during the year.

Mobile 1, a Toyota Hilux is now over eleven years old, with a total mileage of 21425, and has done 874 miles so far this year (2200 in 2023) and was used significantly fewer times this year - 26 compared to 75 in 2023. It is showing some signs of wear, and work has been initiated to refurbish it, and to bring it up to a similar specification as Mobile 4. Once this is complete, there is no reason to not keep it for at least another five years.

Mobile 2, our Land Rover Defender is now fifteen years old, with a total mileage of 29318, has done 1287 miles so far this year (1400 in 2023). In particular, it continues to be invaluable for boat deployments and is a great PR asset, and was used on 28 callouts, compared to 32 in 2023. The vehicle was fitted with new tyres and a set of alloy wheels which were kindly donated to the team. It should remain part of our fleet for as long as possible.

Mobile 3, a Ford Tourneo Custom, has the capacity to ferry up to nine members to call-outs, and has also been used for attending training events and general transport. The vehicle is now over nine years old, with a total mileage of 25893, has done 3642 miles so far this year (3300 in 2023)

and has been used on 39 callouts compared to 45 in 2023. Looking forward, we have received funding to replace this vehicle, and work is to be initiated in 2025 to do this. It has continued to be plagued by electrical problems which culminated in the vehicle breaking down and having to be recovered. During the year, there were several incidents resulting in minor damage; two small knocks resulting in minor body work damage which were judged to be not worth fixing (the insurance excess is £1500); a tyre was damaged on a call-out; and the windscreen had to be replaced under insurance after it sustained a crack. Can I re-enforce to everyone the need to be on the look-out for damage and to report it immediately.

Mobile 4, a Toyota Hilux has earned its spurs this year and become the favoured response vehicle. It now has a total mileage of 4309, with 2924 miles so far this year (1200 in 2023, but that was not a full year) and was used on 62 callouts, compared to 10 in 2023. It has proved reliable, however, as with all modern diesel engines, the exhaust has a regenerative particulate filter, which can be inconvenient to use, and has once become blocked and had to be professionally cleaned. This is likely to recur. There was also a fault on the airbags, which was mended under warranty. We received confirmation from MREW that we cannot tax this vehicle as an ambulance – this will be true of all new vehicles going forward.

All the vehicles continue to be regularly maintained with checks carried out every three months by Riverside Garage in Holmrook. Any faults have been minor in nature, and promptly dealt with. All vehicles have passed their annual MOT and have been taxed and insured. In total the vehicles have been driven 8727 miles, compared to 8151 in 2023 and deployed a total of 155 times to date, compared to 162 in 2023.

I have decided it is now the right time to stand down and give somebody else the opportunity to take this job on. I'd like to thank the many people who has helped me over the last three years.

Jake Manson

Vehicles Officer

Water Officer's Report

2024 has seen several experienced technicians decide to hang up the drysuit and be replaced with other team members who have been trained up to the same high standards with Rescue 3 Europe.

The Swiftwater technician team continue to train regularly and maintain a strong capability which meets the requirements of a DEFRA Type C team in the Water and Flood Rescue Concept of Operations.

The boat has been deployed 4 times on callouts since the last AGM and continues to be an asset in rescues in and around the lake. The boat has also been deployed several times on full team exercises and to provide boat drivers additional driving experience.

Good	Nearly there	Needs work

Qualification	Current Number	Ideal Number	Changes from last month
Swiftwater rescue technicians	13	18	+2
Advanced level technicians	7	8	0
Technicians trained in rescues from a flooded vehicle	0	10	0
Swiftwater instructor	1	1	0
Management of water and flood incidents (Mod 5)	1	1	0
DEFRA Team Commander	3	3	0

Planned Water Rescue Training – DATES FOR THE DIARY:
24/11/24 – LDSAMRA regional SRT CPD day

Kit/Equipment
No new water kit purchased recently

As always, any questions regarding water ops in the team, let me know.

Rob Stalker

Water Officer

Communication Officer's Report

Just after last year's AGM, I was honoured to be asked to serve as Team Communications Officer after my predecessor wished to stand down to spend more time with young family.

Hugh thanks to Rob for all his work as Officer, and his ongoing support of Team Communications along with Jon, Gareth, Hugh and Paul.

We are continuously looking for opportunities to support the Team with better communications, which can be a challenge in a remote and rugged environment. We have had a strategy of providing multiple systems to give robustness, though I feel we may have hit a limit now, constrained by what we can carry and remember how to use.

Our dedicated operational systems are currently digital and analogue radio, Zello, Satellite PTT and pagers. Zello connects our radio channels to a secure internet stream. After a long trial period, we rolled out Zello to all Team Members, which immediately proved to be a worthwhile addition to the portfolio of communication systems with a couple of call outs in areas with low radio coverage and during an unplanned repeater network connection outage. It also gives the Team the capability to speak from locations of no phone coverage directly to a Team Doctor off the hill which has proven very useful on a few occasions.

The Starlink trial at Wasdale Head has performed well, significantly improved after Tim repositioned it, thanks. The Government have indicated that they will donate it to The Team at the end of the 2-year trial if we pick up the running cost. While it's another addition to our ongoing running cost, we think it's worth it.

We've also benefitted from one of our adjacent teams commissioning a new repeater, which has improved our radio coverage, but means that we are streaming more audio channels to and from base. With the increased use of the base internet connection for Zello and repeaters, we have reached the limit of the bandwidth that is currently available to us without an unsustainable increase in cost. The success of the trial has led us to invest in Starlink for our primary base internet connection which is installed pending commissioning.

Not of our doing, but a newly commissioned GSM mast in Wasdale has significantly improved Mobile phone signal coverage in our main operating area. It's useful for the Team and will be interesting to see if it has any effect on callouts.

The team suffered our first radio handset loss since going digital this year. A radio attached to a sack as normal got blown down a hill by helicopter downwash causing irreparable damage. We also suffered electronic failures of one of our now 4 handheld Satellite PTT radios and the base antenna, both of which were replaced impressively quickly under warranty by Icom.

Overall, I believe WMRT communications capabilities are in a good position to support the team's current and projected operational need, but the team and I will always be looking and open to suggestions for improvements.

Dave Allery
Communications Officer

Information Technology Officer's Report

In what is a new role the first thing was to get a Role Specification agreed by the trustees – this was done and was split into 6 distinct sections:

1. IT Infrastructure Management
2. Technical Support and Troubleshooting
3. Security and Data Management
4. Project Management
5. Technology Evaluation and Recommendations
6. Training and Documentation

In what was a slow start to the year a lot of the small jobs such as sourcing and ordering new laptops and setting up an environment for the new Search team, keeping tabs on the Microsoft licenses and engaging in on-boarding and off-boarding of members, progress is being made with the valued help of certain subject matter experts.

More work needs to be done and the collaborative approach with the likes of the comms group will enable me and the team to get a better, easier to understand IT environment. There will be more to plan, set up and indeed buy in the new year and I thank you for your patience.

Paul Barratt

ICT Officer

Building Officer's Report

The building has provided a great base for the team who have had another very busy year. However, as it ages more items require maintenance and repair.

Annual inspections and services to the following systems have taken place: the security and fire alarms, emergency lighting, heating, garage up and over shutter doors, CCTV and ground source heat pump and underfloor heating system.

The standby generator and fire extinguisher test are to be scheduled before the end of the year. There is a routine for regular emergency light and fire alarm tests which will continue.

Some ad hoc callouts were required during the year on an as-needed basis to rectify issues with various systems such as the garage doors. A security camera and some emergency light fittings were replaced by suitably qualified team members following the annual tests from the previous year.

There are ongoing issues for resolution in the coming weeks:

- Emergency lighting –This year's annual test has identified several emergency lights which need replacing and this is in hand.
- Repair of the roof leak has not yet been achieved and a new contractor has been approached to resolve this.
- The garage doors have in the last few days show signs of a potential fault which is to be investigated with the service company.

The Lowering Platform project is taking far longer than expected to be brought to site and installed. I am still pursuing the local companies who are fabricating this.

Thank you also to the members who carry out the grass cutting.

Additional projects still to be undertaken:

- Consider and plan an extension to the car parking area and delineation of parking bays.
- Investigation and rectify / adapt drainage at the front and side of the building to alleviate foul smells.
- Consider enclosing and making secure the rear covered storage to accommodate the boat.

Hugh Redington

Building Officer

Equipment Officer's Report

I took over from Dan Pocock in September 2024, where I have been responsible for managing the team's crag equipment, stretchers, and other rescue accessories. The role involves sorting the various inspection requirements, purchasing new equipment, and liaising with equipment suppliers. Dan left this in an exceptional position for me to take over, everything had been logged on D4H and was all up to date, after discussion with Dan there was some additional people added to help with carrying out this work:

- Andy Cramp – Clothing
- Gareth Platt – Rope rescue kit
- Stuart Rushton – Stretchers + kit

Titan stretcher – this is in full use now living in M4, with its new Tirrol handles and wheel, it has been successfully tested on several incidents, its still evolving, new stretcher straps to try from Lyon, these are on order and will be tested to see if these are suitable, there is a new wheel on the market with a disc brake on the wheel, in the process of organising Ferno to come to base and trail this with us. New Titan stretcher and accessories have been ordered and will go in M1 so this will make M1 & M4 identical. The plan for stretchers will be 2 Titan (M1 & M4) & 2 Bells (M2 + Spare), with the spare Titan going back to SRT but can be used in the event all our stretchers have been deployed.

The team is continuing to successfully use D4H to log all Equipment, incidents and going forward will be used to solely track qualifications and competencies. Equipment inspections continue in the background, I'd like to thank the team for their ongoing support, especially those who regularly give up extra time to help with equipment inspections (namely Chris Adams, Ian Davidson, Dan Shepherd, Rob Stalker, Gareth Platt & Stuart Rushton) – this is greatly appreciated.

New rucksacks for the Cas Bags have been ordered and are currently getting badged up so should be with us soon. The replacement synthetic belay jacket jointly designed by MREW and Helly Hansen, the SAR 133, have now been distributed to team members, I am hearing mixed feelings for this jacket, some members still preferring the Fitzroy, so we will see what happens with regards this jacket. Any issues regarding Clothing do speak with Andy C or the equipment officer.

I have only been in the role for a couple of months; however, I am enjoying the challenges it brings and intend to continue into 2025. I would like to thank the team for their ongoing support.

Lee Tunstall

Equipment Officer

Press Officer's Report

2024 has continued to be exceptionally busy year of rescues for the team which will always attract significant interest from the media.

Having the highest mountain in England on our patch with over 50% of incidents on Scafell Pike of which 60% are lost and overdue means a lot of press enquiries. Local and national papers, local and national radio, regional and national television, they all want a story and trying to avoid those awkward questions can be a challenge at times. *"don't you get angry?"* ...."*is it sustainable?"* .... *"is the Adventure Smart message getting through?"*. However, having good relationships with the media, encouraging responsible behaviors and being non-judgmental has always been our approach and it seems to work well. It allows us to get our own messaging across whether it is fundraising, recruitment, safety messaging to reduce those 60% Scafell Pike lost and missing or just a big thanks to our community.

Spring 2024 saw the final launch of the Summer Films production, Lake District Rescues for Channel 4. The four 60 minute episode series covering the work of the wider Cumbrian teams heavily featured on our own team being filmed during our busiest period in May 2023 when we had 28 callouts in 4 weeks. The overall feedback was extremely positive, showed the team in its best light and has seen an increase in donations. It was initially aired on All4 and More4 but due to audience interest, the series was repeated in late summer on Channel 4's main platform and was viewed by an audience of over 1 million for each episode. There is continued interest and moves afoot for something similar in 2025 if our team remains willing to participate.

One press and social media project that worked well this year was working with the National Trust and Fix the fells following a near fatal incident in Piers Gill early this year. The outcome has been the installation of National Trust signage and chain barriers within the upper reaches of the gill to prevent walkers wrongly deciding it is a safe route off Scafell Pike.

Our team leaders have appeared in several TV interviews throughout the years. They present our work and issues very well and add operational realism to interviews that press officers sometimes cannot quite deliver. Not an easy task for the team leaders but always well executed so thank you. Also, a big thanks to all team members who have helped with the photographs, the videos, the social media posts and indeed in the opportunities we get for reconstructions. Special thanks to our social media colleagues who have a devil of a job keeping up with the flood of incidents and to Chad who continues to share the media workload with his engaging style. All this support continues makes the job of a press officer so much easier to do.

Richard Warren

Press Officer

Training Officer's Report

Firstly, please could I extend my appreciation to all those who have helped out over the past 11 months in support of team training and especially those who have attended with enthusiasm and the willingness to participate, it makes a big difference.

It was my intention to produce a training calendar based upon maintaining the basics whilst supporting the development of capability within the team. A training calendar that can be used year on year with only slight changes required by future Training Officers. It was also important that I try and make sure that training was carried outside whatever the weather conditions and that we all were finished and enroute home to our families by 9:00 pm. To lessen the impact as well on our families and team members I made the decision to cancel all training during the months of July and August as these are generally our busiest months and all members will be getting plenty of on-the-job training. The exception to this was Operations Reviews, an opportunity where we can get together to talk about the jobs that month whilst sharing learning and discuss ways to which we can do things better.

Team training as usual has followed the four-weekly rotation with Core being CPD training loosely following the MREW guidelines of what each full operational team member should be skilled and knowledgeable at, whilst also aligning to our seasonal requirements and preparing all member for the Summer onslaught. Specialist training nights have focussed on the team's additional capabilities, such as skills in the crag environment, off road driving, operating in and around the team boat, etc. I have also organised as part of this year's calendar several scenario evenings, live running of a tasking with the focus of providing opportunities for team members to carry out roles that they normally don't get the opportunity to get involved with but in a safe environment. These scenarios have normally kicked off at 4:00 pm in the afternoon so that our ATLs get the opportunity to run with it and make decisions for themselves developing their own style of working. Thank you to COMRU, WCSAR and the Stalkers who got involved in varying capacities to provide realism with joint agency working and provision of fake casualties that we don't normally see.

I kept probationary training following the same programme as full team members as much as possible, with only a couple of exceptions. However, it was important to provide our new members with the right opportunities early on, so that would put them in the right place to be able to join the rest of the team on the hill for April. During this period, they were able to make it up to Scotland with other team members to learn some basic Winter skills and an opportunity to start building strong bonds with each other and those longer serving members. Thank you as always to John and Sue Noake for organising this excellent weekend. Our new members also had an opportunity to spend an evening at the Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project being taught how to safely use their PPE whilst also learning basic belaying skills. Thak you to Steve Walter for helping to organise this valuable session and I hope that he will be able to do this again for next year's cohort of new members.

We haven't had many team members on externally arranged training courses this year, but those that did included boat driver training, courses provided by Cumbria Police and a Party Leader Training that a couple of our members are due to attend in the next couple of weeks and next year. Also, well done to Rob Stalker who provided his first Swift Water Tech course, it's great to see this instructional ability being brought into the team strengthening our water rescue capability.

Something worth mentioning on its own is the team's first trip away to practice Summer skills over in North Wales. Although I didn't manage to attend this weekend, I saw the photos and heard very positive feedback from those who went. Thank you to Ian Davidson and those who help arrange this, I hope this is a regular annual event.

Although, our Medical Officer will be providing her own report, I think it is important that we recognise Lucy Belson and Dr Tariq Qureshi for their untiring devotion to maintaining this team's medical capability. I personally believe they have developed WMRT into the flag ship for Casualty Care with a team of confident, caring, and skilled Remote Rescue Medical Technicians who save lives.

Finally, Wasdale puts a lot of focus on training and the development of its members. I like to think that we all recognise the importance on how this contributes to us being able to carry out our mission safely and professionally in some quite unforgiving terrain. We are a part of one of the busiest teams in the country and the ability to commit up to another 150 hours of your personal time in the development of yourselves and others is outstanding. Thank you all for turning up as you have done, and I hope you have all found your Monday nights informative and fun.

Phil Hall

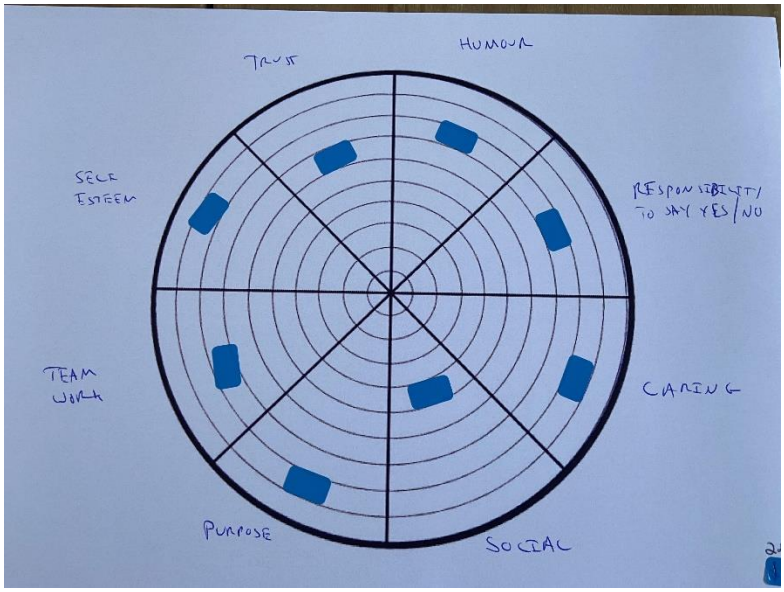
Training Officer

Wellbeing Officer's Report

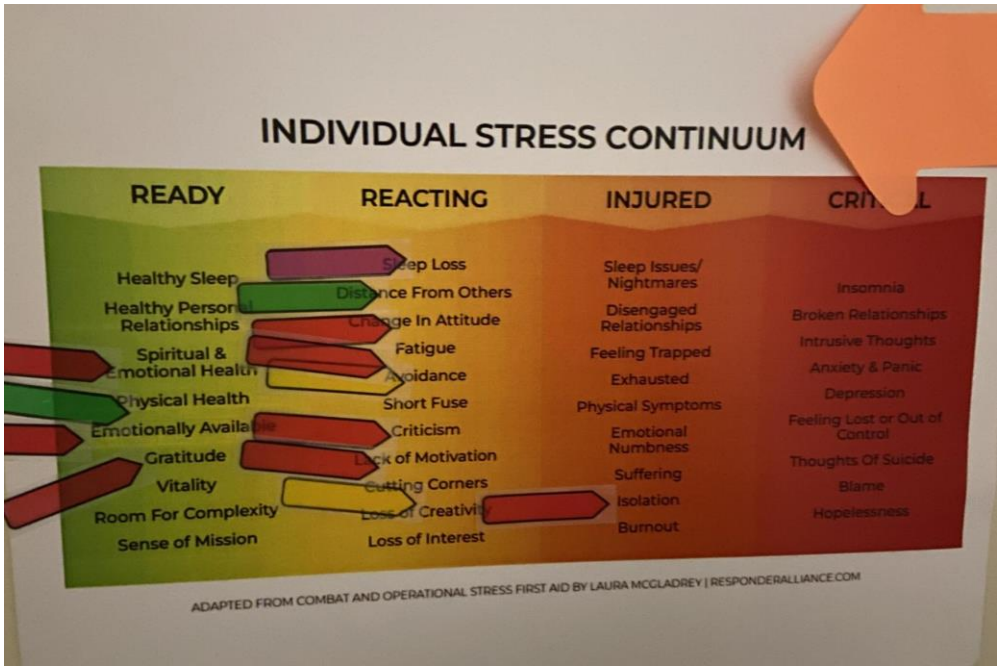
Dear team,

This year in wellbeing we've been making sure all team members are being considered in their own personal wellbeing and that the wellbeing of the team as a whole is also being thought of.

The wellbeing group have looked at well-being wheels like the one in the circle diagram below. With these we've thought through different areas of the life of the team (such as our purpose, humour, self-esteem, team work etc.) and given them a score out of ten. These scores have then led to helpful discussions about anything on the horizon which might impact them and any practical steps we can take to strengthen or improve them. One area of interest was the attendance review through which we then sought to offer a listening ear and support to those involved in it.



We also wanted to ensure individual team members had access to tools to enable them to reflect on their own wellbeing in the life of the team. So we introduced the "stress continuum" which is below. These tools give us chance to reflect on our own wellbeing and, most importantly, to consider which direction we are facing or heading. These have also been provided along with contact numbers and a "check-in" system for every member of the team so they have points of contact should the continuums raise any cause of concern.



As a wellbeing group we remain thankful for the many and varied ways all team members are taking consideration of, and care over, the wellbeing of one another and will be seeking to nurture and develop what already exists in the life of the team over the coming months.

Paul Kerry

Wellbeing Lead

Recruitment and Probationer Officer's Report

In January 2024 we recruited six new probationers to our 12-month training programme. All six have continued throughout the year attending both training and callouts and have adapted well. They were all assigned a mentor at the start of the year who have been assisting them with completing their competences and being a one-to-one contact.

The recruitment process for 2025 commenced late summer with applications being taken for January 2025 start. From these applicants nine have been chosen for interview and all interviews to be completed by end of October. The next stage will be the final hill walks in November prior to selection.

I have stepped down in the recruitment / probationer lead role and Sue Noake has kindly taken over. I have enjoyed this role over the past few years, and it's been very rewarding seeing so many of the current team progressing through this system and becoming valuable team members.

I would just like to personally thank the whole team for your support in all aspects of the probationers' development and would like you to extend this going forward as Sue continues in the role.

Mark Harrison

Recruitment Officer

Incidents

These incidents have been kindly reproduced from the Team website (http://www.wmrt.org.uk) and represent events up to and including Saturday 16th November 2024. It should be noted that the reporting date for the team is that of calendar years. Incidents between the last AGM on 27 November 2023 and 31 December 2023 are reported separately later.

Number of '999' calls for the calendar year to date = 160 which includes 100 with the team on the fell and 60 alerts, where the incident was reported in as a '999' but there was no need for any significant team involvement and therefore not formally logged as an incident - this is where, for example, the Team Leader talks them off the mountain with minimal team member involvement or missing persons turn up before the team is fully mobilised. Since the last AGM there have been 167 incidents of which 104 were callouts and 63 were alerts.

1. Cumbria - Full Callout - 00:35 Mon 1st Jan 2024
A very sad start to the New Year. We were asked to support Penrith MRT for a large scale search in the North Pennines, along with many other Lakes MRT teams and other agencies. Two land search teams and the drone team were deployed to assist. Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with family and friends. Penrith Mountain Rescue Team Callout 38 Date: 31st December 2023 Start time: 17:45 Location: Cross Fell, North Pennines Incident Type: Search Other Agencies: Kirkby Stephen MRT, Kendal MRT, Wasdale MRT, Patterdale MRT, Cockermouth MRT, Langdale MRT, Duddon and Furness MRT, Keswick MRT, Lake District Search Dogs, SARDA England, GNAAS, HMCG, Cumbria Police, NWAS Cumbria police contacted the team on New Years Eve in response to a report of an overdue fell runner. The team mobilised and began a search through the night along the runner's planned route of Dufton to Hartside and back. Team members from Penrith, Kirkby Stephen and Kendal searched through into the early hours across the north Pennines. The search resumed at first light, with extra resources called in from across the lakes teams and northern England including search dogs and drones. Searching continued until a find was made by a police helicopter around midday on New Years Day. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Edward. Many thanks to the other teams, services and individuals who contributed and assisted with this 24 hour operation. 26 Penrith Mountain Rescue Team 13 Kirkby Stephen Mountain Rescue Team 7 Kendal Mountain Search & Rescue Team 5 Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team 10 Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team 7 Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team 4 Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team 6 Keswick Mountain Rescue Team 4 Langdale Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team (LAMRT) 3 Lake District Mountain Rescue Searchdogs 5 Search and Rescue Dogs Mountain Rescue Search Dogs England 3 LDSAMRA Drones Great North Air Ambulance Service HMCG Rescue 199 North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust Cumbria Police

2. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Alert - 02:28 Mon 1st Jan 2024
Another call was received early on New Year's Day about a lone walker who was lost on the descent from Scafell Pike, heading towards Piers Gill rather than the tourist path to Brackenclose. He was very cold, wet and concerned for his safety. Fortunately the Team Leader was able to locate the walker using Phonefind and then provide guidance to give confidence to the walker that he was moving in the right direction. Further Phonefinds at regular intervals prevented the need for team members to be deployed on the fell. A good outcome, given the planned deployment of help to Penrith MRT several hours later. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

3. Walkmill, Whitehaven - Full Callout - 10:56 Mon 1st Jan 2024
In the third callout of the day, Cumbria Police requested support to search for a missing person. The Team Leader initially requested the drone team, who were able to be released from the Penrith MRT search and travel back by that point. A full callout was subsequently made for a detailed ground search. Fortunately, some time afterwards we received the good news that the police had located the missing person elsewhere and the team stood down and returned to base.

4. Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:58 Tue 2nd Jan 2024
A brief alert yesterday when a walker had run out of charge on his phone having previously messaged to a family member that he was lost in the mountains. A photo sent earlier suggested Wast Water as a backdrop. With not much information to work with to plan a search, a further call to say that the walker had made his own way down and was in the car was gratefully received, and the team was stood down. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

5. Red Gill, Scafell - Full Callout - 23:33 Wed 3rd Jan 2024
We have a tail to tell with our latest callout. Cumbria Police alerted us to a report from a concerned family member. A group of two male walkers, plus a dog (Dexter) had failed to make contact from an intended walk up Scafell Pike and were overdue. Due to the weather conditions, and real potential for hypothermia, a full callout was made and additional support gained from Duddon and Furness MRT and the Lake District search dogs. No contact was able to be made by mobile phone, so we did not have any real leads as to which areas to search. Search teams were sent via the normal routes in Wasdale and Eskdale. The team sent to Sty Head were clearly barking up the wrong tree and found nothing. Other teams were poodling around for some time with nothing heard or seen. However, the search team in Hollow Stones heard a woof and a howl in response to their whistles, and so we finally had a Scooby Doo. The hunt was on. A light was seen high on the flanks of Scafell, but due to the mist it was very difficult to tell exactly where. Dogged determination kept the teams searching in Lord's Rake, up Black Crag and in Red Gill. Finally a clear line of sight could be made and fortunately the group was thankfully found to be a dogfast rather than cragfast, on steep ground but manageable with care. Dexter, the 40kg Doberman/Belgian Malinois cross had decided not to move any further on nightfall, despite much encouragement. The walkers were uninjured, cold, and had not wanted to leave their dog on the fell. They were equipped well enough to spend an unplanned night on the fell, and we found that Dexter was trained to bark and howl, thus initially attracting our attention. Other rescuers harnessed the energy to make the hard pull up to their location but no amount of encouragement could make Dexter move downhill. The agreed course of action was to wait for daylight and hope that he regained his confidence to move downhill with better visibility. As such, bivvy shelters were deployed for all, and a long paws ensued. After a woof night, as dawn broke, further attempts were made but Dexter stood fast. As hope was fading a last ditch attempt was made with a 50m rope lead and he was gently encouraged downhill . Thankfully once he started moving there were no further problems and a brisk, boisterous and friendly walk with Dexter was then made back to Brackenclose. The team wearily were recalled to base and the vehicles were reset. A friendly team member had kindly played fetch with breakfast butties from the local shop. After gratefully consuming these, the team returned home for a lie down. We'd like to thank Duddon and Furness MRT and Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dogs for their rapid response to an initially urgent search.

6. Wind Gap, Pillar - Full Callout - 14:29 Sat 6th Jan 2024
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a paraglider who had tumbled 50m down steep scree at Wind Gap after a failed launch. He had suffered pelvis and leg injuries. Initially we asked for support from Cockermouth MRT as they can access this location more easily however shortly after agreeing to help they needed to respond to another call-out in their area. Due to the location and likelihood of serious injuries a Coastguard helicopter was also requested and Rescue 199 from Prestwick was dispatched quickly. They reached the scene and winched their paramedic to the scene to begin treatment. The helicopter then ferried Wasdale MRT team members to the scene to support. The injured paraglider received strong pain relief and was transferred carefully into the vacuum mattress for full body stabilisation. Once in the stretcher the paraglider was winched into the helicopter and flown to hospital to continue his treatment. We wish the casualty well with a speedy recovery from his injuries. Our thanks go to Cockermouth MRT and Rescue 199 for their swift responses.

7. Broad Crag Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:54 Sun 7th Jan 2024
We were called by Cumbria Police about a lone walker who was unable to walk due to pain in both thighs on the initial descent from Scafell Pike summit. He was becoming cold having stopped in the exposed terrain. Due to a possible stretcher carry a full team callout was made. Duddon and Furness MRT were also asked for availability due to slightly low numbers for a long carry off the fell. Fortunately two team members were already on the hill in different locations, but both agreed to change their plans and divert to assess the situation and see if they could help. Once on scene, the walker was assessed and it was decided to attempt to walk slowly down to Wasdale Head. Fortunately this was possible and the two team members escorted the walker to the Wasdale Head Inn for some replenishment of calories, hydration and to arrange a taxi for onwards transport. We'd like to thank Duddon and Furness MRT for their willingness to help once again, and particularly to the numerous groups of passing walkers who seemed to assist in the initial stages.

8. Broad Stand, Scafell - Full Callout - 15:04 Sun 7th Jan 2024
Team members were relaxing and enjoying the conditions and stunning views following the good news that the walker from Incident No.7 was able to walk off the fell, when a second call was received from the police. Three people were reported to be stuck on steep and icy ground on Scafell. The coordinates from the police call confirmed that they were on Broad Stand, a black spot and very hazardous terrain for walkers, especially in winter conditions. This is a location for many serious incidents over the years. As we had team members on the fell and in the valley already they were able to re-task, alongside additional team members volunteering with the new callout request. Duddon and Furness were asked to standby again. On the ascent it was established that one of the walkers had managed to ascend Broad Stand

and was now safely off the fell, leaving two people to rescue. A Coastguard helicopter was requested and Rescue 199 duly attended. Unfortunately, patchy cloud and a light snow shower made conditions too dangerous to attempt a winch pick-off and so they returned to base, leaving a rope rescue to be undertaken. A spotter team at Mickledore maintained communications with the party whilst safe rope access was established for two team members to descend. Once on scene, the walkers were given warm clothing, food, helmets, harnesses, spikes and plenty of reassurance. The ascent to the top of Broad Stand was successfully made before a further warm in a bivvy shelter. The long descent into the valley and back to the vehicles was then completed before transferring in a team vehicle to family in the Wasdale Head Inn. Thanks to the crew Rescue 199 and to Duddon and Furness MRT. We hope the walkers recover quickly from their predicament. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

9. Scafell Pike - Alert - 17:47 Fri 19th Jan 2024
As the team were travelling to the Wasdale Head Inn last Friday for the team annual dinner, an alert was received for two walkers lost and cold on Scafell Pike. However, our friends from Duddon and Furness MRT were covering for the evening and they efficiently sorted it with the help of Rescue 199. See their post below. Huge thanks DFMRT once again They are currently fundraising for a new base so any donations would be greatly appreciated. https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?cid=142595...

10. Upper Eskdale - Limited Callout - 17:55 Mon 22nd Jan 2024
On Monday evening, as the team were arriving for weekly training, an alert from Cumbria Police was received. Two walkers attempting to climb Scafell Pike had strayed into Upper Eskdale and reported themselves lost, cold and in need of help. Fortunately the police call was able to establish coordinates. Unfortunately the location was in a remote situation at the edge of our operational area. That meant a long wait for the pair as the team mobilised with a hasty party taking the shorter route from Wasdale, and others via Eskdale in case they walked downhill. Once the team were on scene, after some rewarming in a bivvy shelter and extra clothing they were able to walk back down to Wasdale where their car was located. It's worth a reminder that mobile phone signal should not be relied upon in many parts of Wasdale and Eskdale. These walkers were somewhat fortunate to get enough of a signal to phone 999 at this location. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

11. Wasdale Head - Alert - 19:33 Sun 28th Jan 2024
A brief alert last Sunday evening. Four walkers and two dogs were reported overdue from a walk up Great Gable from Seathwaite. Information was being gathered by the Team Leader when a Phonefind struck lucky and got a grid reference... in the pub. The walkers had taken a wrong turn on the descent from Great Gable, ending up in the wrong valley, resulting in either an unplanned stay or a long and expensive taxi journey. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

12. Mosedale - Full Callout - 17:06 Fri 2nd Feb 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone male walker and his dog. The walker had suffered an ankle injury on the descent, was unable to walk and getting cold. He had been able to report via iPhone satellite emergency call. His location was about halfway up towards Wind Gap. The Team Leader made a full callout, with the first vehicle away quickly as members were already in base. Happily, shortly after leaving the vehicle at Wasdale Head a single head torch was seen. It was confirmed that this was the casualty, and he had managed a slow walk off the fell after all. After a quick assessment the party all made their way back to Wasdale Head and the team stood down.

13. Eskdale - Alert - 13:52 Sun 4th Feb 2024
An alert was received yesterday from Cumbria Police about walkers who were unaware of their location and were cold and wet. The location from the initial call put them on the path in Upper Eskdale and a further one a few minutes later confirmed that they were heading in the right direction and not too far from the road. The situation was monitored by the Team Leader until confirmation was received that the party was safe and well and off the fell. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

14. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:28 Sun 4th Feb 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who was requesting help for herself and also because she could not contact her partner for several hours. They had split up close to the summit, with the male walker ascending the final stretch in the mist, intending to return within a short time. When the male walker failed to return, and after a phone call saying that he had lost the path and was scrambling down on steep ground the informant was increasingly concerned when no further contact was possible. The Team Leader made a full callout and also asked a team member in the valley to travel direct to help the informant off the hill and obtain further information. At this point she had almost made it back to Brackenclose. With lots of uncertainty, and the possibility of a search over a large area, Duddon and Furness MRT was asked to search the paths in Eskdale. Additionally two search dogs were given taskings. With 27 pairs of boots (and eight paws) on the ground in both valleys, the teams made their way uphill. After a couple of false alarms, a Wasdale hill party heard shouts from Piers Gill. On further careful investigation over the edge, a light was seen and soon it was confirmed that the walker was in a precarious position at the bottom of the gill. Fortunately he was able to stand and shout back to team members. All Wasdale parties converged and proceeded to set up rope access to enable team members to safely descend. Once on scene the walker was confirmed to have taken a few tumbles, and was soaking wet, but after some warming, food and extra clothing he was able to manage an assisted climb out of the gill. Once back on safe ground, he was further assessed and debriefed. He had suffered many abrasions from scrambling, slipping and sliding down treacherous ground on the descent in the gill. Due to this it was decided to take the longer but safer route back up to Lingmell Col before descending finally to Brackenclose. An ambulance was also requested as a precaution to further assess the walker. At Brackenclose, the two walkers were finally reunited, before being taken to hospital for a full assessment. The teams returned to their respective bases to reset the vehicles in readiness for the next callout. This was a great outcome given the location. We wish the walkers a full recovery from their ordeal. Huge thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT and to the team members of Lake District Mountain Rescue Searchdogs for their swift help once again. A special thanks also to the Wasdale Head Inn for showing tremendous kindness and support to team members and the informant walker during a tense wait for news from the hill.

15. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 09:11 Sat 10th Feb 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police yesterday morning. A walker had slipped and taken a significant tumble fall in Foxes Tarn gully on the descent from Scafell. He had sustained a head injury which was bleeding heavily, and felt like he could lose consciousness. A full callout was made quickly. Helimed 58 also lifted but was unable to land due to the weather conditions with cloud unhelpfully hanging over the Scafell summits. Coastguard helicopter support was requested and Rescue 199 responded from Prestwick. Again weather thwarted attempts to directly access the casualty, and so an offer to move team members up the hill as far as possible was gratefully received. Two passing walkers, including a former team member, had also stopped to help the walker, providing food, drink and extra clothing. Once on scene, a full medical assessment was made, before packaging the walker in a full body splint, casualty bag, heat blanket and stretcher. Rope systems were set up to manage the stretcher safely down the snow-filled Mickeldore gully towards the agreed location for the helicopter transfer. Rescue 199 then returned to the scene, landed on and then flew the walker to hospital for further medical assessment and treatment. Thanks to both helicopter crews for their help once again, and to the walkers who stopped for a long time to help. We wish the experienced and very well-equipped walker a swift recovery from his injuries and hope to see him back on the fells soon.

16. Scafell Pike - Alert - 14:55 Tue 13th Feb 2024
A brief call on Tuesday about a walker and his son, who had lost their way and descending on an unintended path. They were concerned that they were lost and not prepared for walking in the dark. As further information was being gathered the good news was received that they had made it back to their intended destination and the team was stood down. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

17. Black Sail Pass - Full Callout - 15:30 Sat 17th Feb 2024
The team was called on Saturday afternoon regarding a walker who had slipped, injuring her ankle and was unable to bear weight. Another member of the party had descended to Wasdale Head to raise the alarm in the absence of an adequate mobile signal on the fell. The team was called out and members made their way towards Black Sail Pass. Once on scene a medical assessment was made and the leg was splinted. A stretcher carry was then made to Wasdale Head where a waiting ambulance provided further assessment. We wish the walker a swift recovery from her injury.

18. Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:54 Sat 17th Feb 2024

As the first incident of the day was progressing, a further call was received from Cumbria Police. A walker had been separated on his ascent from Scafell Pike, and had not been seen or heard from for around 3 hours. Due to the conditions, the lack of additional clothing, and the fact that the team was already committed to a stretcher carry, early support for a possible search was requested from Duddon and Furness MRT. Thankfully, shortly afterwards the good news was received that the walker had made it down safely. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT for their willingness to help. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

19. Upper Eskdale - Full Callout - 21:28 Sun 18th Feb 2024
A call was received from North West Ambulance Service about a party of four walkers who were uninjured, lost and cold. They were struggling to find their way to safety and requested help. Coordinates were able to be converted from the 999 calls. The team was called out and mobilised to Upper Eskdale, and made their way to the given location. The walkers were found as expected, rewarmed and were then able to walk themselves back out of the valley to the team vehicles and back to base. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better.

20. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:08 Wed 28th Feb 2024
In the first of two callouts in quick succession, a party of 4 young and inexperienced walkers reported themselves lost, wet, cold and concerned for their safety. They had seemingly mis-navigated in poor conditions off the summit and then lost the path. The Team Leader directed them back to the summit from where a talk-off is possible, but one of the walkers was struggling to walk. As such a full callout was made for a potential stretcher carry. However, a further call was made from the party shortly afterwards with better news that they were back on a path and heading downhill in the right direction. After this no further communication was possible to confirm location or progress. It was expected that team members ascending would meet the walkers coming down but this did not occur. With concern that another wrong turn had been made, in worsening conditions, further team members were requested and Duddon and Furness MRT called to search Upper Eskdale. However as one of the additional team vehicles arrived at the car park at Brackenclose, the group were found at their vehicle having made their own way down. Somehow they had managed to accidentally avoid team members going up the fell. This was still very good news and all team members were recalled to base to warm up, refuel and overwhelm the drying room. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT for their help once more.

21. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 00:50 Thu 29th Feb 2024
A couple of hours after the team members returned home from the previous callout, the team was called again by Cumbria Police in the early hours. A lone male walker was reported overdue by a friend, having declared an intent to climb Scafell. He had left home early the previous morning, likely setting off on the fell at about 7:30am. The police had checked car parks and located his car at Brackenclose. Very limited additional information was known, other than he had intended to return the same day before the weather deteriorated (early afternoon). With team members recovering from the previous callout, coupled with the prospect of a major search on both Scafell and Scafell Pike, (walkers often talk about Scafell but really mean Scafell Pike) the Team Leader escalated the callout to regional level, requesting support from all other Lake District teams. The poor weather of the previous day made the search urgent due to risk of hypothermia. Visibility was still poor and the temperature was forecasted to drop further through the day. An initial Wasdale party set off at 04:42, and then other teams were tasked as they arrived at base, or remotely if that saved time. Search dogs and coastguard helicopter support was also received. As the digital map began to fill with many traces of individual rescuers, a shout was heard by the Cockermouth MRT team from the bottom of Piers Gill. The team were able to access the location with a rope system. Unfortunately the walker had suffered injuries to both ankles, amongst other injuries, and as such medical treatment and evacuation by stretcher was required. He had been in the gill injured for about 24 hours by this point having mis-navigated on his descent from the summit. Other teams on the hill then migrated to the evacuation point with further medical equipment. Specialist rope rescue equipment, stretcher, and further casualty packaging was flown from the valley with additional team members by Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199. Medical assessment and treatment was given in the gill before a technical rescue was then undertaken, led by the Cockermouth team and with assistance from all the other teams present. Having done the hard bit, the normally straightforward part of either a stretcher carry or helicopter transport from the scene proved difficult. With weather conditions thwarting a helicopter extraction, and steep ground below preventing a descent by stretcher, the safest and quickest option was an uphill carry to Lingmell Col. After an energy sapping journey, also helped by a passing Assynt MRT team member, the walker was transferred into the care of the awaiting Helimed 58 crew. He was then flown to hospital for further treatment. We wish the walker a quick recovery from his injuries. We'd like to offer huge thanks to all supporting teams and agencies, including offers received later in the morning and not required. This

is an example of fantastic multiagency working (both voluntary and professional) to get the best possible outcome for the walker. As a team we are very thankful for the swift response to help.

22. Scafell - Alert - 16:39 Fri 1st Mar 2024
In the first of 4 calls from Cumbria Police in quick succession on Friday evening, two walkers reported themselves lost, very cold, wet and concerned for their safety. Their intended route was to Scafell Pike but a Phonefind located them on the flanks of Scafell just above Rakehead Crag. With decent mobile signal this allowed a talk-off downhill to Brackenclose and safety. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

23. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:59 Fri 1st Mar 2024
A further call from Cumbria Police involved a party of 2 walkers who were reporting themselves lost on their Scafell Pike descent. Unfortunately the Team Leader was unable to make further contact with the party by phone, but coordinates from the original emergency call was available, so their location was known. Due to the prevailing winter conditions, and lack of further contact, a search party from the team was tasked to investigate and escort off the fell if necessary. However, shortly after this request was made, contact was made with the walkers; they had managed to descend on the correct path to Seathwaite and no longer needed help. It was later confirmed that they had safely returned to their vehicle and the log was closed.

24. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 19:05 Fri 1st Mar 2024
The third call of the evening from Cumbria Police started with a similar situation to the previous one. A party of 3 inexperienced walkers were lost on their descent at exactly the same location. Their waterproofs had failed and footwear was inadequate so they were concerned for their safety. They were stuck and unable to move. Again a limited callout was made to locate and escort the party off the fell, however, shortly afterwards further information was received saying that one of the walkers was now unconscious. This escalated the matter significantly and so a full callout was made and assistance requested from Keswick MRT for help with urgent medical care and a likely stretcher carry. They further asked for support from the visiting RAF MRT teams. About 30 minutes later more information was received saying that the party was now on the move, but it was not possible to confirm if the unconscious walker had recovered and was with them. Both Keswick and Wasdale teams proceeded towards the walking party from differing directions. It was with some relief when the Keswick team met the party at Greenhow Knott and it was confirmed all were present and well. Two members of the Keswick team escorted them off the fell to Seathwaite, whilst the remaining team members diverted onto an urgent search for the final call of the dayâ€¦.

25. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 20:14 Fri 1st Mar 2024
Part 1 - Walker rescue: Cumbria Police tasked the team for the fourth time on Friday evening. A Father was reporting his son overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. He had reached the summit successfully at 4pm, however no contact had been possible since. As it was not known which route had been taken, a search of all of the normal car parks was undertaken, with his car discovered at Seathwaite by Keswick MRT. Due to the winter conditions including heavy snowfall at height, lone walker and his inexperience, a full callout was made for a search. Support from Keswick MRT, Duddon and Furness MRT, RAF Leeming, RAF Valley and Coastguard helicopter was requested and received quickly. As teams started their allocated search routes, a further request was made for additional resources from other Lakes teams in the morning for contingency planning. Unfortunately a key search asset Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 was unable to complete its requested search area of Piers Gill due to low cloud. As such, the Team Leader diverted two team members onto this route. Weather conditions of heavy snow and 6 to 12 inches of lying snow at height made search conditions difficult and hazardous, with some parties aborting search routes at higher elevations. At about 2am, shouts from rescuers were rewarded with a faint call back followed by a whistle. Unfortunately it was the party tasked with Piers Gill, with the walker's location at the bottom of the gill soon confirmed by searchlight and thermal imaging scope. He confirmed that he had broken his leg and couldn't move. His two dogs were located above a waterfall pitch from him, but both seemed fit and well (see part 2). With a technical rope rescue (likely) or helicopter winch (unlikely due to the location and conditions) now the two options, the Team Leader coordinated resources to attempt both. Rescue 936 from Caernarfon this time was tasked to help. Two team members from another search route returned to the team vehicles at Brackenclose to ready medical, stretcher and crag rescue equipment. Eight loads of equipment were required, with only two team members, so Rescue 936 agreed to uplift the rescuers and equipment as close as possible. The RAF MR teams were closest to the scene so were redirected, with a total of 13 rescuers. With the weather improving and cloud base lifting, Rescue 936 attempted to directly access the walker, but this was not possible. Then, having found a landing site at Middleboot Knotts, they returned to Brackenclose to pickup the two team members and equipment. The RAF teams collected the extra equipment from the landing site and

returned to scene. Rescue 936 left the area to refuel. A team casualty carer was then lowered via a side gully into the bottom of the gill, with further rescuers and equipment following. It was quickly established that the walker had suffered serious injuries and was very cold, but thankfully he had managed to find a small shelf to keep himself mostly out of the water. Medical assessment and treatment was given and cold wet clothing exchanged for dry in a bivvy shelter. As quickly as possible in very challenging conditions a stretcher, casualty bag, heat blankets, vacuum mattress and dual rope system was also established, and then the walker was packaged securely. The haul out of the gill was completed to the awaiting team members. Rescue 936 then returned to scene and winched the casualty, before transferring swiftly to hospital for further assessment and treatment. After the remaining team members were retrieved from the gill, equipment was packed up and the teams walked wearily back to Brackenclose. Once back at base at about noon all team members enjoyed much needed food and refreshments kindly prepared by other members. All in all, a very challenging search and rescue in winter conditions. Once more, great teamwork and support from all teams. We'd particularly like to thank the visiting RAF teams and Rescue 936 for their help on scene. We wish the walker all the best and hope he recovers quickly and fully from his injuries. All that remained was to rescue the walker's two dogs. Additional team members with support from Duddon and Furness MRT had been obtained in the background with fresh legs ascending whilst tired ones came down. Here is a video of the rescue Part 2 - Dog rescue: Team members from Duddon and Furness MRT and Wasdale volunteered to rescue the walker's two dogs. They were cragfast and unable to reach their owner below. As the nightshift clocked off and returned to base, the relief dayshift was heading up the fell. Once on scene, ropes were again used to keep team members safe whilst descending steep snowy ground to locate the dogs. They were encouraged gently with the lure of hotdogs back up the hill to safety and then back to base to be reunited later with family members. It would be fabulous to help Duddon and Furness MRT raise much needed funds for their new base; they were instrumental in this doggy rescue and countless others on our patch over the years when we need support. Here is a video of the rescue

26. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 15:06 Sat 2nd Mar 2024
As the team rescuing the dogs from incident 25 was returning to base, another call had been received from Cumbria Police and more team members with fresher legs had been deployed. Once again, they passed each other in opposite directions. The call was regarding a mother and son who had become stuck on the Screes path with no injuries. The well-practiced response of a boat deployment, pick-off, and transfer to the opposite shore was undertaken without incident and the team returned to base. In total, callouts were ongoing from 4:39pm on Friday to 6:11pm on Saturday evening, a true test of both the Wasdale and wider MR Team resilience.

27. Scafell Pike - Alert - 03:27 Sun 10th Mar 2024
A brief alert last night when a concerned family member phoned the police after a period of time with no communication from a group climbing Scafell Pike. Happily, shortly after the initial call, the police confirmed contact had been made and the group were safe and well. The lack of reliable mobile phone signal accounted for the delay in communications.

28. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:40 Sat 16th Mar 2024
We were called yesterday afternoon by Cumbria Police regarding a walker who had fallen a sustained a very painful shoulder injury. A full callout was made and additional helicopter support was requested due to the nature of the injury, weather conditions and length of time it would take for the team to reach the walker. Duddon and Furness MRT was also asked to support with a possibility of a long stretcher carry. The Helimed 58 crew was able to get onto scene relatively quickly and give treatment and strong pain relief, however, evacuation by air was unachievable due to weather conditions. The walker was therefore carefully packaged into stretcher by the MR teams and given further pain relief to allow a sledge, wheel and carry back down to the valley floor. A handover was given to the awaiting land ambulance before the walker was taken to hospital for further assessment and treatment. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he is back on the fells soon.

29. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:59 Sun 17th Mar 2024
A brief alert for a walking party that was overdue in poor weather. A family member had reported to Cumbria Police. Fortunately, as the Team Leader was gathering more information, phone contact was made with one of the party. They were on the right path and not far from their destination at Seathwaite. The log was closed once it was confirmed they were off the hill and back at their car.

30. Pikes Crag, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 10:30 Mon 18th Mar 2024
The team assisted with Great North Air Ambulance Service recovering their helicopter that was stranded on callout 28. Thanks as always to the Great North Air Ambulance Service crew for their help on Saturday's callout. Their post says it all: - Fog... a pilot's worst nightmare! When flying and landing in Cumbria's mountainous landscape, conditions can

change in the blink of an eye, especially at high altitudes. Our pilots constantly monitor the weather conditions to ensure the safety of our team, but on Saturday, while attending a call-out on Scafell Pike, a dense cloud of fog surrounded our aircraft without warning. We're unable to fly in these conditions because of poor visibility and the increased likelihood of icing, which we cannot fly in due to strict guidelines from the Civil Aviation Authority - the safety of our patients, crew, and equipment is paramount in these situations. Thankfully, the team was still able to treat the patient we flew out to, and they accompanied them in the descent down the mountain alongside Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team and Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team, but pilot Mik stayed with the aircraft to wait until a break in the clouds appeared. That break didn't come until Monday afternoon, meaning our helicopter was at the top of Scafell Pike for two days, as the weather conditions did not allow for us to take off safely. Thankfully, Mik was safely accompanied down the mountain on Sunday. We're delighted to say that The Pride of Cumbria II was brought back home safe and sound thanks to pilot Stu, who made the three-hour ascent on Monday morning. Our teams were still on call responding to incidents via our rapid response vehicles and second helicopter, ensuring people in need across Cumbria still had access to our expert doctor and critical care paramedics. Huge thanks to everyone who helped us get out of this pickle, including the mountain rescue teams, Cumbria Police and Multiflight. Sometimes, it's not what happens, it's how you respond to the situation that matters most. Find out more about what happened here, and how you can support us in ensuring our critical care cars are 24/7: https://www.greatnorthairambulance.co.uk/.../helicopter.../

31. Sty Head - Full Callout - 14:16 Sat 23rd Mar 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker somewhere on Scafell Pike who was unable to walk to due to cramps in his legs. Due to poor mobile signal, further information was not available for some time. A full callout was made with the possibility of a search and due to conditions, a real risk of hypothermia. Eventually contact was made by the police, with the positive update that visiting off-duty MRT members from another team had come across the walker and his group and were assisting them towards Sty Head from the Corridor Route. Fortunately, after rest, shelter, food and drink, the walker was then able to re-mobilise and make his own way off the hill. Team members met the party at Burnthwaite and ensured they got back to their vehicle at Wasdale Head. Our thanks to all those that helped on the hill, we are very grateful.

32. Netherbeck, Wasdale - Full Callout - 18:21 Sun 24th Mar 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker with a knee injury in a party of two. They had ascended Pillar, and were last reported to be at Wind Gap. They were considered to be overdue by a friend who also informed us that they intended to come back to Wasdale via Nether Beck. A full callout was made for a potential stretcher carry, with searchdog Jess up front starting from Nether Beck. Happily, she quickly made a find with the walkers a little off the path, walking slowly back to the road. After a quick assessment the walkers were able to complete the walk back to their car without assistance and the team stood down.

33. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 17:36 Thu 11th Apr 2024
Two calls from Cumbria Police were received on Thursday evening. In both cases the walkers needed help after struggling with navigation in poor weather. Coincidentally the two parties managed to find shelter in the stretcher boxes at Mickeldore and Sty Head, with simultaneous occupancy for a time. In the first callout a party of three walkers called for help at Mickledore when losing their way on the main tourist path from Scafell Pike summit. A limited callout was made and met up with the walkers in very soggy conditions. After some extra clothing and reassurance with a rope down Mickledore gully, the walkers were escorted down to Brackenclose to their own vehicle. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

34. Sty Head - Alert - 20:23 Thu 11th Apr 2024
In the second call of the evening, a party of 4 walkers required help at Sty Head stretcher box. One of the walkers had an ankle injury, and due to the very poor weather they had taken shelter inside. As the team was already tasked, Keswick MRT were asked to assist, who then also requested further support from Cockermouth MRT. Thanks to both teams for their help.

35. Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 04:23 Sat 13th Apr 2024
In two inter-twined callouts we were tasked by NWAS to rescue overdue walkers from two groups. In the first callout a single walker was reported overdue. He had joined another two walkers from a different group on the descent. The rest of the group had returned successfully to Brackenclose. As communications were difficult, two team members travelled to Brackenclose to get a better understanding of the circumstances first hand.

36. Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 08:35 Sat 13th Apr 2024
Later a separate call was received from friends of the second group in a similar position but with two of their group overdue. It was established that there was now a party of three walkers who were believed to be together but now significantly overdue. After giving some time for the walkers to walk out in the morning a limited callout was made to search the most likely location in Upper Eskdale. However, before deployment on the fell, the walkers made contact and confirmed, despite a rough night in poor weather, they were safe and well and now on the correct path to Wasdale. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

37. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 07:22 Sun 14th Apr 2024
The team was called on Sunday morning for a walker who had slipped on the descent from Scafell Pike, injuring his ankle. He was unable to bear any weight. A full callout followed, and once on scene a medical assessment was made before some pain relief and splinting of the ankle. After transfer to the stretcher the walker was transferred down to Brackenclose, where a handover was made to a land ambulance for subsequent transport to hospital. We wish the walker a swift recovery, and hope to see him back on the fell soon.

38. Wasdale Head - Full Callout - 14:08 Sun 14th Apr 2024
Another call was received on Sunday afternoon from NWAS. A member of a family group going for a short walk had slipped on wet grass and injured her ankle. She was in significant pain and unable to weight bear. With no mobile signal, members of the group had raised the alarm at the Wasdale Head Inn, fortunately only five minutes away. A full callout was made and team members were quickly on scene. After a full medical assessment, strong pain relief was given before splinting the ankle to reduce the pain. A short and straightforward stretcher journey followed before handover to a land ambulance at the road head. The team then returned to base to reset the vehicles. We hope the walker recovers quickly from her injury and wish her well.

39. Lingmell Nose - Full Callout - 16:24 Wed 17th Apr 2024
A call was received on Wednesday afternoon about a walker who was suffering from a medical issue, close to Wasdale Head on the descent from Scafell Pike. A very quick response was possible as there was a vehicle with team members already in the valley, with others responding to the full callout. Once on scene a medical assessment was made, before packaging into a stretcher. The short journey was made to the road where a handover to a land ambulance was completed, and the team returned to base. We hope the walker recovers well, and hope to see him back on the fells soon.

40. Great Gable - Alert - 17:21 Fri 19th Apr 2024
An alert was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who were stuck on steep ground after previously ascending Great Gable. However on further investigation of the exact location via a successful Phone find it was established that they were on Base Brown. As this is well into Keswick MRT's area, the alert was handed across to them and they subsequently brought things to a successful conclusion.

41. Broad Crag - Full Callout - 11:50 Tue 23rd Apr 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen awkwardly in the boulder field near Broad Crag summit. He had suffered painful facial injuries. A full callout was made and extra support for a long and difficult stretcher carry was requested and received from Duddon and Furness MRT. However, Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 also responded from Prestwick and was able to land and assess the walker. He was able to walk to the aircraft, thus allowing a swift transfer to hospital for further assessment and treatment. The advance team then met up with the casualty's wife and walked down to Brackenclose. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT and also to the crew of Rescue 199 for their help to avoid a difficult and hazardous stretcher carry for the teams. We wish the walker a speedy recovery.

42. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:22 Tue 23rd Apr 2024
Another call was received yesterday from Cumbria Police about a second walker, whilst callout 41 was in progress a short distance away. He had also tripped and fallen, this time close to Scafell Pike summit. Again facial injuries were reported, this time initially with drowsiness. As the teams were already responding for the first callout, they were diverted also to this call, with additional numbers requested from work and home. Helicopter support initially looked unlikely, then Helimed 08 from Blackpool and Coastguard Rescue 936 from Caernarfon both lifted to support. Helimed 08 was first on scene and was able to assess, treat and the transfer the casualty into the helicopter. Fortunately the

injuries were not assessed to be too serious and the walker was flown to the valley and then helped to his accommodation at the Wasdale Head Inn for further recuperation and care from the staff. Team members returned to the valley and stood down. We wish the gentleman a speedy recovery. Thanks to both helicopter crews for their help, the transfer down from Helimed 08 saving a long stretcher carry for the teams.

43. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:46 Thu 25th Apr 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. Two walkers had become separated and one had not returned to their car. However, very limited information was available due to lack of phone battery from the informant. Also the overdue walker was believed to have no battery remaining on their phone. With little information to go from the Team Leader asked a team member to check car parks in Wasdale, however nothing was found. The police were then able to obtain coordinates from the original call, with a location at Three Shire Stone on Wrynose Pass. With this information the callout was transferred to Langdale Ambleside MRT. This was resolved with a good outcome later in the night. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

44. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 14:33 Sat 27th Apr 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a party of four walkers (in two separate groups) attempting to walk around Wast Water. However, one of the walkers was struggling to negotiate the boulder field and felt they could not continue in either direction. A full callout was made and a shore party and boat team were tasked to help. On arrival, one group of two had reversed their route to easier ground back to Wasdale Head, and the others were transferred by boat to the pump house at the western end of the lake to complete their walk.

45. Hardknott Pass - Alert - 02:00 Tue 30th Apr 2024
A brief alert received via Coniston MRT who had been asked to search for overdue mountain bikers. They were last seen at the bottom of Hardknott Pass at about 6:30pm the evening before. After discussion with other team leaders it was agreed that deployment was not required due to the benign weather or likely to be effective through the night.

46. Greathall Gill, Wasdale - Limited Callout - 10:52 Wed 1st May 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who was having a medical episode and was very distressed. She was unable to move further from her current position. A limited callout was made and when team members arrived on scene an assessment was made. The walker had recovered somewhat and was able to walk with some assistance and reassurance to the valley floor. We wish the walker well.

47. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:29 Sat 4th May 2024
A call was received from North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had slipped and injured her ankle. She was unable to bear any weight. A full callout was swiftly made. An advance team member arrived on scene and made a medical assessment. Pain relief was given on arrival of the rest of the team members and the ankle splinted before the stretcher carry to Brackenclose. A handover was then given to the awaiting ambulance team. The team then stood down before returning to base to reset the vehicles. We wish the walker well and hope to see her back on the fells soon.

48. Great Gable - Alert - 23:07 Sun 5th May 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police via Cockermouth MRT who were originally assigned the call. A group of walkers could see lights that appeared to them to be flashing on the climbers traverse path on Great Gable and they were concerned that they were trying to summon help. A team member in the valley was tasked to observe further. After watching for a while progress from the group was steady, their lights did not appears to be flashing and they were in direct sight of Wasdale Head. A false alarm with good intent.

49. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:03 Mon 6th May 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone inexperienced walker who was reporting himself both lost and with a twisted ankle. He was at a stretcher box, and the call coordinates confirmed Mickledore as the location. Unfortunately the team leader was unable to gather further information via mobile phone contact so a full team callout was made. Some members were tasked to access via Eskdale as it was believed his car was at Hardknott Pass. However as the first team members were arriving at their access points, a further call confirmed better news. The walker had met up with another group of walkers, and were successfully helping him off the fell to Wasdale. As good progress was being made and no further assistance was requested, all team members were stood down and returned to base and home.

50. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 00:28 Thu 9th May 2024
A call was received very early on Thursday morning about a lone male walker who had not made contact after a walk from Seathwaite towards Scafell Pike. He was reported overdue. The Team Leader gathered further information through the night and called out the Wasdale team along with Keswick MRT, Duddon and Furness MRT and Langdale Ambleside MRT for early morning searches. After these were deployed, a second phase of searches was then planned with requests for resources from all other Lake District teams. Search dogs, drones and Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 were also tasked in specific areas. Despite this, at the end of Thursday, the walker was not found, and plans were made for a similar effort with more detailed searches on Friday. Tragically, a find was made later that morning. Sadly he had not survived. Our sincere condolences go to the walker's family and friends. Our thoughts are with you all. Thanks to all that supported this significant multi agency team effort. We are very grateful for the help.

51. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 02:39 Sat 11th May 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police from the partner of a lone walker. The walker had taken ill on the descent after summiting Scafell Pike to photograph the Aurora. The Team Leader made contact and it was agreed to monitor progress carefully via Phonefind location and further discussion. Thankfully the walker's condition improved later in the descent and he was able to make his own way to the valley and then home without the team being called out. We wish him well.

52. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:24 Sat 18th May 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had injured her ankle just past the head of Piers Gill on the Corridor Route. It was known that Teesdale and Weardale MRT were training in the area so they were contacted to see if they could help. This was the case and so they responded and were on scene within 15 minutes, providing assessment and initial treatment. Extra equipment was needed from the valley so a full callout was made for the team. Once on scene, the walker was packaged into the stretcher and a long carry was made with both teams working together. Once at Brackenclose, a handover was made to the waiting ambulance and the team returned to Wasdale base to devour a huge pizza order! Many thanks to Teesdale and Weardale MRT for their willingness to support. It was great to meet you all. We wish the walker well and hope she recovers quickly and is back on the fells soon.

53. Styhead Path, Great Gable - Full Callout - 19:56 Sat 18th May 2024
As incident No.53 was concluding, a further call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who were requesting help as they were lost and felt they could not make their way back to Borrowdale without assistance. They were on the old Sty head path headed for Wasdale Head. However, after a while they cancelled their request for help, seemingly having re-located themselves and moving back towards Sty Head.

54. Scafell Pike - Alert - 22:36 Sat 18th May 2024
A late call was received from Cumbria Police about an overdue walker from Scafell Pike. A family member was concerned when the walker could not be contacted. Due to the intended route from Borrowdale, Keswick MRT were also alerted. Searches of car parks in both valleys resulted in the walker's car being found in Borrowdale by the Police. The contents appeared to show that the walker had returned from their walk and possibly staying in a local campsite. As such the Team Leaders stood down for the night. The next morning it was confirmed that the walker was safe and well and so the log was closed.

55. Napes, Great Gable - Full Callout - 14:26 Sun 19th May 2024
A call was received from North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had taken a tumble after a rock fell and landed on his arm. A full callout was made. With the prospect of a very difficult stretcher evacuation, additional support was obtained from Duddon and Furness MRT and also Cockermouth MRT, who happened to be in the area training in Piers Gill. Air support was also requested, and Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 was tasked. As all MR teams were mobilising, the good news was received that the walker had been able to be assessed and winched from the scene by the helicopter crew, thus saving time and significant energy from the three teams. We wish the walker a swift recovery from his injuries. Thanks to all teams for their support.

56. Beck Head, Great Gable - Full Callout - 17:47 Sun 19th May 2024
Another call on Sunday, this time from Cumbria Police. A walker had fallen, injuring both her legs and was unable to walk any further. The location is on the border of the area between Cockermouth MRT and Wasdale MRT. As Cockermouth team were still in the area, a joint approach was taken once again. Even so, numbers were a little low for another awkward location and so help from a Coastguard helicopter was again requested. Rescue 199 duly obliged and was able to access and evacuate the walker to hospital for further treatment. We wish the walker a speedy recovery. Again thanks to the helicopter crew and Cockermouth MRT for the help.

57. Skew Gill, Great End - Alert - 16:27 Mon 20th May 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had taken a tumble on steep ground and badly injured her leg. The informant was close to Sty Head, which is close to the boundary between Keswick and Wasdale teams, with exact location unknown initially. Due to a number of factors, there was a discussion between the Keswick and Wasdale MR Team Leaders and the alert was passed across. Keswick MRT subsequently dealt with the incident with support from both Helimed 58 and Coastguard Rescue 199 (KMRT incident 54).

58. Egremont - Full Callout - 18:03 Mon 20th May 2024
As team members were travelling to Monday evening training, an alert was received from North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had slipped down a river bank and injured her ankle. The location was not accessible to the ambulance crew so an assist was needed. Team members were quickly on scene and the walker was assessed and given pain relief before splinting the ankle. A short stretcher carry followed to the ambulance before handover and continuing on to base to training. We wish the walker a quick recovery.

59. Keswick - Limited Callout - 06:30 Thu 23rd May 2024
The team were asked to support Keswick MRT yesterday in a significant search operation for a missing person. Seven Wasdale members attended and searched their allocated areas. An excellent outcome, well done to search dog Bramble on her first find! Thanks to Keswick MRT for their hospitality and hot food back at base.

60. Whitehaven - Full Callout - 17:31 Mon 27th May 2024
North West Ambulance Service requested assistance from the team to evacuate a walker from woodland who had slipped and injured their ankle. A callout was made with local team members going direct to the location. A very short stretcher carry of about 100m was made to the awaiting ambulance after which the team stood down. We wish the walker a quick recovery.

61. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:28 Tue 28th May 2024
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who was potentially unable to continue walking due to pain in her hip. Fortunately the family party was well equipped and so a slow pace or halt was manageable without serious consequences. The location was the summit of Scafell Pike. After a discussion with the Team Leader, it was agreed the walker would continue to walk slowly downhill, thus staying warm and also reducing the potential length of the stretcher carry for team members. Misty conditions ruled out any chance of air support. Duddon and Furness MRT were asked to be on standby for extra support for a possible long stretcher carry. The walker and party continued to make slow but steady progress, and eventually was able to complete the walk to the valley without team assistance on the hill. The Team Leader closed the log when the party were in their vehicle safely and en-route to their accommodation. Thanks to the walker for the self-rescue and we wish her well in her recovery.

62. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:25 Wed 29th May 2024
We were called yesterday by Cumbria Police about a walker who had slipped, injuring her wrist when breaking her fall. Passing walkers, one with previous first aid experience had stopped to help the walker and family party. The location was between Lingmell Col and Piers Gill. With communications limited initially, the Team Leader initiated a full callout and asked an advance party to travel direct with shelter and warm clothing in case the walker was not able to mobilise at all. However, as the walker was able to gingerly walk with assistance, contact was made on the fell at Hollow Stones. After some pain relief and splinting of the wrist, the walker's stoicism helped her back down to the valley under her own steam, with only limited assistance from team members. The family party then made their own way to hospital for further assessment and treatment. Huge thanks to the two walkers who stopped to help and ended up in the wrong valley as a result (we hope your planned onward journey went smoothly). We also wish the walker a speedy recovery and hope to see her back on the fell soon. (As the normal team photographers were clearly not on the fell yesterday we have no callout shots. So photos instead of the additional team members in the valley standing by in case the callout escalated, who were re-tasked briefly on shepherding duties.

63. St Bees Head - Full Callout - 23:02 Wed 29th May 2024
We were called by Cumbria Police late on Wednesday to supplement their search for a missing person. The Team Leader initiated a full callout. However, as team members were assembling at the RV point to be given a search area, the news was received that the missing person had been located and so team members stood down and returned home.

64. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 18:12 Thu 30th May 2024

A call From Cumbria Police was received regarding a party of 7 walkers, one of whom was suffering from cramp and was struggling to make progress. Others in the party were becoming cold due to staying still and lack of additional layers. With a location close to the summit of Scafell Pike, the walker was encouraged to hydrate and refuel and then attempt to make progress downhill. This was successful and the party was then able to make some progress downhill. With regular Phonefinds progress was monitored in real time. After some time a limited callout was made in case further assistance was needed. However, when team members arrived and met the main party, they were informed that the walker had recovered well and had made his own way to the valley floor. With this news, the team returned to base and stood down.

65. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:06 Sat 1st Jun 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police regarding an overdue walker from a walk up Scafell Pike. A family member was concerned as they had not heard from him for some time. As the Team Leader was gathering information, and attempting to make contact by mobile phone, the walker was confirmed to be descending on the tourist path, safe and well. Thanks to the 3 peak coordinator in the valley who assisted in a quick resolution.

66. Buttermere - Alert - 09:00 Sun 2nd Jun 2024
The team was due to do some joint training in Ennerdale with members of Cockermouth MRT. As the team arrived Cockermouth MRT had just been called out to a missing paraglider near Buttermere. The training was therefore cancelled, and Wasdale MRT along with members of Keswick MRT went to assist. Tragically the paraglider was found near Buttermere village but did not survive the landing.

67. Harter Fell - Alert - 17:44 Sun 2nd Jun 2024
The Team Leader was alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who was struggling to make any progress whilst descending Harter Fell. One of the party had descended to retrieve a blanket and to call for assistance. However as the Team Leader was starting to make plans, a further call was received to say that the walker was moving slowly and that she probably wouldn't need team assistance. When it was confirmed later that the walker and the rest of the party had made it safely back to their vehicle the team was stood down.

68. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:31 Sun 2nd Jun 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a party of four walkers who were lost on Scafell Pike. The message was received via the iPhone satellite emergency centre. The Team Leader was unable to talk directly with the party and it seemed that the party of four was now moving on a path out of Upper Eskdale. A decision was made to task some team members to walk on the main routes into Upper Eskdale and meet the party with warm clothing and food. Some different news then arrived; three of the party of four were safely at the Wasdale Head Inn, having separated from the remaining person. Team members in Eskdale had not made a find as they had expected to, and continued to search with an increased sense of urgency. Some time later, a Phonefind text finally connected and surprisingly located the missing walker above Hollow Stones in Wasdale. He had managed to find the path and was able to walk off to Brackenclose. Another team vehicle was dispatched there to confirm the walker was safe and well. All team members from both valleys then returned to base to dry off kit and restock the vehicles. It appears that the walker managed to self correct his initial navigational error but with no direct communication or true understanding of his location he was unable to communicate relevant information to the Team Leader.

69. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 19:06 Sun 9th Jun 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who were descending from Scafell Pike. One of the walkers was very tired and they were concerned that they may not make it back to their vehicle before darkness fell. The mobile phone signal was marginal so limited information was obtained, and then they could not be re-contacted. On an assumption that they would need help, with cold conditions still at high elevations, a callout was made. However, after about 30 minutes a mobile phone call was possible and the party confirmed that they were making reasonable progress and did not need any assistance. This allowed an early stand down. Later, the walkers contacted Cumbria Police when they were safely off the fell and the log was closed. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

70. Little Narrowcove, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 21:37 Mon 10th Jun 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police regarding two walkers who had mis-navigated off Scafell Pike in misty conditions and were stuck. The location from the police call put them on steep ground close to Little Narrowcove. Contact with the party directly was difficult with a poor mobile signal. A full callout was made, with extra assistance given by Duddon and Furness MRT. Once on scene after the long walk-in, the two walkers were found on steep ground

requiring rope rescue. They were not able to move unassisted due to being very cold. As such additional support from a coastguard helicopter was requested for a swift evacuation. A rope system was rigged and both casualties were lowered with assistance to safe ground. Rescue 199 then evacuated the walkers and all team members back to the vehicles. Fortunately following rewarming the walkers did not need further medical assistance. All the teams then stood down after a long night and returned to their respective bases to restock vehicles. Many thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT and Rescue 199 for their help once again.

71. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:21 Sat 15th Jun 2024
The team was called yesterday by Cumbria Police about a walker who had slipped and heard a crack in her ankle. It was very painful and prevented any further progress. A swift callout was made and once on scene team members assessed the injury. A well equipped trainee Mountain Leader in the party had already insulated, sheltered and given simple pain relief. Further pain relief was administered whilst the ankle was splinted. The walker was then transferred to a casualty bag and stretcher for the carry back to the valley floor. Once safely down at Brackenclose she was moved to their own vehicle for the journey to hospital and further treatment. We wish the walker a speedy recovery and hope to see her back on the fells soon.

72. Wasdale Head - Alert - 17:41 Sat 15th Jun 2024
Whilst dealing with callout No.71, a report was received by team members at Brackenclose about an injured male walker, who was requiring medical assistance. The report was that he was in a car park. A team vehicle diverted to search both car parks at Wasdale Head but nothing was found. The log remained open in case of further developments and was closed several hours later as the ongoing incident was concluded.

73. Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:27 Sun 16th Jun 2024
A very short alert for an overdue party of four from a walk up Scafell Pike. As the Team Leader was gathering information the good news was received the walkers had arrived at their intended location at Seathwaite and all were safe and well.

74. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:13 Wed 19th Jun 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police regarding a walker who had repeatedly stumbled over on his ankle and sustained an injury which prevented him from continuing. A full callout was made and team members assessed the injury. The walker attempted to continue with additional support from the team but after a while he was transferred to the stretcher to complete the descent to the valley floor. We wish him well in his recovery.

75. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 21:43 Fri 21st Jun 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had taken ill with additional severe cramping in his legs. He was with another walker but only very slow progress was being made from the Scafell Pike summit in poor conditions. A full team callout was made in case a stretcher carry was required. However as the first team member was making the ascent, the walker was found much lower than expected. He was being helped down by a passing three peak walking party. Once he was moving again he was able to make it back to Brackenclose with assistance. This saved a potentially long night for team members, for which we are very grateful. The team then stood down and returned to base.

76. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 15:26 Sat 22nd Jun 2024
A call was taken from Cumbria Police about two uninjured walkers on the Screes whose dog was refusing to walk further. The team was called out with the intention of deploying the boat, however news was received relatively quickly that members of the public had helped out and were transferring the party across the lake to the roadside. Once this was confirmed the log was closed and the team stood down. Our thanks go to those who assisted.

77. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 21:55 Sat 22nd Jun 2024
A call was taken from Cumbria Police about an overdue inexperienced walker from a walk up Scafell Pike. She had separated from the rest of her walking group and was not there either on their return to the valley floor. After gathering information, the Team Leader made a full callout for a search. However, shortly afterwards the good news was received that the walker had returned. She had taken a fall but was walked off the fell by other walkers. Thanks to them for helping another walker in trouble.

78. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:57 Sun 23rd Jun 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had taken a fall, injuring an ankle and preventing further movement. A full team callout was swiftly made and team members made their way to the scene in very pleasant

conditions. After an assessment and splinting of the ankle she was transferred to the stretcher for the carry down to Brackenclose and then onwards transport to hospital for further assessment and treatment. We wish the walker a quick recovery.

79. Green How, Scafell - Full Callout - 17:12 Tue 25th Jun 2024
A call was received by Cumbria Police on Tuesday afternoon about a lone walker who had run out of water, become dehydrated and felt very weak. He was unable to continue the descent from Scafell. An urgent callout was initiated with a possibility of serious heat illness. The walker was located after a successful Phonefind and given water and some sugary food. This had a very positive effect and after some further time resting the walker was able to slowly complete the descent under his own steam. Further monitoring and medical advice from the team doctor was passed on in the valley before the team was stood down. We hope the walker recovered well and enjoyed the rest of his holiday.

80. Wasdale Head - Alert - 12:16 Wed 26th Jun 2024
A brief alert after a call from Cumbria Police regarding two overdue walkers. Police officers made further enquiries at Wasdale Head and were quickly able to ascertain that the walkers were safe and well and did not require mountain rescue assistance.

81. Scafell Pike - Alert - 13:30 Wed 3rd Jul 2024
A brief alert when a call was received from Cumbria Police about a party of 3 walkers. They had been wild camping on Scafell Pike the night before but had not made contact since. A family member was concerned for their safety and had made the call. As the Team Leader was gathering further information, the good news came in that the group had simply had no mobile signal on their onward walk to Elterwater. Once signal had returned they had phoned home and let the family member know that they were safe and well. A good outcome.

82. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Alert - 14:55 Thu 4th Jul 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walking party of four. They had lost their route, having separated from two more experienced walkers, and were cold and wet. They described their location as being at the side of a cliff. The Team Leader was able to make contact to their mobile phone and also get an accurate location via a Phonefind. They were at the head of Piers Gill. With care, the Team Leader was able to redirect the group back to Lingmell Col, from where they joined the main path and completed their descent without incident. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

83. Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:15 Fri 12th Jul 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had taken a fall and suffered several injuries. However, he was mobile and was making his own descent accompanied by other walkers. His walking partner was also struggling and walking slowly behind him, with his location initially unknown. The Team Leader was able to make contact with both walkers, and it was agreed that the team would remain on standby in case the situation worsened as they continued their respective descents. Both walkers were eventually able to make their own descent to Wasdale Head, and the team was stood down. Our thanks to the passing walkers who helped. The Team Leader kept the log open until it was confirmed that both walkers were safely back at their accommodation.

84. Straighthead Gill, Burnmoor Tarn - Full Callout - 13:15 Sat 13th Jul 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a cyclist who had fallen off her cycle with a reported broken leg. A team member was already close by and so was quickly tasked to assess the situation whilst a full team callout was made in parallel. The first team member confirmed a very painful leg injury with a high pain score and gave simple analgesia quickly. As the rest of the team arrived Helimed 08 from Blackpool mobilised and landed close to the scene. After further strong pain relief the cyclist was packaged into the stretcher and transferred to the helicopter for the flight to hospital for further assessment and treatment. Thanks to the Helimed crew and we wish the cyclist a quick recovery from her injury.

85. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 00:40 Sun 14th Jul 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police in the early hours about a party of five walkers who had lost their way on the descent from Scafell Pike to Seathwaite. They had inadequate lighting for a nighttime walk in drizzly conditions. However as there were no injuries, in relatively good spirits and would likely be able to see their way in daylight, the Team Leader decided not to initiate a callout, as it would take team members several hours to reach their location, and it would be nearing dawn by that point. As such, the plan was agreed with the group and they hunkered down.

When dawn broke they were indeed able to make their own way off the fell with some additional guidance from the Team Leader. The log was closed when it was confirmed that they were safely back at their accommodation. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

86. Eskdale - Alert - 22:05 Sun 14th Jul 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about support for a potential search for a missing person. However shortly after the alert, they confirmed that they had found the person and that the team was not required.

87. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 10:20 Wed 17th Jul 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had slipped, sustaining a very painful injury to her ankle. Phone Find located her and her walking partner on the Screes path. A full callout was made and access was quickest from the Brackenclose side, also avoiding the tricky boulder fields. Once on scene, the walker was assessed, given pain relief and the ankle splinted. A short stretcher carry was made to the lakeshore and a transfer made to the awaiting team boat. The walkers and team members were then transported to the opposite side of the lake. Transport to hospital for further assessment and treatment was made using the walkers' own vehicle. We wish the walker well in her recovery from her injury.

88. Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:20 Wed 17th Jul 2024
The team was called by Northwest Ambulance Service about a walker who had sustained a knee injury. Mobile communications were difficult initially due to poor signal, but when a conversation was possible it was confirmed that the location was in Keswick MRT's area and the team was stood down.

89. Tongue Pots, Eskdale - Full Callout - 14:00 Sat 20th Jul 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a swimmer at Tongue Pot pools who had jumped into the water and sustained a very painful dislocated shoulder injury. A full callout was made and once on scene an assessment was made and strong pain relief given. Due to the nature of the injury and the long carry, air support was requested from Helimed 58. They duly responded and the helicopter was able to land close to the party, receive a handover, and then fly the casualty to hospital. Thanks to the Helimed crew for their assistance. We hope the casualty recovers swiftly from his injury.

90. Illgill Head - Alert - 15:15 Sat 20th Jul 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police for a second time in the afternoon about a walker reporting that his legs had seized up and was struggling to make any progress. His walking party was concerned for his safety in wet and cool conditions if he could not continue. The Team Leader gave encouragement and advised food and drink intake with additional clothing. With this, the walker was able to make slow progress down the hill and eventually made it safely down to the valley.

91. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:30 Sat 20th Jul 2024
A third call of the afternoon was taken from Cumbria Police, this time regarding two walkers who were lost in the mist at Mickledore, attempting to descend to Wasdale Head. The Team Leader gave advice and directions over the phone, and this allowed the walkers to find a defined path. They later called back to confirm that no further assistance was needed and so this log was closed. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

92. Hardknott Pass - Alert - 23:05 Sat 20th Jul 2024
The fourth and last call of the day was received from Northwest Ambulance Service. They had a report of a vehicle hanging over an embankment with a significant drop, with a location of Hardknott Pass. When an exact location was obtained from a separate police call, it was confirmed that this was in Duddon And Furness MRT's area and so a quick handover call was made. However, the very welcome news was received almost immediately afterwards to say that all persons were safe and well and the teams stood down.

93. Hardknott Pass - Alert - 15:30 Tue 23rd Jul 2024
Another call yesterday from Cumbria Police for a vehicle in trouble on Hardknott Pass. A car had partially left the road and was not stable. A Team Leader happened to be close by and attended direct to coordinate any response with the

police and fire service. However, on arrival, the occupants had managed to leave the vehicle unhurt and so the requirement was for a vehicle recovery only. As such, the team stood down.

94. Rough Crag, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:00 Tue 23rd Jul 2024
Another call from Cumbria Police yesterday. A walker had become cragfast in steep consequential ground on Rough Crag. He had wisely called for help. A full callout was quickly made, and due to the length of time it would take team members to arrive on scene, air support was requested from a Coastguard helicopter. Team members continued to make their way up the fell, however Rescue 936 was able to access the walker and winch to safety in the helicopter. He was then transported to the Wasdale valley at Brackenclose to be met by other team members. Many thanks to the crew of Rescue 936, saving team members a long night on the fell, and as it turned out, keeping legs relatively fresh for the last callout of the day just before midnight...

95. Ritson's Force, Wasdale Head - Full Callout - 23:45 Tue 23rd Jul 2024
A late night call from Northwest Ambulance Service about a person who had fallen and injured their knee at Ritson's Force, near Wasdale Head. The team was called out quickly for the unusually short walk-in to the casualty. When on scene, the casualty was assessed and treated before being packaged into the stretcher for the carry to the Wasdale Head Inn. She was then transferred to hospital by land ambulance. The team returned to base to reset the vehicles before heading home for a curtailed night's sleep. We wish the casualty a swift recovery from her injuries.

96. Broad Crag Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:50 Wed 24th Jul 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen and potentially dislocated her shoulder. Passing walkers had stopped to help. The team was called out and due to the time it would take for the team to reach the casualty Helimed support was also requested. In the meantime the casualty party was able to carefully make their way slowly to Lingmell Col. Helimed 58 from Langwathby duly responded but was diverted to a higher priority tasking. Then Helimed 08 from Blackpool was tasked, but again was called away. Unfortunately the weather was deteriorating so the stretcher evacuation then became the only remaining option. Numbers from Wasdale were a little low for a long carry, so support was requested from Duddon and Furness MRT, and this was quickly provided. However, when team members arrived on scene, the casualty's condition had improved somewhat, and she very stoically decided that she would attempt to continue the descent on foot. With support from team members this proved possible and a slow walk was completed to Brackenclose, where a handover to a land ambulance crew took place. The team returned to base to reset the vehicles for the next callout. Thanks to both Helimed crews and to Duddon and Furness MRT for their willingness to support once again. We wish the walker well and a quick recovery.

97. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 19:15 Wed 24th Jul 2024
Whilst on the descent with the casualty from incident 96, team members came across two walkers who were in need of our assistance. Both had taken numerous minor falls and were cold and exhausted. They were struggling to make progress and at risk of further falls and more serious injuries. Three team members were diverted from the ongoing callout and provided reassurance, food, water, helmets and rope support to minimise the risk on the remainder of the descent. Happily they were able to complete their walk to Brackenclose, and the team members stood down.

98. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:15 Fri 26th Jul 2024
A call was received yesterday evening about a party of 12 walkers who were overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. A friend was expecting them several hours earlier, returning to Keswick from Seathwaite. However, as the Team Leader was gathering information form the informant on the phone, a message was received from one of the party saying that they had got lost, but had re-found their route and were safe and well. The log was closed later when it was confirmed that they were safely off the fell.

99. Burnmoor Tarn - Full Callout - 00:05 Sat 27th Jul 2024
A late night call was received from Cumbria Police. A fell runner undertaking an organised long distance event had sustained a suspected ankle fracture. After some initial uncertainty on location it was confirmed that she was on the Burnmoor Tarn path, with Wasdale the quickest access point. The team was called out, with help received from Duddon and Furness MRT due to slightly low numbers required for a stretcher carry. A race paramedic was first on scene and made an assessment and gave initial pain relief. Once the team arrived, further assessment, pain relief and splinting took place, before packaging into the team stretcher. After the stretcher carry to Brackenclose, a handover was made to a land ambulance crew for subsequent transfer to hospital. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT once again. We wish the fell runner a speedy recovery, and hope to see her back on the fells soon.

100. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 20:55 Sun 28th Jul 2024

The 100th alert of the year was from Cumbria Police. A walker had fallen close to the stream crossing on Brown Tongue and sustained a potentially dislocated shoulder. A full callout was made and team members quickly made their way to the scene. After an assessment some strong pain relief was administered and the walker carefully packaged into the team stretcher. He was then carefully transported to Brackenclose, after which a handover to a land ambulance crew was undertaken, before a transfer to hospital. We wish the walker well with a quick recovery from his injury.

101. Lingmell - Full Callout - 20:55 Fri 2nd Aug 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who had fallen and injured his leg, had lost the path and was not equipped for the weather, which had deteriorated significantly with torrential rain arriving. He was concerned for his safety. The initial location description was described as Lingmell Crag. A full callout was made, with a potentially serious and challenging crag rescue from the East side of Lingmell. However a subsequent accurate Phonefind put the walker on Goat Crags, and with a clear mobile phone reception, the Team Leader was able to direct the walker to the Lingmell Nose descent path. Fortunately the leg injury was not serious and the walker then made his own way safely off the fell, wet and cold, but otherwise OK. Team members who had been waiting at base were stood down having not been needed to deploy. A good outcome. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

102. Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:25 Sat 3rd Aug 2024
The team was alerted yesterday evening about a family party of four walkers who were overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. Another family member called raising concern. However, as the Team Leader started to gather information, a call to one of the party connected and it was confirmed that all of the group were safe and well and nearly back to their vehicle. A patchy mobile signal explained the lack of contact before this. The team was stood down and the log closed.

103. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:20 Sat 3rd Aug 2024
A second alert from Cumbria Police yesterday, with a walking party of 11 people seeking assistance to get to Seathwaite having become lost on the descent on the Corridor Route from Scafell Pike. The coordinates from the call to the police put them close to the old Sty Head path in Wasdale. With the cloud base well above them, the Team Leader gave advice that the shortest route to safety was to Wasdale Head and then a taxi ride back to Borrowdale. This would be visible downhill from their location. The police relayed this message and the log was closed. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

104. Eskdale - Alert - 20:25 Sun 4th Aug 2024
A brief call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who had arrived at a farm in Eskdale. They had left their vehicle 11 hours prior with no equipment and did not know where they were or exactly where they had started from. They had followed the river out of the valley to find the farm. In heavy rain they were understandably cold and tired and in need of energy replenishment. The farmers kindly took care of them until a taxi arrived to take them to their desired destination. Hopefully valuable lessons were learned and a good outcome given the poor conditions. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

105. Scafell Pike - Alert - 23:50 Mon 5th Aug 2024
A late night alert was received from North West Ambulance Service. A male walker was reporting a twisted knee on the descent from Scafell Pike. However, the coordinates from the call placed him on a road well down the valley. Further contact was not possible. After verification of the location accuracy, it was agreed with NWAS that Mountain Rescue was not currently required, and would stand down, pending further information. Nothing further was heard and the log was closed.

106. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:00 Tue 6th Aug 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police regarding a walker reporting a deep laceration to a leg. The team was quickly called out and Duddon and Furness MRT was asked to standby to support with a location high up on the Scafell Pike summit plateau. However, the walker was very stoically able to complete his descent to Wasdale Head himself where he was met by his partner for onwards transport to further care. Team members took advantage of the location to refresh and rehydrate before returning to base. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT for their willingness to support us once more. We wish the walker a swift recovery.

107. Pillar - Full Callout - 23:15 Tue 6th Aug 2024
The team was called out to support Cockermouth MRT on a difficult callout with a tragic outcome. Our sincere condolences to the friends and family of the fell runner. Cockermouth MRT callout 50 https://www.cockermouthmrt.org.uk/rescues.html

108. Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 13:35 Thu 8th Aug 2024
A call was received from a walker that had become separated from the rest of her walking party, and then lost the path on the summit plateau. She was cold and wet and concerned for her safety with very poor visibility. The Team Leader was able to confirm her location by Phonefind and then guide her towards the stretcher box at Mickledore. Here she took shelter, whilst a small party of team members was tasked to help. Once on scene, the walker was reassured and rewarmed before being supported down the steep section of Mickledore gully. From here steady progress was made in very wet conditions to Brackenclose where she was reunited with the rest of her walking party. The team stood down and returned to base to fill the drying room once more.

109. Mitredale - Full Callout - 11:30 Sat 10th Aug 2024
An urgent call was received from North West Ambulance Service about a male walker in cardiac arrest. Helimed 58 and land ambulances were tasked by NWAS and a full callout initiated. A team member in the area was asked to attend direct. The helicopter medical crew was first on scene within about 20 minutes, quickly followed by the advance team member. Tragically, despite extensive efforts, the walker did not survive. He was carefully moved off the hill and into the care of the emergency services. Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with the walker's family and friends.

110. Wastwater - Full Callout - 01:30 Sun 11th Aug 2024
A late night call from Cumbria Police from an informant who was concerned for the safety of someone in the water who was screaming. Calls of this nature result in many emergency services attending, including mountain rescue as we have a boat and medical capability. A local team member quickly attended followed by NWAS rapid response vehicle and Cumbria Police. Once on scene it was established that there was no one currently in the water and at risk. It appeared that campers on the lake shore had had a disagreement resulting in the disturbance which had escalated. Once it was established that there was no-one in danger the team was stood down along with the other emergency services.

111. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:30 Sun 11th Aug 2024
The team was called by North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had injured their ankle and was concerned they may not be able to complete the descent. The Team Leader made direct contact and it was agreed the walker and his three friends would try to continue, knowing help was there if needed. Progress was carefully monitored through regular Phonefinds and after a further phone call confirming good progress close to the valley floor with his friends' assistance the team was stood down.

112. Scafell Pike - Alert - 22:00 Sun 11th Aug 2024
A brief alert after two walkers were reported overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike to Seathwaite. The Team Leader was able to get a reply to a text message and confirmed that they were safely off the fell but in another location. A good outcome.

113. Scafell - Alert - 15:35 Tue 13th Aug 2024
We were called by Cumbria Police about two walkers with a dog reporting themselves soaking wet, cold and lost on Scafell Pike. However the police call coordinates put them on the flanks of Sca Fell above Black Crag. After advice from the Team Leader the walkers continued their descent downhill and once below the cloud base and within sight of the car park they were content to continue unaided and the team was stood down. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

114. Buckbarrow, Wasdale - Full Callout - 13:05 Sun 18th Aug 2024
A busy Sunday started when we received a call from Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained a painful ankle injury and was unable to walk. Her partner had carried her as far as possible before making the call. The team was called out and once on scene, after an assessment some strong pain relief was given and the ankle splinted. The walker was packaged in the team stretcher and then she was transferred down the fell to the roadside. After a handover to the crew of the land ambulance team members returned to base.

115. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:35 Sun 18th Aug 2024
As incident No.114 was ongoing, another call for help was received. A walker had become ill and was unable to continue to walk. Team members including two casualty carers were diverted from the ongoing callout to assess the walker. However as they were en-route, information from the scene then prompted a Helimed response and H08 from Blackpool duly responded. Both parties arrived on scene at about the same time and a full assessment was made. A subsequent request for coastguard winch capability was made due to the landing site for the helicopter and the awkward terrain for the walker. However as Rescue 936 was responding, a team effort allowed the walker to access H08 and the evacuation was made to hospital more quickly. Thanks again to both helicopter crews. We hope the walker has a swift recovery and is back on the fells soon.

116. Sty Head - Full Callout - 22:40 Sun 18th Aug 2024
The third call of the day arrived with a group of four walkers who had become separated from a larger group of 40 descending to Seathwaite. After 12 hours on the hill after summiting Scafell Pike they were all cold, with one person struggling to mobilise at all. It was possible there was also a medical issue. There was also a separate call for a lone walker that was directed initially to Keswick MRT with an initial location in their area. A full callout was made in case a stretcher carry became needed, and team members made their way to the location. Once on scene, after some additional clothing, calories and reassurance, a slow walk-off proved possible with some direct assistance from team members. It was established on the descent that the group of five walkers accounted for both alerts as the lone walker had met up with the group of four. The descent to Wasdale valley was completed without incident, and the group of five taken back to base for a debrief and to pick up a taxi. However, a taxi proved impossible to source on this occasion at 4am and so two team members unselfishly stayed with the group at base until one became available at 8am. Hopefully some lessons learned about not underestimating the high fells and having capable leaders established for any sub groups that split from a larger outing. Overall a good outcome on this occasion.

117. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 01:15 Thu 22nd Aug 2024
With the forecasted yellow wind warning (including storm force gusts at height) and heavy rain in full swing, a call was received from Cumbria Police. A ‘three peaks’ walking party of three had become separated after setting off from the valley at 8pm. The group of two were reporting themselves lost and thoroughly soaked, their waterproofs having succumbed to the heavy and prolonged rain. In addition, the other walker could now not be contacted and they were concerned for his safety. The Team Leader called the team out after considering the risks for all, also requesting support from Duddon and Furness MRT and Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dogs. This gave sufficient resource for a search, especially for the uncontactable lone walker. From a conversation with the party of two, it was deemed most likely that they were at the head of Piers Gill and so teams headed up the valley to begin the ascent. It was considered too risky to attempt a ‘talk-off’ due to poor communications and their likely location. On arrival at Brackenclose there was some good news as the lone walker was located in the car park. He was taken care of and the extra resources of search dogs and Duddon and Furness MRT were able to be stood down. Team members made their way to Piers Gill and were able to locate the group of two in the expected place. They then safely negotiated challenging weather conditions and rising water levels on the descent to the valley. Again there are some lessons to learn and share, a few in particular to note here: Weather warnings will be more severe on the mountains. Team members reported some gusts risking blowing them off their feet. The mountain will be there another day. Navigation is always much more challenging in poor weather. Stick together as a group. Again it is much easier to lose track of people in poor conditions. Thankfully all off the hill safe and well. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

118. Skew Gill, Great End - Full Callout - 18:45 Sat 24th Aug 2024
In the first incident of the day, a report was made of a walker who had fallen and hit their head and then became unwell and unable to walk. The call was made by a passing walker who had descended to get a better signal. A full callout was made, and also a request for helicopter support from a Coastguard helicopter with winching capability. Rescue 199 was already in the area responding to another incident with Keswick MRT. As the team was en route from Gavel Neese the helicopter became available and diverted to Skew Gill. The paramedic was winched directly to the location and soon afterward was able to winch the walker into the aircraft and onwards to the hospital. The team stood down and returned to base. We wish the walker well with a quick recovery.

119. Styhead Path, Great Gable - Limited Callout - 21:05 Sat 24th Aug 2024
A second call of the evening was received by Cumbria Police. A lone walker had taken a tumble fall on the path sustaining knee and shoulder injuries. Fortunately, both were not serious and she could continue strolling down from

Sty Head towards Wasdale. A small party was tasked with locating and then assisting the walker the rest of the way. Team members were still at base from the previous callout so they were on their way quickly. The walker was located in the location expected and the team provided support to complete the descent safely to Wasdale Head, before returning to base. We wish the walker a quick recovery.

120. Lingmell Beck - Limited Callout - 21:10 Sat 24th Aug 2024
A third call was received when a walker was reporting another group that was struggling to descend from the stream crossing on Brown Tongue. The informant was concerned that then family group was ill equipped for the conditions and the male walker was having frequent muscle spasms. They were all cold and wet and struggling to make any progress. Again, a small team was tasked from base to investigate. However, on arrival at Brackenclose, the family was located in the car park having successfully made their own way off the hill. They stood down and returned to base once more.

121. Great Hall Gill - Alert - 21:15 Sat 24th Aug 2024
The fourth (and last) call of the evening from Cumbria Police was regarding someone at a camp site in Nether Wasdale reporting flashing lights on a mountain to the East. They were concerned that they were flashing to request help. A local team member was asked to investigate as the original informant could now not be called back due to poor mobile phone reception. No lights could be observed to the East from Irton Pike to Brackenclose. However many could be seen on Scafell Pike which was very busy, sometimes these can appear to flash as head torches move as walkers descend. A further check was made an hour later, again with nothing seen. With the weather forecast not presenting a significant hazard overnight, the Team Leader closed the log. A false alarm with good intent.

122. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:50 Sun 25th Aug 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police yesterday about a lone walker who had possibly suffered an asthma attack and was becoming hypothermic. He could not walk and conditions were poor with wind, rain, and cold temperatures at his location. The team was quickly called out, with an advance party also tasked with accessing the walker as soon as possible with shelter and extra clothing. Helimed 08 also responded quickly. Unfortunately, conditions were not favourable for air support and the helicopter was forced to abort. When the first team member arrived on scene the walker was in the company of at least two other groups of walkers trying to help. Shelter and warm clothing were provided and a medical assessment made. As further team members and equipment arrived the walker was treated and then packaged carefully into the team stretcher to minimise further heat loss. Heat packs, vapour barrier and winter casualty bag were applied. The stretcher carry was from a routine but lengthy location to Brackenclose, where a handover was made to the waiting land ambulance. We wish the walker well in his recovery. Our thanks to those who stayed on scene whilst team members were on their way, and especially to the two walkers who offered their own clothing and also stayed on in the team shelter in the initial stages. This increases the temperature in the shelter. The walker was also incredibly grateful to you.

123. Ill Crag - Full Callout - 22:25 Thu 29th Aug 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a party of three walkers and their dog. They had become benighted after a very long day out and were unable and ill-equipped to navigate themselves down to safety. Their dog was also struggling. The Team Leader discussed the situation with one of the parties and decided that from this location it would be safest to send a group to their location and guide them down to Wasdale. As such a callout was made and team members made their way to the location high on the Scafell Massif, arriving at 3 am. After some rewarming and equipping of the party in a bivvy shelter, the party started the long descent to Wasdale via Esk Hause and Sty Head. Once back in the valley, after a debrief, the party was brought back to base where a taxi was arranged to take them back to their vehicle at Wrynose Pass. The team restocked the vehicles and wearily made their way home. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better.

124. Lords Rake, Scafell - Full Callout - 14:15 Sat 31st Aug 2024
Keswick MRT received a call from Cumbria Police which was confirmed to be in our area and passed through quickly. A walker on the Scafell Pike summit plateau was reporting people about 1.5km away on a ridge line near Lords Rake shouting for help. An accurate bearing was also taken from his location. With no further information to go from the team was called out to investigate further. However, despite many conversations with other walkers on the ascent and then checking out Lords Rake, West Wall Traverse, and Deep Ghyll up to Sca Fell summit nothing of concern was found. It was a false alarm with good intent, but a nice day for it nonetheless with some stunning views.

125. Scafell Pike - Alert - 22:00 Sat 31st Aug 2024
Scafell Pike - 2 reported overdue

126. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 17:20 Mon 2nd Sep 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had become separated from his walking partner, and was now lost and exhausted. Phonefind but him on the wrong side of Mickledore for his intended descent to Wasdale. As such, a Limited Callout was made to assist. The Team Leader was also able to direct the walker back towards the stretcher box over the phone and was then able to contact his walking partner. The pair were then able to find each other in the mist and located the stretcher box. Now at a known location they were able to descend from Mickledore where they were met by team members. After some re-fuelling, the walkers were able to descend to the valley and the team stood down. #beadventuresmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

127. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:20 Sat 7th Sep 2024
The team was called on Saturday about a walker who had fallen and injured their ankle. She was unable to walk any further. The team was swiftly called out and once on scene performed a medical assessment, gave further strong pain relief, and splinted the ankle. This enabled the walker to be made comfortable for the relatively routine stretcher carry to Brackenclose when she was transferred to their vehicle for subsequent transfer to the hospital. We hope the walker's injuries heal quickly and she is back on the fells soon.

128. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:00 Sat 7th Sep 2024
As the team was responding to the ankle injury in incident 127, a further call was received. A walker's 20kg dog had damaged its paws and was struggling to descend from Scafell Pike summit. The walker was understanding of the situation and intended to move downhill as best as possible, just alerting the team if help was needed later. Passing walkers then assisted with making bandages from spare socks and vet wrap, and this improved things and allowed the dog to move again. Keswick MRT was alerted as they were descending to Seathwaite, but they were also not required to assist as the walker and his dog successfully made it down on their own. Our thanks to those who helped on the fell.

129. Upper Eskdale - Full Callout - 21:35 Sun 8th Sep 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who were attempting to return to Langdale and had mis-navigated in Upper Eskdale. As they had started very early they had not taken head torches, preventing them from safely moving further. Their location was determined from the coordinates of the police call. The team was mobilized and a small party walked to their location. After some re-warming, they were walked out to the team vehicles and then taken to a nearby car park to pick up a taxi back to Langdale. #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

130. Scafell - Full Callout - 18:05 Sat 14th Sep 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who was overdue from a walk up Sca Fell. The walker was inexperienced and not well equipped should things not go to plan. Friends were concerned for his safety as they had received a call saying he was lost at high elevation, and then not returned a few hours later. With weather conditions already challenging and forecasted to worsen, and with no contact able to be made, the Team Leader considered the search to be urgent and engaged several other teams as well as search dogs to enable a lot of ground to be covered as quickly as possible. A Coastguard helicopter was also tasked. More organised search planning was initiated should the 'hasty' search prove unsuccessful. Fortunately as the teams were mobilising and being assigned search routes, the good news was received that the walker had made his own way to a pub in Eskdale and was safe and well. Our thanks go to all teams for their support. A good outcome. We would like to reinforce the significance of the hazards of the high fells in poor conditions as the nights draw in. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

131. St Bees Head - Full Callout - 21:30 Tue 17th Sep 2024
A call was received on Tuesday evening from Cumbria Police. They were requesting support for a developing multi-agency search for a missing person. However, as team members were assembling, positive news was received that the person had been located and the team was stood down.

132. Wastwater Screes - Alert - 18:20 Wed 18th Sep 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police when a person in a car in a lay-by at the lake became concerned about a walker and their dog on the Screes boulder fields. They had not moved for a while, and with daylight fading they were

worried about their safety. The Team Leader asked two team member to attend with binoculars to investigate further, but before they were near the lake the walker started to walk at a decent pace towards the pump house. A false alarm with good intent. On-Scene Coordinator: Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

133. Great Gable - Full Callout - 13:55 Thu 19th Sep 2024
Cumbria Police called the team about a walker who had fallen, injured his hand and knee and was unable to bear any weight to walk further. The team was promptly called out, and due to slightly low numbers, Duddon and Furness MRT was also asked to help. It then become apparent that there was a concurrent incident with a serious traffic accident on the lakeside road. With a possibility of being unable to get through, a Coastguard helicopter was also requested, and Rescue 936 from Caernarfon responded. One team vehicle was fortunately able to pass through the RTA and was first on scene. A full medical assessment was required as the walker had taken a significant tumble fall close to Sphinx Ridge on Great Gable, sustained a number of injuries and then stoically shuffled down the mountain to the path. Fortunately no serious injuries were detected and after some pain relief and transferring into a full body splint, the walker was handed over to the care of the Coastguard team. The walker was winched into the helicopter for transfer to hospital. Our thanks to both Duddon and Furness MRT and the Rescue 936 team for their help once again, and also to the walkers who stopped to help and made the initial call. We wish the walker a quick recovery from his injuries.

134. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:00 Sat 21st Sep 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had slipped on his ascent of Scafell Pike, injuring his ankle and rendering him unable to bear any weight. A full callout was made and team members made their way to the scene. After an assessment and splinting of the ankle a transfer to the valley floor was made in the team stretcher. The walker was then helped to the family car for subsequent transport to hospital for further assessment and treatment. We hope he recovers quickly and is back on the fells soon.

135. Wasdale - Full Callout - 21:20 Sat 21st Sep 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a fell runner who was overdue. A family member was reporting their concerns, expecting him back home by early evening. It was established that the runner was last heard from at 08:30am at the summit of Scafell Pike. He had planned to run for 26 miles, however, no details of routes were available. This gave a huge search area. As such, it became very important to locate the runner's car to give further clues. Several local team members were tasked to search campsites and car parks in Wasdale and Eskdale to locate the car, with a 'find' being made at Wasdale Head. With confirmation that the runner had not left the valley, the team was called out alongside Duddon and Furness MRT. Search dogs were also mobilised. As planning and initial search routes were being mapped, it was with some relief that Cumbria Police located the runner at a camp site at Wasdale Head. It transpired that a simple miscommunication between family members had resulted in misplaced concern; the runner had intended to also camp in the valley for a second night, returning home the following day. All teams were stood down and were happy to get a relatively swift positive outcome to what could have been a very challenging search over vast areas, with very little information to plan from. A good reminder to tell someone of your route and intended return times in writing, especially if walking or running alone. Thanks to all MR teams and Cumbria Police for their support and teamwork.

136. Eskdale - Alert - 22:20 Sun 22nd Sep 2024
A relatively brief callout after Cumbria Police called us about a pair of walkers benighted in Eskdale without head torches. This time Phonefind gave a nice result, with a location not too far from the Wha House car park (quite often at this time of night it turns out to be at the edge of our area with a five mile walk in!). Two local team members were asked to attend to locate and escort the walkers back to the road. It was also good practice for Jess in thick bracken and boulders with a find for her quickly made.

137. Broad Stand, Scafell - Full Callout - 15:15 Fri 27th Sep 2024
In the first of two calls in quick succession yesterday, a passing walker at Mickledore reported a lone walker crag fast on Broad Stand. With no further information available a full callout was made. With a second call incoming shortly afterwards, additional support was requested from our friends at Duddon and Furness MRT to lead the incident on the hill. Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 was asked to help, but conditions were not suitable for a pick-off by them. The next best option was an uplift of both Wasdale and Duddon and Furness team members with heavy ropes and equipment to the top of Broad Stand. From here a rope rescue was successfully performed with the uninjured walker lowered to Mickledore to awaiting team members. All other team members abseiled down and then walked back to Brackenclose in glorious Autumn colours. A good outcome. Thanks to both Duddon and Furness MRT and the Rescue 199 crew for their excellent support once again.

138. Gavel Neese, Great Gable - Full Callout - 15:35 Sat 28th Sep 2024
A second call arrived from Cumbria Police on Friday. A lone walker had taken a tumble fall injuring his ankle on the Climber's Traverse on Great Gable. He had managed to get to the Beck Head to Wasdale path but was unable to continue from there. Most of the team members responding to the previous incident were diverted to this callout as a higher urgency call, and proceeded to the reported location. Once on scene the walker was assessed and given pain relief, before splinting the ankle. He was then stretchered down to Gavel Neese. As Rescue 199 Coastguard helicopter had just finished supporting the Broad Stand incident, they were available to transfer the walker quickly to hospital. Thanks again to the Rescue 199 crew for their help. We wish the walker a swift recovery from his injuries and hope he is back on the fells soon.

139. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Alert - 01:30 Sun 29th Sep 2024
A late night call was received from Cumbria Police regarding three 3-peakers who had taken a wrong turn on the summit plateau and ended up at Mickledore stretcher box, cold and wet. Other members of the wider group had made it back to the valley and had called it in. After discussion with the Team Leader, the group in the valley was able to relay route instructions to the Mickledore group via their radio, and then they started to walk up to meet the descending party with warm clothing and food. This was the quickest route for support and the Team Leader was also reluctant to call the team out again with two rescues not long completed on Friday evening. At this point two other walkers from a separate group arrived at Mickledore and helped to give confidence to the lost walkers that the route down the Mickledore gully was correct. The descent was completed without incident and once confirmation was received that the walkers were back in the valley the Team Leader stood down and closed the log. Thanks to the passing walkers who helped out.

140. St Bees Head - Full Callout - 12:00 Thu 3rd Oct 2024
A call was received from North West Ambulance Service to assist with a transfer of a walker who had rolled on her ankle sustaining a painful fracture. Once the team was on scene a medical assessment was made with pain relief given followed by splinting of the ankle. The short stretcher carry was completed before handover was made to the ambulance crew for transfer to hospital. We hope the walker recovers quickly from her injury.

141. Scafell Pike - Alert - 06:40 Sat 5th Oct 2024
A call was received on Saturday morning from Cumbria Police. A walker in a party of 6 was reported to be feeling ill on Scafell Pike, and couldn't descend. However the call dropped out before any details could be obtained, including phone numbers. With no further calls received after an hour, a local team member was asked to investigate in the car parks at Brackenclose and Wasdale Head. Enquiries were made with larger groups, but no further information was obtained about anyone in need of help. The Team Leader closed the log later after agreement with the police to respond if further information emerged.

142. Scafell Pike - Alert - 17:45 Sat 5th Oct 2024
A call was received about a walker who was struggling to descend from Scafell Pike. He was suffering from cramping of his legs and had also taken a fall suffering minor cuts to his hands. The Team Leader made contact and agreed that after taking on some salty food and some simple pain relief, the walker would attempt to descend by himself, helped by his walking partner. Happily, he managed to do this without needing further assistance, and the team was stood down when the pair reached the valley floor.

143. Lingmell Gill Path, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 19:40 Fri 11th Oct 2024
A call was received yesterday evening from North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had fallen and sustained a suspected fracture of his lower leg. The team was swiftly called out and made their way to the reported location, which was below the stream crossing on Brown Tongue. Once on scene, the walker was assessed and given pain relief before realigning and splinting the injured leg. A short stretcher carry was made before handover to the ambulance crew at Brackenclose and subsequent transfer to hospital. We wish the walker a swift recovery from his injury.

144. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:00 Sat 12th Oct 2024
The team was called yesterday by Cumbria Police when a walker fell and sustained an injured ankle which prevented any further movement. A full callout was made with several team members deploying directly from the Wasdale Head Show which was in full swing. Once on scene the walker was assessed, before being given additional pain relief and splinting the ankle. A stretcher carry down to Brackenclose followed before a transfer to a car of the walking party for the transfer to hospital. Our thanks go to the many people that helped prior to our arrival. We wish the walker a speedy recovery and hope she is back on the fells soon.

145. River Irt - Full Callout - 14:15 Sun 13th Oct 2024
We were called today by Cumbria Police about a walker who had slipped and fallen, sustaining a painful wrist injury. The team was called out and arrived on scene. Unusually it was possible to drive very close to the walker's location. A full medical assessment was completed before administering pain relief and then splinting of the wrist. A short stretcher carry was made to a team vehicle, before transferring the walker to the vehicle of one of her walking group for the onward journey to hospital. We hope the walker recovers quickly from her injury.

146. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:25 Fri 18th Oct 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had become unwell after suffering from a suspected severe panic attack. She was unable to make further progress, having turned back before reaching the summit. A band of rain and continuing strong winds created a very cold environment with a risk of hypothermia. The team was called out quickly and, with Helimed support already committed elsewhere, and with a variable cloud base, a Coastguard helicopter was requested. Rescue 936 responded from Caernarfon. An advance party managed to get on scene first but unfortunately the descending cloud base prevented direct helicopter support. Once on scene the walker was assessed and rewarmed with multiple dry insulating layers and heat blankets. After taking on water, glucose and further treatment, the walker had recovered significantly. An attempt to walk off was made with the stretcher now also ready to deploy and Rescue 936 standing by in the valley. Thankfully, the walker was able to make her own way off the fell with support from team members. She was then driven by her partner in their own vehicle for a further precautionary assessment at hospital. We hope she is fully recovered from her very difficult day on the fell. Thanks to the crew of Rescue 936 for their response, and also to the two walkers who stopped to help and gave up their extra layers, becoming pretty cold themselves by the time we arrived.

147. Unwell Male - Bengarth woods – Full callout - 12:48 Sat 19th Oct 2024
The team assisted with medical support to a male who unfortunately died from his injuries.

148. Wasdale area - High risk misper reported – Alert - 20:45 Wed 23rd Oct 2024
The team was called briefly by Cumbria Police to assist them with a search for a missing person. A family member was concerned for their safety. However, as the Team Leader was requesting the closest team members to search car parks for a vehicle, the police confirmed that they had located him in the valley and that he was safe.

149. Langdale Assist – Full callout - 08:00 Wed 30th Oct 2024
The team was put on standby on Tuesday evening to be ready to assist in the callout below on Wednesday. One of our drone pilots was deployed but just as he was about to fly there was a find and he became part of the response team. All in all a great outcome with some fantastic teamwork from all teams. We wish the casualty a quick recovery.

150. Corridor Route – Benighted – Full callout - 17:17 Wed 30th Oct 2024
The team was called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who called for MRT help as the light was fading. It proved difficult for reliable communications to be established but from the phone coordinates on a second call they had made progress from Skew Gill well past Sty Head Tarn towards Seathwaite. As this was now in Keswick MRT's area, the log was transferred across and they successfully oversaw the walkers making it back to their car safe and well.

151. Bursting Knott - Family benighted – Limited callout - 18:42 Wed 30th Oct 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walking group of four who had taken a wrong turn on the descent from Scafell Pike, heading for Seathwaite. They were advised to continue their descent towards Wasdale as the quickest way to safety.
A limited callout was made for a small party to meet them, escort them down to the team vehicle at Gavel Neese and then transfer them to Wasdale Head. They then arranged a taxi for the return to Borrowdale.

152. Scafell Pike - Overdue couple – Alert - 17:41 Fri 1st Nov 2024
A short alert was swiftly resolved after a family member reported two walkers overdue after summiting Scafell Pike earlier in the afternoon.
As the Team Leader was gathering information having put the team on standby, the good news was received that the overdue walkers had been in contact and were safe and well.

153. Ankle below Stirrup crag – Full callout - 13:49 Sat 2nd Nov 2024
The team was called on Saturday afternoon regarding a walker who had slipped, injured her ankle and was unable to mobilise further.

The Team Leader initiated a full callout, and with the injured walker in mist, helicopter support was not possible. Team members made their way to the scene and then assessed the injury, gave pain relief and splinted the ankle. A stretcher carry was completed to Overbeck car park, after which a taxi was taken for onwards transfer to hospital.
We wish the walker a quick recovery from her injury.

154. Knee injury Mecklin Wood – Full callout - 14:46 Sat 2nd Nov 2024
A further call from Cumbria Police was received on Saturday as incident 153 was in progress. A walker has fallen, twisted his leg and sustained a suspected painful dislocated knee.
The team arrived quickly and assessed the walker. Pain relief was administered and the injured leg splinted. A short stretcher carry was then made to the roadside after which it was agreed that the walker could be taken to hospital in a friend's car. We wish him a quick recovery.

155. Scafell Pike – Overdue – Alert - 19:22 Mon 4th Nov 2024
An alert from Cumbria Police was quickly resolved when two walkers were reported overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. As soon as a standby been sent to the team, there was a confirmation that the police had managed to contact one of the walkers. They were safe and well and almost back to the valley floor, so the team was stood down.

156. Penrith assist for lost walker – Full callout - 08:23 Wed 6th Nov 2024
The team was asked to support Penrith MRT in an escalating search from the previous night. Happily, the walker was found well before WMRT deployment onto the fell in the Pennines. A great outcome.

157. Upper Eskdale – Lost – Alert - 16:00 Sat 9th Nov 2024
A call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who had mis-navigated on the descent from Scafell Pike. Our friends from Duddon and Furness MRT had agreed to cover the patch as many members of the team were attending the happy event of the wedding of our Medical Officer and our IT Officer. They successfully resolved the incident and were back at their base for the early evening. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT once again, and huge congratulations to Lucy and Paul.

158. Hardknott Pass - Car off the road – Alert - 06:01 Sat 16th Nov 2024
Details TBC.

159. Ankle Injury Hollow Stones – Full callout - 15:00 Sat 16th Nov 2024
Ankle injury - 30 YOM, rolled ankle, painful to walk even with poles.

160. 160.24 Lakeshore Stuck – Full callout - 16:49 Sat 16th Nov 2024
Casualty stuck on lower screes path unable to move - with dog (golden lab/retriever)

Incidents between 27th November 2023 and 31st December 2023

161. Upper Eskdale - Alert - 16:51 Mon 27th Nov 2023
The team was asked to take a callout for @wasdalemrt last night as they were holding their AGM. Team members went to the aid of two well-equipped, experienced hillwalkers who were lost on the descent into Mosedale. Well done search dog Roxy (and her human, Tom) on her first locate.

162. Gosforth - Limited Callout - 09:11 Sat 2nd Dec 2023
The arrival of snow in Gosforth last Saturday resulted in traffic unable to get up the hill which then caused an increasing number of motorists stuck in deteriorating conditions. Cumbria Police called us, knowing that the base could possibly be used for welfare should the situation become prolonged and the weather worsen. Some local team members were able to walk to base and open up. However, a short while later the road was able to be gritted with the help of a local farmer and the traffic got moving again. The team closed up the base and stood down.

163. Cumbria - Limited Callout - 18:57 Sat 2nd Dec 2023
The team supported the multi-agency response to the recent snow event in Cumbria. Three 4x4 vehicles were tasked to RV at Grizebeck and assist Cumbria Police to search abandoned vehicles. After a long night in difficult conditions all team members returned safely back to base.

164. Scafell Pike - Alert - 08:48 Sun 3rd Dec 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police from a concerned relative. A party of four well equipped walkers had planned to camp on the fells after an ascent of Scafell Pike. After the heavy snowfall in the county, none of the walkers were able to be contacted. However as further information was being gathered, the police made contact again to confirm contact has been made with the party and all was well. Mobile phone signal would not have been available at their camping location overnight, but appeared as they descended. A good outcome.

165. West Cumbria - Alert - 21:12 Sun 3rd Dec 2023
A request was received from Cumbria Police to provide 4x4 vehicles to enable essential care visits in the Winter conditions following the heavy snowfall and subsequent icy conditions. However, it was established that the request was not for immediate deployment, so the team was stood down with a commitment to respond if required in the future.

166. Sty Head - Limited Callout - 16:24 Sat 9th Dec 2023
A call was received from Cumbria Police about two lost and walkers. They were cold and wet having been out in poor weather (named storm) all day. As darkness fell they became concerned for their safety. Fortunately for them they were able to contact the iPhone emergency centre, having no signal to call 999. As a location was also obtained, the Team Leader tasked a small hill party to go to the location and escort the walkers to safety. This was able to be achieved, with due care taken crossing high water levels in the becks. The walkers were taken back to Wasdale Head, where they were reunited with the other two members of their walking party. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

167. Cam Spout, Scafell - Full Callout - 15:56 Sun 10th Dec 2023
A call was received from North West Ambulance Service about a walker with a leg injury high up on Scafell Pike. Due to weather conditions and the potential for a long carry, a full callout was swiftly made with help also requested from Duddon and Furness MRT. Coastguard helicopter support was also requested and R936 responded. As direct contact by mobile phone was not possible, the Team Leader tasked a DFMRT party to access the casualty location from Eskdale, with the remainder ascending from Brackenclose and Mickledore. Rescue 936 attempted to approach from multiple directions but was thwarted by low clouds, and had to return to their base, with an offer to return if access became possible later. As the first Wasdale team members approached the reported casualty location, the Duddon and Furness MRT party in Eskdale spotted lights and heard shouts in the Great Moss area. Shortly afterwards the good news was confirmed that it was the casualty and his walking partner. Even better was that the injury was not serious and that they were able to walk out to the road head. Bothe teams then returned to their vehicles and to the respective bases. Our thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT once again for their assistance.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 30 September 2024

Charity number: 1170178

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Chartered Accountants

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Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

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Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Legal and administrative information

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Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Report of the trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1170178, on 15 November 2016. The assets, liabilities and undertakings of the unincorporated charity Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team (Charity number 1020136) were transferred to the CIO on 30 September 2017, with the CIO then becoming operational from 1 October 2017.

Trustees

The aim is to maintain a trustee board with a range of skills which will be useful to the organisation. New trustees are taken through an induction procedure.

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustees consider the Committee as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects are:
To save life and alleviate distress primarily in upland or mountainous areas.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team provides a search and rescue service on the mountains and off road locations in the Wasdale and Eskdale valleys of West Cumbria and surrounding areas. The Team typically handles over 100 calls for assistance a year.

Further information can be found at www.wmrt.org.uk.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and performance

Achievements and performance are detailed in the Annual Report as presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial review

At the balance sheet date the CIO held £1,381,412 on unrestricted funds (2023: £1,265,646) and £21,926 on restricted funds (2023: £nil), a satisfactory position.

A detailed review is provided in the Treasurer's Report within the Annual report as presented at the Annual General meeting.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the CIO is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to these risks.

Plans for future periods

One of the team's ongoing challenges is recruitment of new members and considerable effort is being directed in this area.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

On behalf of the board

J R Bamforth
Trustee

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team.

I report on the accounts of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team for the year ended 30 September 2024 set out on pages 5 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	143,375	-	143,375	110,804
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	12,396	109,684	122,080	-
Income from other trading activities:					
Activities for generating funds	4	10,427	-	10,427	3,744
Investment income	5	10,452	-	10,452	5,321
Total income		176,650	109,684	286,334	119,869
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6	148,642	-	148,642	121,920
Total expenditure		148,642	-	148,642	121,920
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		28,008	109,684	137,692	(2,051)
Transfer between funds		87,758	(87,758)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		115,766	21,926	137,692	(2,051)
Total funds brought forward		1,265,646	-	1,265,646	1,267,697
Total funds carried forward		1,381,412	21,926	1,403,338	1,265,646

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Balance sheet
as at 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		823,835		811,247
Current assets					
Debtors	11	25,710		40,037	
Cash at bank and in hand		562,947		422,049	
		588,657		462,086	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(9,154)		(7,687)	
Net current assets			579,503		454,399
Net assets			1,403,338		1,265,646
Funds	13				
Restricted income funds			21,926		-
Unrestricted income funds			1,381,412		1,265,646
Total funds			1,403,338		1,265,646

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on and signed on its behalf by

J R Bamforth
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Cash flow statement

for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	16	171,557	(2,902)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		10,452	5,321
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(41,111)	(70,899)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(30,659)	(65,578)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		140,898	(68,480)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		422,049	490,529
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		562,947	422,049

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are currently no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are prepared in UK sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

1.2. Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as income within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from the charity shop is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	Not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	10% straight line

Land and buildings are maintained to a high standard and have a high residual value and as such are not depreciated. The trustees have carried out an impairment review and are satisfied that there is no impairment to these assets.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations	135,046	135,046	93,304
Legacies	8,329	8,329	17,500
	143,375	143,375	110,804

In 2023 all of the income from donations and legacies was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

3. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Grants	12,396	109,684	122,080	-
	12,396	109,684	122,080	-

4. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Shop income	254	254	-
Fundraising events	10,173	10,173	3,744
	10,427	10,427	3,744

In 2023 all of the income from activities for generating funds was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank interest receivable	10,452	10,452	5,321
	10,452	10,452	5,321

In 2023 all of the investment income was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

6. Costs of charitable activities - by fund type

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Mountain Rescue	148,642	148,642	121,920
	148,642	148,642	121,920

In 2023 all of the costs of the charitable activities were attributable to unrestricted funds.

7. Costs of charitable activities - by activity

	Activities undertaken directly £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Mountain Rescue	148,642	148,642	121,920
	148,642	148,642	121,920

8. Analysis of support costs

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Legal and professional fees	-	42
	-	42

9. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

Trustees are not remunerated. Expenses of £1,485 were reimbursed to 7 trustees for directly incurred travel costs and clothing allowances.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2023	676,170	344,348	155,547	1,176,065
Additions	-	41,111	-	41,111
At 30 September 2024	676,170	385,459	155,547	1,217,176
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2023	-	255,743	109,075	364,818
Charge for the year	-	21,082	7,441	28,523
At 30 September 2024	-	276,825	116,516	393,341
Net book values				
At 30 September 2024	676,170	108,634	39,031	823,835
At 30 September 2023	676,170	88,605	46,472	811,247

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	25,710	40,037

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	9,154	7,687

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 30 September 2024 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	823,835	823,835
Current assets	588,657	588,657
Current liabilities	(9,154)	(9,154)
	1,403,338	1,403,338

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 30 September 2023 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	811,247	811,247
Current assets	462,086	462,086
Current liabilities	(7,687)	(7,687)
	1,265,646	1,265,646

14. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 October 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2024 £
General reserve	1,132,534	176,650	(148,642)	66,395	1,226,937
Vehicle reserve	113,112	-	-	21,363	134,475
Contingencies reserve	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	1,265,646	176,650	(148,642)	87,758	1,381,412

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds - previous year

	At 1 October 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2023 £
General reserve	1,141,841	119,869	(121,920)	(7,256)	1,132,534
Vehicle reserve	105,856	-	-	7,256	113,112
Contingencies reserve	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	1,267,697	119,869	(121,920)	-	1,265,646

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds can be used with the approval of the board of trustees to fund any expenditure which falls within the charity's.

The level of the general reserve should be at least the equivelant of two years annual income, the trustees are satified this has been met.

The trustees have designated £134,475 as a vehicle reserve, in order to provide ready cash for the replacement of the vehicles and boat when required. The reserve is maintained based on a conservative estimate of 15% of the replacement cost of each vehicle multiplied by the number of years service it has done, up to the full replacement cost.

The trustees have designated £20,000 as a contingencies reserve, in order to make provision for catastrophic mechanical failure of a vehicle estimated at £15,000 and for a catastrophic communications failure at £5,000.

15. Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	At 1 October 2023	Incoming resources	Transfers	At 30 September 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	109,684	(87,758)	21,926
	-	109,684	(87,758)	21,926

Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted fund are made up of grants recieved from the Mid-Copeland Community Fund for the purchase of a new vehicle (purchased 05 January 2023) and other equipment used in the pursuit of the charities objectives.

16. Gross cash flows

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movements in funds	35,534	(2,051)
Deduct interest and dividend income shown in investing activities	(10,452)	(5,321)
Add back depreciation and profit/loss on disposal	28,523	25,352
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	14,327	(25,836)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	103,625	4,954
	171,557	(2,902)

17. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	422,049	140,898	562,947
Net funds	422,049	140,898	562,947

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generating funds:				
Voluntary income				
Donations		135,046		93,304
Legacies		8,329		17,500
		143,375		110,804
Activities for generating funds				
Shop income		254		-
Fundraising events		10,173		3,744
		10,427		3,744
Investment income				
Bank interest receivable		10,452		5,321
		10,452		5,321
Total income from generating funds		164,254		119,869
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Grants		122,080		-
		122,080		-
Total income		286,334		119,869

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024		2023
	£		£
Charitable activities			
Mountain Rescue			
Activities undertaken directly			
Training costs	9,129	10,813	
Rates	192	1,602	
Electricity	5,804	4,205	
Maintenance	6,920	7,191	
Equipment	25,329	32,286	
Insurance	4,980	3,659	
Sundry headquarter expenses	6,998	6,609	
Vehicle running expenses	8,441	5,888	
Officers' expenses	1,567	918	
Marine insurance	681	664	
Telephone	2,959	2,800	
Printing and stationery	800	298	
Depreciation	28,523	25,352	
Sundry	6,311	4,651	
Boot allowance	1,467	1,375	
Clothing allowance	13,544	13,568	
Donations	25,000	-	
Other costs	3	(1)	
	148,642		121,878
Support costs			
Legal fees	-	42	
	-		42
Mountain Rescue total expenditure	148,642		121,920
Total charitable activity expenditure	148,642		121,920
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	137,692		(2,051)

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

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23rd July 2025

WASDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1170178

Accounts

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team Annual Report 2022/2023

Presented at the Annual General Meeting held on 27 November 2023

Team members and officials 2022/2023 as at the AGM

President and Vice-Presidents

President	Richard Longman
Vice-President	Dr Nigel Burton
Vice-President	Jos Naylor MBE
Vice-President	Maurice Pringle
Vice-President	Dr Adrian Simper OBE

Trustees

Chair	John Bamforth
Duty Team Leader	Phil Hall
Duty Team Leader	John Hryb
Duty Team Leader & Training Officer	Penny Kirby
Duty Team Leader	Chris Cripps
Treasurer	John Noake
Trustee	Mike Smith
Trustee	Ian Davidson
Trustee	Mark Harrison

Co-Opted Officers

Buildings Officer	Hugh Redington
Communications & ICT Officer	Rob Higham
Equipment Officer	Dan Pocock
Fundraising Officers	Anne Guest and Sam Stalker
Medical Officer	Lucy Belson
Press Officer	Richard Warren
Secretary	Graham Hogg
Vehicles Officer	Jake Manson
Water Officer	Rob Stalker
Wellbeing Officer	Paul Kerry

Membership as at the AGM

Full Team Members (44):

Chris Adams, Dave Allery, John Bamforth, Martin Bentley, Andy Cramp, Chris Cripps, Debs Cripps, Ian Davidson, Chad Dixon, Phil Gibbs, Mitchell Graham, Phil Hall, Mark Harrison, Mark Hazell, Robert Higham, Graham Hogg, John Hryb, Sarah Kekus, Mark Kendall, Dave Kennedy, Paul Kerry, Penny Kirby, Jon Lynch, Jake Manson, Richard Moss, John Noake, Sue Noake, Gareth Platt, Dan Pocock, Steve Read, Mike Robinson, Dan Shepherd, Colin Smith, Mike Smith, Richard Smith, Rob Smith, Rob Stalker, Luke Tipper, Lee Tunstall, Steve Walter, Richard Warren, Sarah Wild, Dave Willey, Klem Zafred plus Jess the search dog

Associate Team Members – Probationers (5):

Jack Bavister, Alan Blight, Liam Coffey, Ava Grossman, Lee Robinson

Associate Team Members – Support (8):

Paul Barratt, Lucy Belson, Tim Brooks, Anne Guest, Tariq Qureshi, Hugh Redington, Sam Stalker, Dave Thompson

Honorary Life Team Members (27):

Dave Barras, Bob Bennett, Howard Christie, Lord Cunningham, Dave Fryer, Jenny Green, Roger Green, Karen Greene, Mike Greene MBE, Pete Holburt, Carol Holmes, Keith Hudson, Richard Longman, Joe Moody, Will Mullineux, Guy Newbold, Ken Owens, Bill Pattison MBE, Dave Polhill, Maurice Pringle, Janice Reynolds, Brian Smith, Gordon Starkie, Keith Thompson, Nick West, Royanne Wilding, Martin Young

Agenda

1. Chair's opening remarks

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting held on 21 November 2022

3. Presentation of the 2023 Annual Reports by Officers including the 2022/23 Accounts

4. Election of the Trustees being: -

   - Chairman
   - Up to 4 Team Leaders
   - Up to a total of 9 trustees, including Chair and Team Leaders

   The following nominations for trustees were received by the deadline: -

   Chair

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
John Bamforth	Sue Noake	John Hryb

   Duty Team Leader

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
Ian Davidson	John Hryb	Richard Warren
Phil Hall	Rob Stalker	Dan Pocock
John Hryb	Penny Kirby	Phil Hall
Penny Kirby	Martin Bentley	Graham Hogg

   Trustees

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
Mark Harrison	Penny Kirby	Graham Hogg
John Noake	Mike Smith	Mark Harrison
Mike Smith	Richard Moss	Lee Tunstall
Rob Stalker	John Hryb	Ian Davidson
Lee Tunstall	John Hryb	Richard Warren

   Appointment of officers

5. Motions for debate and proposed constitutional changes – None have been received

6. Appointment of Auditors (with a proposal to retain Robinson & Co)

7. Any other business

Chair's Report

The number of callouts this year has already exceeded that of previous years by some margin and at the time of writing the team has the dubious honour of having the greatest number of 999 calls in the Lake District this year. There appear to be many reasons for this not least of which is the impact of social media reaching people who previously had not ventured on the fells. This has again placed significant demands on the team, and more time this year we have seen instances of multiple simultaneous callouts. As ever the team has responded magnificently, and thanks must go to our team leaders for handling the calls often at unsociable times, and to all members for attending callouts when they can.

This continual growth in callouts has meant that the team has had to expand its resources to match, with another cohort of probationers nearing the end of their training and with next year's cohort undergoing their hill test after a rigorous application and selection process: thanks must go to all those involved in our recruitment. Our fourth emergency vehicle arrived earlier this year funded by the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership: our thanks go to them and to our vehicles officer and others for their efforts in specifying the vehicle and monitoring the build programme of this bespoke and very capable vehicle.

We have also had to be fully equipped to do the job and the team has invested heavily in cataloguing everything on the D4H software system to help with the relentless task of checking existing equipment, investigating, and specifying new equipment, as well as logging callouts and training sessions. Thanks must go to the equipment officer, buildings officer and water officer and others involved in keeping us geared up, housed, recorded, and trained appropriately.

On many occasions the team response this year has had a medical involvement, and it is fair to say that some of our casualties would either not have survived or would have a worse prognosis had it not been for the medical interventions on the hill. Those involved in administering casualty care and our superb medical team giving us the skills to be able to do the job, should feel immensely proud of the casualty care given. It is an absolute credit to the team to receive some of the messages that we have on how the team has helped them.

It is not an easy job to balance the financial books each year and this year with inflationary cost pressures, that task has become increasingly more difficult. Excluding depreciation, it has cost about £95k to run the team for this year. Admittedly, some of these costs include clothing which is expected to last (much) more than one year but this is significantly more than the £70-75k figures that we have typically quoted in public to run the team for a year. We have managed to earn more than we have spent, and we are fortunate to have a healthy bank account with at least three years' worth of operating expenditure as reserves in addition to earmarked reserves for future vehicle replacement. Thanks must go to our fundraising team and others who have helped to bring in the much-needed funds: this includes attending functions and events throughout the year to gain and receive these funds. Income and expenditure have been carefully managed and controlled over the year and thanks must go to those involved in our team's financial governance.

Communications on the hill is vital and this year we have trialled with great success the satellite radios, which have proved a very valuable addition to our array of communications tools. Our digital radios continue to evolve and improve, particularly with the Starlink capability now available at Wasdale Head. Thanks must go to the communications team who work tirelessly behind the scenes making sure we have the tools to do the job and fixing things when they inevitably go wrong.

Communications outside of the team now represent a considerable task in providing press releases, dealing with the media, handling public visits to the base, and providing a constant flow of social media content across several platforms. This year that role increased somewhat with the not insignificant involvement with a film crew shooting for a Channel 4 programme that is about to air. Thanks to those involved with all these outward communications which showcase the great work that this team does on a 24/7/365 basis, to a wide audience, increasing awareness and helping to bring in the funding and goodwill that the team needs to continue.

As regards our membership, one of our Honorary Members, Joe Arthy sadly passed away recently. It was sad to hear too that Chris Lewis, a member of Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team who was very seriously injured during a rescue, also passed away. Congratulations go to Graham Hogg for 10 years' service this year and to Penny Kirby for 40 years' service this year and for being given the Prime Minister's Points of Light Award.

I would like to thank our elected and co-opted officers who have worked tirelessly to maintain our effectiveness as a team during another very busy year of rescues and training. Thanks also go to those who have helped with those extra activities many of which go unseen such as packing vehicles and kit ready for the next rescue.

Finally, thanks must also go to families and friends. They often must pick up the pieces when team incidents happen, and this help is invaluable: please pass on our thanks.

John Bamforth

Chair

Secretary's Report

The secretary's role has continued this year to be one of scribbling lots of notes during the two monthly meetings, leaving them on my desk for far too long, recalling discussions, attempting to cobble them together into minutes, and sending them out far too late – making the whole thing far harder than it needs to be. Perhaps I'll get better next year, perhaps not.

Throughout the year, individuals and groups have continued to get in touch with the team, politely asking to visit the base and get to know more about our work. When the volume increased in the spring, just at the same time our callouts were accelerating, trustees discussed the idea of 'winter opening hours'. As it turns out, several groups were happy to wait to visit the team during the winter months. Hopefully, decisions such as these, coupled with the DTLs managing the training demand at short notice, which helps to spread the non-call-out work through the year.

Team membership stands at 44 full team members and 5 probationary members – this is compared to 37 and 10 respectively last year. This year Marc Penn, Mark Wells and Tom Hewitson left the team and we thank them for their efforts.

Thank you to John for keeping the website up to date, our social media team: Richard, Mitch, Rob and Andy for updating their respective platforms – in the few years I've been looking at the secretary's inbox, it feels as though many more messages from the public and casualties come via social media

rather than website emails. Thanks also to our D4H experts, particularly Lee who is making great use of a new support tool for the team.

Finally, quite often the secretary's role is diverting a wide variety of tasks in the direction of many other members – to those who have helped in all manner of jobs that keep the team functioning, I extend my thanks.

Graham Hogg

Secretary

Duty Team Leaders' Report

This year we have had an unprecedented number of call outs, our busiest year ever, currently standing at 159 (as at 12.11.23). There was a long period early in the year when the weather was fine, and there were lots of lower leg injuries; since the weather has changed and the cloud has come down, we have had more lost people, as well as people with leg injuries and medical issues. We have had a few people crag fast, or stuck on steep ground, and a few callouts where we used the boat. Our swift water group has been in action, as have our drone pilots and search dog.

We have had help from other teams many times, especially Duddon & Furness, and been able to help other teams on occasion. We have also had a lot of help from the air ambulances and coastguard helicopters, the latter more than any other team in the Lake District.

We have helped to save more lives, extricated injured walkers, reunited lost folk with their families, and those we couldn't help directly have been treated with care and dignity, and their friends and families with compassion.

We have worked with many other agencies, amongst them Cumbria Police, NWAS, ARCC, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Helimed, Fire and Rescue Service, Coastguard, and Inshore Rescue.

Some team members have attended conferences, showcasing what we do, given talks to the public, attended local shows and Farmers Markets, and helped on the annual Flag Day. Many thanks to them, especially Anne and Sam who look after our fund-raising. Thank you to John and Susan Noake for, amongst many other things, dealing with all the donations that come in, responding to the donors, and sending Christmas cards.

We held an Open Day, our first in this base, which had been postponed because of Covid. Many thanks to all involved for organising this and making it a great success.

Other members have attended external training in addition to team training.

We have had a film crew accompanying us in base and on our callouts, the programme is due to be aired later this month.

We took on 5 new probationers at the beginning of the year and they have proved themselves to be committed, competent and valuable members of the team and we look forward to welcoming them

as full team members. Thank you to them. We have just had a hill day with next year's group so there will be some new faces in the New Year.

We have taken delivery of a new vehicle, thank you to Jake for all his hard work in seeing this project through and to John Bamforth for securing the funding.

As part of this funding, we have been able to purchase 2 satellite phones and a base set, which have proved invaluable, and we intend to purchase more. There are other developments in the communications field which no doubt will be dealt with more fully in the communications report. Thank you to the communications group who are not only pursuing these developments but dealing with the problems that arise with our existing equipment.

And thank you also to the many people who help out in so many other ways, whether or not they have a "job title" – training, especially Lucy and Tariq who put in an amazing amount of time and energy, finances, equipment, clothing, vehicles and boat, wellbeing, media, IT and comms, recruitment, building maintenance, base operators, catering, in addition to attending our training and ever-increasing callouts. We could not function otherwise. And thank you to the Trustees who deal with the more unseen aspects of team management such as insurance, risk registers, byelaws and policies. We held a barbecue at the Youth Hostel, which was very enjoyable and well attended, thanks to David Kennedy and family for their organisational and catering skills. We continue to have a Friday social which gives us a chance to socialise outside of a callout. Wednesday Wanders have also been valuable and will re-start in the New Year.

Chad's podcasts have been well received and help to inform a wider audience about what we do. Richard Warren continues to keep Mountain Rescue in the public eye, as well as representing Mountain Rescue in inter-agency meetings trying to address some of the issues caused by so many visitors.

We must also thank members of the public, local farmers, hoteliers, especially the staff at Wasdale Head Inn, who go out of their way to help casualties, and in doing so, help us.

And last but not least, despite the phenomenal increase in callouts, we have amazing, continued commitment from team members, and by definition, their families as well, thank you. Team members are our number one resource and we cannot stress enough how appreciative we are of your time and commitment. Many many thanks.

Chris Cripps, Phil Hall, John Hryb & Penny Kirby

Duty Team Leaders

Medical Report

Callouts

Medical makes up 32% of all WMRT callouts. It is critical that we respond with appropriate modern equipment which we have been developing this year. Our members are trained in first aid and/or casualty care to meet the challenges of caring for our injured/ill casualties.

Asthma	Cardiac arrest	Dizziness	Heart Attacks (MI)	Heat exhaustion	Heat stroke	Hypothermia	Seizures
2	3	2	3	1	1	3	2
Ankles	**Arm**	**Chest/ribs**	**Pelvis**	**Other limbs**	**Shoulder**	**Multiple minor injuries**	**Head**
16	2	2	4	10	3	1	11

Equipment

Early 2023 we started to use Bluetooth monitoring via an advanced Pulse Oximeter. It can read oxygen saturations in a casualty with poor perfusion and shivering. Monitoring of the casualty's temperature is also done continuously via a Radius T pad attached to the casualty. The team use mobile phones for monitoring.

The long anticipated Medical Bags arrived. These are specifically designed for MR in Canada and are light technical bags.

Training

Course	BLS/AED	OFA	Stop the Bleed®	Role	Casualty Care
Trained	100%	88%	47%	27%	39%

ROLE

This year has been one of innovation. In the spring 14 members of the team undertook UKSAR ROLE (Recognition of life extinct) training. Dr Qureshi led on this and sought input from the Police, Ambulance service and our regional HM Coroner. A difficult subject but one that all MRT sadly encounter at some point.

Some of own Cas Carers had to undertake ROLE in July and greatly appreciated the structure that this course brought to the process.

Stop the Bleed®

Training was also introduced under the auspices of the American College of Surgeons. Using an alarming 'spurty thigh' model the Team tackled a catastrophic bleed and practiced packing the wound and applying tourniquets. This made for some lively training and a few painful arms. Our thanks again go to Tariq for directing & introducing this course.

Outdoor First Aid Course

Mike Smith continued to run these and most of our new probationers attended and received their certificates. We run these courses close to the time the probationers will be going on the hill as a means of preparation.

Basic Life Support

BLS is a minimum standard for any MRT member. We were supported on assessments by Gosforth Community First Responders.

Casualty Care

Dr Qureshi continues to lead on this. The next assessment process is being supported by medical/nursing staff from local teams including Patterdale, Keswick, Cockermouth as well as a group of our wonderful local GPs. Thanks to the Rosehill Theatre actors who are supporting us for the first time this year as 'mock' casualties for the exams.

A massive thank you to Dr Qureshi for all his generous support and encouragement, he continues to help us develop in innovative ways. Thanks too to Dr Alistair Fale from our sister team DFMRT and our local paramedic Iain Proctor-Dow. Mostly, though, thanks to all the team who use these skills on the hill for the benefit of our casualties and their families.

Lucy Belson

Medical officer

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the year to 29 September 2023 are being finalised and thanks must go to Emma Woodend and Jason Spires of Robinson & Co. for preparing them.

Overview

Firstly, thanks to John Noake for all his accounting for transactions, and to Sue Noake for her assistance. Thanks also to the fundraising team of Anne Guest and Sam Stalker plus others for their efforts in bringing valuable funds in.

The accounts for the 12 months to September 2023 show a profit of £6.7k, being £120.0k of income less direct expenses of £67.9k and overheads of £45.4k. Additionally, we have spent and capitalised £21.5k of equipment.

Income

We have received three legacies totalling £17.5k, £93.1k of donations, £5.3k of interest and £4.3k other income.

The following single donations were over £1.0k: -

- Little & Caine (funeral) £1.3k
- "One aim Cracked it" £1.0k
- Much loved (funeral) £1.6k
- Flag Day £1.7k
- LDSAMRA £15.2k
- St Bees Triers £1.3k
- Wasdale Head Inn £2.7k

Direct Expenses

Of the £67.9k direct expenses, £19.7k relates to team member equipment, £33.8k to team equipment, £10.6k to training and £3.8k to other expenses.

Team member equipment costs comprise: -

- Paramo jackets £2.3k
- Paramo trousers £3.6k
- Montane pants £0.7k
- Keela jackets £1.2k
- Winter jackets £2.0k
- Arc'teryx medical bags £2.3k
- Personal allowances £3.2k
- Other £4.4k

£19.7k

Team equipment costs comprise: -

- Crag equipment £5.1k
- Search equipment £2.8k
- SRT equipment £3.5k
- Medical equipment £16.5k
- Communications kit £5.5k
- Drone kit £0.4k

£33.8k

Training costs comprise: -

- Mountain first aid £1.2k
- SRT £1.9k
- Driver training £2.7k
- Winter training £3.4k
- Other £1.4k

£10.6k

Overheads

These costs comprise: -

- Rates £1.5k
- Energy £4.2k
- Vehicles maintenance £5.5k
- Buildings maintenance £5.2k
- ICT £2.1k
- Insurance £4.1k
- Refreshments £2.9k
- Depreciation £18.3k (previous capital expenditure)
- Other £1.6k

£45.4k

Financial Position

As at 30 September 2023 we: -

- Owned fixed assets with a net book value of £819.9k
- Had cash deposits totalling £422.0k
- Are owed £40.0k in VAT from HMRC (see note)
- Owe suppliers £43.1k (Mainly for M4 second instalment)
- Had a net worth of £1,270.9k

Note – Of the £40.0k VAT receivable, £36.9k has been claimed and of that £28.3k has been received in October. The remaining VAT will be claimed in January.

Mid-Copeland GDF Community Fund

We have compiled the invoices and supporting documentation together for the £75.5k claim that we were awarded in 2022. This will be submitted shortly.

A further grant claim for £49.5k has been made for equipment under the banner of technology in mountain rescue and we understand this has been approved, which is great news.

Summary

Excluding depreciation, it has cost £95.1k to run the team for a year. Admittedly, some of these costs include clothing which is expected to last (much) more than one year but this is significantly more than the £70-75k figures that we have typically quoted in public to run the team for a year.

We have managed to earn more than we have spent, but we should continue to be careful going forward.

John Noake
Treasurer

Fundraising Report

1. Events attended by WMRT

DATE	EVENT	TYPE OF EVENT	LOCATION	MONEY BANKED
12/12/2022	Flag Day (whole team event)	Collection buckets on the street	Egremont and Whitehaven	(see Treasurer) > £1000
09/04/2023	Easter Day WMRT presence	WMRT merchandise stall and M2 Advice and Guidance to walkers	Bracken Close car park	£95.36
21/04/23	Egremont Farmer's Market	Refreshments Stall serving tea, coffee, and cakes	Market Hall, Egremont	approx. £400 (Treasurer has details)
10/06/2023	Drigg Gala	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Drigg	£248
19/08/2023	Gosforth Show	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Gosforth	£325.14
30/09/2023	Eskdale Show	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Eskdale	£278.44
14/10/2023	Wasdale Show	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Wasdale Head	£435
22/10/2023	Open Day	WMRT merchandise stall and M2	Workington Fire Station	£35
03/11/2023	Farmer's Market	WMRT merchandise stall, books and gin	Market Hall, Egremont	£63.06
			Total raised	**Approx: £2784.61**

There was an Open Day at base around Easter 2023 which I believe also raised some money. The Treasurer has details of this.

2. Collection Boxes

Regular collection boxes come in from various locations and we are grateful to those who pick them up and often count the money for us – Chad, Mitch, Rich Smith and Carol Holmes, who picks up all the boxes in Eskdale and Ravenglass periodically. The Barn Door Shop regularly collects a considerable sum for us and all of the above is paid into the Cumberland Building Society account. NB. The amounts recorded below sometimes include money collected from the events above at various times.
There are always spare collection boxes in the Fundraising cupboard in the office, so please take one if you see a full box anywhere on your daily travels. It is a great help to Sam and me if team members continue to collect for us and bring the boxes to base.

Date	Paid In
05/05/2023	£269.49
19/05/2023	£379.26
15/06/2023	£366.00
20/06/2023	£800.00
26/06/2023	£245.94
28/07/2023	£530.25

23/08/2023	£503.06
06/11/2023(Eskdale boxes + Wasdale Show)	£893.57
Total	**£3987.57**

3. PayPal Account

All orders for merchandise from the website go straight to the PayPal account. There are also regular payments from the PayPal Giving Fund.
The payments from the Giving Fund reflect the link provided on social media accompanying the incident reports posted. This is an extremely effective addition to our other fundraising initiatives and reaches a wider target audience than just those who want to buy merchandise.

Date	Merchandise	PayPal Giving Fund	Donations
January 2023	£17.34		
February 2023	£17.34		
March 2023	£102.28		
April 2023	£70.19	£221.86	
May 2023	£31.88	£1055.03	
June 2023	£2.76	£117.01	
July 2023		£196.50	
August 2023	£109.77	£47.00	£98.40
September 2023	£32.14	£1307.51	
October 2023	£37.40	£825.78	
Totals	**£418.34**	**£3770.82**	**£98.40**
	Total paid into PayPal account: £4287.56		
The balance in the PayPal account currently stands at £10,020.34			

4. Other Fundraising Initiatives

Mike Smith and I have been liaising with Lakeland Lights scented candle makers in Cleator Moor, who have produced an advent calendar with a WMRT theme this year. They will donate £1 for every calendar sold to the Team and have produced 2000 calendars. This represents a potentially significant addition to our funds. They also have a 'Donate' button on their website which, we hope, will also generate revenue for us. The results of this will not be apparent until after Christmas. This is an important collaboration with a local business and is to be encouraged. Mike Smith, Sarah Wild and I attended a workshop on 25th August 2023 to launch the calendar, and several team members – Jake, Mike R, Lee R and I were present at an Open Day on 23rd September 2023.

5. Donations

In January 2023 we received a donation of **£208.20** from Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society, raised from their production of Cinderella.
At the Egremont Farmer's Market on 3rd November 2023, the refreshments were served by the WI, who were also raising money on our behalf. This donation is pending.

Total amount raised from Fundraising to date: £11,267.94

6. Summary

It's been a busy and productive year for fundraising. Even where we have made small amounts of money at some events, our presence is always appreciated by the local community and impresses upon people the important work that WMRT does. This is a vital part of the WMRT offering.

As the demands on the Team's services grows, so does the need to generate funds. There are some events which we did not attend during the summer, such as the Whitehaven Harbour Festival, because there are only so many free weekends Sam and I have. Next year we have already been invited to attend the Seascale Gala in June, which is in addition to all the other events in our calendar. We could do more but would need more help. We would like to suggest that the remit of fundraising becomes broader for the team and put the following ideas forward for consideration:

6a. Probationers could be involved as part of their training. This would help them to gain a full understanding of what it takes to maintain WMRT. There could be a rota so that there is always somebody available to attend an event. It would also mean that there are always hill-going members interacting with the public to answer questions for the duration of the event.

6b. We are extremely grateful to those full team members who regularly attend the various shows and drive M2 to the showground. It tends to be the same group of people who are giving up their time, so a rota of the team members, in addition to the presence of a probationer or two, would take the pressure off this group. Sam and I are not equipped to deal with the many technical questions people have about Mountain Rescue and the presence of experienced team members at events is essential.

6c. We would greatly appreciate the support of partners / relatives to help us out with events and propose forming a WhatsApp group of interested people on whom we could call. Please let us know names and contact numbers if you know someone who would like to be involved.

6d. At the Wasdale Head Show, Lucy brought a stretcher and one of the mannikins, both of which attracted a lot of attention and was a great way to help the public understand what the team does. This is something which would be welcome at all the events and enables people to appreciate the medical expertise involved in being a team member. A team member with casualty care skills could take responsibility for this at each event.

Anne Guest and Sam Stalker

Fundraising Officers

Vehicles Report

A big thank you also to all who use the vehicles; for driving safely, keeping them clean and reporting any issues. An extra mention to all who have helped me during the last year; Lucy Belson and Mike Smith, who have given me lifts, Dave Allery for technical assistance, Lee Tunstall and Mike Robinson for practical help, and Dan Pocock for advice on tyres. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

With the arrival of Mobile 4, the Team now operates with the support of four vehicles:

Mobile 1, a Toyota Hilux, has been our preferred rapid response vehicle. The vehicle is now over ten years old, has done about 2,200 miles so far this year, and was used for the majority of callouts. Looking forward, the vehicle is starting to show signs of age and it might be appropriate to bring it up to the same specification as Mobile 4.

Mobile 2, our Land Rover Defender is the second of our rapid response vehicles which still provides the team with its iconic MR look and attended many of our fundraising and charity event commitments during the year. The vehicle is now fourteen years old, has done about 1,400 miles so far this year, and it continues to be particularly valuable for boat deployments. Looking forward, it is likely that this vehicle will get less use now we have Mobile 4. It is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to source these vehicles and this low milage, well-maintained vehicle is an asset to the team which should remain part of our fleet for as long as possible.

Mobile 3, a Ford Tourneo Custom, has the capacity to ferry up to nine members to call-outs, and has also been used for attending training events and general transport. The vehicle continues to suffer from electrical problems, which have been investigated, and it seems likely they are a product of the way the vehicle is used i.e. mostly for short journeys, which is causing damage to the batteries. The vehicle is now over eight years old and has done about 3,300 miles so far this year. Looking forward, it may be time to start formulating ideas about what we would want from a replacement, for instance better off-road capability, or maybe to be used as a control or drone support vehicle.

Mobile 4, a Toyota Hilux arrived in August. It has done about 1200 miles so far. Thanks are due to the Mid-Copeland GDF Community Fund, who have generously provided finance for the vehicle itself and for equipping it. Thanks to John Bamforth for working with the Fund to secure this, and to Ian Davison for help during the procurement phase. Housing it required changes to be made in the base, which were professionally completed by our resident electricians.

The vehicles continue to be regularly maintained; any faults have been minor in nature, and promptly dealt with. All vehicles have passed their annual MOT and have been taxed and insured. Maintenance is now recorded and prompted on D4H. In total the vehicles have been driven 8151 miles, a 51% increase on 2022 reflecting the busier year we have had in 2023.

I am intending to continue in the role for the time being but would like a volunteer to come forward to take over from me during the coming year.

Jake Manson

Vehicles Officer

Water Report

Annual Summary The Water Rescue capability within WMRT has strengthened considerably within the last 12 months. We have had full team water awareness training, additional team members trained to technician level, water team leader and instructor level training and put all those skills into practice at a regional level deployment. Water incidents are usually multi agency events, so we have also completed multiple training sessions with other teams in LDSAMRA to further understand each other's capabilities. Boat The Boat continues to be operational. There have been 4 boat related callouts on the lake this year and 1 full team training involving the boat. Stats pulled from D4H. Ongoing project for the winter months is to explore ways of getting a boat onto Wastwater much faster than is currently possible. This will not replace the current boat operations but work alongside to gain sit rep faster for water & screes related incidents.

Green – good; Amber – nearly there; Red – Needs work

Qualification	Current Number	Ideal Number	Changes from last month
Swiftwater rescue technicians	15	18	None
Advanced level technicians	7	10	+2
Technicians trained in rescues from flooded vehicles	3	10	None
Swiftwater instructor	1	1	None
Management of water and flood incidents	ID attending WFIM training in Nov '23	2	None
DEFRA team commander	3	3	None

Deployment – Wasdale Job WA.151.23 It was the first time in a lot of years that the SRT team had been deployed to a real incident and it was an opportunity to see all the training and specialist equipment being used for real. The incident was a river search of the river Eden, sadly the outcome was a fatality. Recent Water Training 5 Wasdale team members attended a night time SRT training exercise hosted by Cockermouth MRT on the River Derwent in Cockermouth town centre. A great time was had by all. Planned Water Rescue Training Wasdale SRT Training Day – Dec 17th pencilled in tbc – objective is to complete Jack's final day of SRT training and train as a team. Hopefully somewhere in Eskdale, conditions dependant. LDSAMRA run Advanced SRT course – 3 Days – 24th to the 26th November – Lakes based and will also reset SRT Qual. 2 Wasdale team members booked on this course so far. Kit/Equipment I am halfway through a refurbishment of all our SRT drysuits. 10 have been away and come back, the remainder are to be sent away over this winter. A proposal for some new water equipment that is needed has been approved by the trustees. I am in the process of ordering the equipment from the proposal. Some old kit will be donated to the Pakistan Appeal and a social media fundraising campaign will be launched to help with the financial cost As always, any questions regarding water ops in the team, let me know.

Rob Stalker

Water Officer

Communications & ICT Report

As the Communications & ICT Officer for 2023 I have been responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of WMRTs radio communication and ICT infrastructure. This year one of the key focuses has been on a project to install a Starlink internet connection to Wasdale Head.

Wasdale Head Repeater Improvements

Since the new digital repeater system has been installed, we have been utilising a radio link via Nether Wasdale to get voice communications between Wasdale Base and Wasdale Head Repeaters because the internet connection at the head was not good enough for our needs (all of our other repeaters use the internet to extend the voice communications between sites). The radio link has had some reliability problems over the years due to not being in an ideal location to get line of site between Wasdale Base and Wasdale Head, particularly in poor atmospheric conditions. This results in sometimes poor communications at times when one user's radio is connected to the Wasdale Head Repeater, and another is connected to the Wasdale Base Repeater (a scenario which will occur on most of our rescues up the pike from the Wasdale valley as people move about on the roads and fells).

The government Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) approached the team early in the year to see if they could assist in providing better internet connectivity for the team's infrastructure at Wasdale Head, as part of wider work to improve internet connectivity to the very remote places in Cumbria. The proposed solution was to purchase and fund a Starlink satellite internet connection as a trial. In April the equipment was installed at Wasdale Head and underwent some testing to see how stable it was, including using it to transmit the GPS traces from the head repeater for a period. In May the Nether Wasdale radio link was switched off and voice communications transferred over to Starlink.

Since switching over we have found the system to be significantly more reliable and have continued to use it. There are a few things to address going forwards with regards to power resilience and improved mounting of the antenna, however this has been a successful project which has significantly improved the teams radio communications in the valley.

Other Ongoing Projects / Maintenance of Assets

In addition to the above project, the communications Team are kept busy throughout the year maintaining our current assets, responding to failures and on other projects such as Zello and installing radio equipment to Mobile 4.

Zello is a service which allows us to securely link our radio system to the internet. This gives us the benefit that authorised users with an internet connection, but not within range of our radio repeaters, can assist in operations. Zello has been in use throughout the year and playing a role in our operations.

Just as this report is being written we have received good news about progress on a new repeater site Duddon and Furness MRT are looking to install in the Cockley Beck area of the Duddon Valley. As well as improving Duddon's repeater coverage in their area, this new repeater site should deliver significant benefits to Wasdale when operating in the Upper Eskdale / Great Moss area.

As is normal, we occasionally have failures of equipment throughout the year, and it is much appreciated when we get reports from team members notifying us of an issue and allowing us to respond promptly. Please do continue to do this and let us know if there are any areas to specifically target for improvement.

The task of maintaining and improving Communications and ICT is a team effort and I would like to thank the Comms team - Jon Lynch, Dave Allery and Hugh Redington who have all contributed throughout the year in maintaining and improving the communications capability

Robert Higham

Communications & ICT Officer

Buildings Report

Generally, the building has stood up well and provided a great base for the team who have had a very busy year.

Maintenance has been carried out with annual inspections and services to systems such as the security and fire alarms, emergency lighting, heating, up and over shutter doors, CCTV and standby generator etc. We also had an inspection with recommendations by Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service. Regular emergency light and fire alarm tests continue. Some ad hoc callouts were required during the year on an as needed basis to rectify issues with various systems.

There are ongoing issues for resolution in the coming weeks:

- Emergency lighting – replacement of battery packs.
- Roof leak which has emerged.
- Failed (water ingress) CCTV camera to be replaced.
- Monitor performance of the up and over shutter doors.

The Lowering Platform project is proceeding although slower than we would prefer. I am having regular email contact with the team who are providing this facility at not cost to WMRT and am awaiting a start of works date. Thanks to the team helpers who assisted with moving the racking earlier in the year.

Gareth with support from Alan arranged and installed the charging point for Mobile 4.

Thank you also to the members who carry out the grass cutting.

The alarm systems have just received an upgrade to make them ready for BT's plans to cease the copper wire networks.

Recently we were made aware that another charitable organisation has provided funds so that lighting could be installed to the helipad at West Cumbria Hospital, Whitehaven which will increase the safety of helicopter and ambulance crews transferring patients from the aircraft to the A & E during darkness or poor light.

Additional projects to be undertaken:
Consider and plan an extension to the car parking area and delineation of parking bays.
Investigation and rectify / adapt drainage at the front and side of the building to alleviate foul smells.
Consider enclosing and making secure the rear covered storage to accommodate the boat.

Hugh Redington

Buildings Officer

Equipment Report

I started the Equipment Officer role in September 2022, where I've been responsible for managing the team's crag equipment, stretchers, and other rescue accessories. The role involves sorting the various inspection requirements, purchasing new equipment, and liaising with equipment suppliers. Andy Cramp has continued to do an excellent job assisting as the Clothing Officer.

After purchasing accessories for the new Titan stretcher last year, the team has started to gain familiarity culminating in a successful training exercise with a stretcher carry off Buckbarrow. We're still learning about the potential disadvantages and advantages for use in the future. In order to manage the implementation, a small working group was created which recently recommended a 6 to 12-month trial period (10 operational rescues minimum) where the stretcher is kept in the back of Mobile 4 and used on select operational rescues. I look forward to putting the Titan further through its paces during the trial period to determine if it can find a permanent place in the back of our vehicles, as it offers significant weight savings over the existing Bell stretchers.

New equipment has been purchased to bring Mobile 4 up to full operational state. The intention is that Mobile 1 and 4 will have a full set of identical crag equipment, but Mobile 2 will only have casualty helmets, harnesses and a back rope. A spare crag set and a set of ropes can then be kept on the shelf in base.

All the crag equipment and stretchers are now recorded on D4H, which is used to manage inspections and details of all the team's kit. This is making inspections a lot easier to manage.

Earlier in the year, MREW updated the guidelines for equipment inspections. For the team, this increased the inspection frequency of some sets of equipment and resulted in the annual personal equipment inspections to switch from annual to a strict 6 monthly frequency. I'd like to thank everyone for engaging positively with the new rules and to all those who assisted with kit inspections.

After several deflation failures of current vacuum mattresses, MREW implemented a replacement program. After a selection process, the team has decided to purchase the Ferno Rescue Lite. Team members felt that this product had the best balance of weight and casualty immobilisation. These should be being delivered before Christmas and will replace all existing vacuum mattresses.

Andy has successfully completed the most recent 5-yearly clothing review, so now all team members should have the team's standard issue clothing. After positive feedback from team members with the Mountain Equipment Kongur MRT waterproof jacket, the team has ordered these for more members, and they should be ready for distribution in early 2024. The replacement synthetic belay jacket jointly designed by MREW and Helly Hansen, the SAR 133 has been ordered for all team members and supporters and should be with us in the new year.

I'm still enjoying the role and plan to continue as Equipment Officer into 2024. I'd like to thank the team for their ongoing support, especially those who regularly give up extra time to help with equipment inspections (namely Chris Adams, Ian Davidson, Mark Kendall and Rob Stalker) – this is greatly appreciated.

Dan Pocock

Equipment Officer

Press Officer Report

2023 has been an exceptional busy year of rescues for the team with the record of 142 callouts broken in the first week of October. At the time of writing the team is on 152 with a forecasted 160 by the end of the year. This has meant strong focus on our team by the media as they regularly read our social media posts. Having the highest mountain in England on our patch with over 50% of incidents on Scafell Pike of which 60% are lost and overdue means a lot of press enquiries. Local and national papers, local and national radio, regional and national television, they all want a story and trying to avoid those awkward questions can be a challenge at times. *"don't you get angry?"* …."*is it sustainable?*" …. *"is the Adventure Smart message getting through?"*. However, having good relationships with the media and being non-judgemental has always been our approach and it seems to work well. It allows us to get our own messaging across whether it is fundraising, recruitment, safety messaging to reduce those 60% Scafell Pike lost and missing or just a big thanks to our community.

2023 has also been demanding with Summer Films production for Channel 4. This four-part series covering the work of the Cumbrian teams will feature heavily on our own team as it was filmed during our busiest period in May when we had 28 callouts. Viewing of the raw edits for factual accuracy will take place throughout November with the series going out shortly thereafter. Thanks to Mike Smith being our co-ordinator with support from other team members and to everyone who participated in the interviews.

Our team leaders have appeared in several TV interviews throughout the years. They present our work and issues well and add operational realism to interviews that press officers sometimes cannot quite deliver. Not an easy task for the team leaders but always well executed so thank you. Also, a big thanks to all team members who have helped with the photographs, the videos, the social media posts and indeed in the opportunities we get for reconstructions. It all makes the job of a press officer so much easier to do. Finally, well done to Chad Dixon who has successfully completed his media training through LDSAMRA / MREW and has given his first interview with Global radio so has now entered the scary world of being interviewed and being heard by large audiences (no pressure Chad).

Richard Warren

Press Officer

Training Officer Report

This year's training has covered a wide variety of topics, both team training and external training. A few sessions were cancelled because of callouts but we have still covered a lot of ground, so to speak.

Earlier in the year, we had the Scottish winter course, thanks to Susan for organising it and Dave Thompson and Ian Davidson for leading on it.

We have trained on crags and steep ground, including joint training with Duddon and Furness, with members becoming more familiar and confident with our practices and equipment. We have had boat training and swift water training, some of which was for the team and some specialist, which included a joint session with Eskdale Outward Bound. We have had stretcher training, using the bell stretcher and also incorporating the Titan stretcher and wheel, which is about to go into service.

We had our annual winter driving session, which included readying the vehicles for winter and a session on the use of avalanche transceivers, probes etc. Other sessions have included OS mapping, D4H, the use of drones and search dogs, search field skills, and GPX files.

We have also spent time exploring issues around wellbeing and caring for ourselves and others, looking at the fatality incident protocol, safeguarding, how we can help those we go to who have dementia, learning how the police care for people who have mental health issues.

Our medical training continues to go from strength to strength, huge thanks to Lucy and Tariq. Not only are we able to deliver first class casualty care, but are confident in doing so, knowing we have the training and back-up when on scene. The Outdoor First Aid course, delivered by Mike Smith is also invaluable, providing extra capability on the hill.

External training:
We have had varied success with our helicopter training. Going forward, it looks as though it will continue to be at Prestwick, winching training is unlikely to happen, but there are plans to offer in-house training, building familiarity with strops and other equipment.

Some undertook blue light driver training, which may be the last in its present form due to changes in the training requirements.

There have been several opportunities for swift water training, our cohort of responders is on the increase, and some are now in a position to manage swift water incidents. We now have more people qualified to undertake PPE inspections which have recently become a 6-monthly requirement, we have 6 people trained in extended search management, plus 3 who recently attended the search field skills course, 1 in avalanche search management and 1 member attended a media course.

3 people have attended a 2-day Mental Health First Aid course, and 3 who attended a day course on responding to suicide.

Thankyou to all those who have organised or helped with training in any capacity, very much appreciated.

Penny Kirby

Training Officer

Recruitment and Probationary member report

We welcomed 5 new recruits in January to our Probationer programme and successfully signed them off in April to attend callouts. All have fitted in well with the team and positive feedback has been received throughout the year from both mentors and team members.

Ten of the previous years Probationer programme from 2022 completed their 12-month training and became full team members in January.

The recruitment process for next year's intake commenced in July this year and after application assessments and interviews we have 9 candidates attending hill assessments on Saturday 11th November. On completion a decision will be made and offers of places on our probationer programme starting in January 2024 will be sent out towards the end of November.

Training programmes and assessment milestones for 2024 are currently be restructured and agreed these will be shared with the team.

On a personal note, I would like to show my appreciation to all team members who have offered their time throughout the year as mentors, interviewers, hill assessors and training. The Probationers have fitted in well with the team and been made very welcome and I thank you all for your continued support.

Mark Harrison

Recruitment Officer

<u>Wellbeing Officer report</u>

Listening
As we've developed wellbeing across the team our primary aim has been that of listening. We've sought to carefully listen to the whole team about which aspects of wellbeing would be most supportive to them and how we can nurture and promote with them. However, we've also heard, and seen, the great work of caring for one another's wellbeing that already exists informally in the team as a whole – thank you!

Group
From this listening we've developed a wellbeing group. A collection of team members who can be approached with a wellbeing issue, concern, or idea and can drive wellbeing forwards. This group was established when four of us got together in the spring and then evolved after we asked the team which individuals they already see in that sort of role.
As we progressed this model it became clear that a team of eight people would not be able to meet frequently enough to deal with the complex changes associated with wellbeing. So, we have also appointed a wellbeing lead and two deputies from within the group who will meet more frequently into order to enable us to respond to wellbeing issues more dynamically.
The team is structured as follows: Paul Kerry (lead), Lucy Belson (deputy), Mike Smith (deputy), Martin Bentley, Ian Davidson, Mark Harrison, John Hryb, and Penny Kirby. The whole group aims to meet 3 times a year and the leads more frequently.

Purpose
As we've listened, we've also discerned two primary purposes for wellbeing from the wider team. When we asked people to pick from six aspects of wellbeing the two which were focused on most were a) inter-team relationships, and b) individual physical and mental health. We have begun to focus and reflect on both.

On team relationships we've worked on "wellbeing wheels" which are tools that allow us to assess the wellbeing temperature of the team in areas such as purpose, teamwork, self-esteem, trust, care and so on. These will be kept under review whenever we meet, and they help generate discussion questions such as: what has fostered (or hindered) growth in that area recently? How might the team grow in this aspect? Are there any concerns on the horizon about this part of our team's shared life?
On individual wellbeing we are working on a wide range of tools and support that we want to make sure the whole team has a chance to access should they want to. These include promoting everyone's physical and mental health which was identified as a key area for many.

Resources/Training
The group and whole team have benefited from a range of training this year which feeds into the above. From Mental Health First Aid, Responding to Suicide, Stress and Anxiety in Search and Rescue and more besides. If you have any questions about wellbeing or the training available don't hesitate to be in touch or look at the manuals, posters and contact details around base for more info.
This comes with grateful thanks for all the support and enthusiasm people have shown towards these discussions and plans as they emerge. And with recognition again of all that everyone does to foster team wellbeing in Wasdale Mountain Rescue.

Paul Kerry

Wellbeing Officer

Incidents

These incidents have been kindly reproduced from the Team website (http://www.wmrt.org.uk) and represent events up to and including Friday 25th November. It should be noted that the reporting date for the team is that of calendar years. Incidents between the last AGM on 21 November 2022 and 31 December 2022 are reported separately later.

Number of '999' calls for the calendar year to date = 158 which includes 99 with the team on the fell and 59 alerts, where the incident was reported in as a '999' but there was no need for any significant team involvement and therefore not formally logged as an incident - this is where, for example, the Team Leader talks them off the mountain with minimal team member involvement or missing persons turn up before the team is fully mobilised. Since the last AGM there have been 163 incidents of which 103 were callouts and 60 were alerts.

1. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:56 Thu 5th Jan 2023

Our first tasking of the year commenced after a call was received from Cumbria Police. Two walkers descending from Scafell Pike arrived at the stream crossing and did not believe it was safe to cross after a period of heavy rain. They were becoming increasingly cold. The team responded and once on scene assessed the conditions. By this time it was deemed safe to cross and so a small team made the crossing, gave food and encouragement to the walkers and then helped them back across. The party then made the short walk back down to the valley floor at Brackenclose. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/

2. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:09 Thu 5th Jan 2023

Whilst callout No.1 was ongoing, a further call was received from the police. A single male walker was overdue from a walk up Scafell and a relative was concerned for his safety. Fortunately during the initial enquiries and investigation, the walker was discovered safe and well in his vehicle in the valley. Contact was not possible by phone at this point due to the lack of signal in this area.

3. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:45 Thu 19th Jan 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about a lone male walker who had set off in the morning aiming to climb Scafell Pike, but had not returned and was significantly overdue. Due to the winter conditions and the lack of a known location, extra help was required to enable a comprehensive search of a very large area as quickly as possible. A Coastguard helicopter was requested and plans were forming to callout another neighbouring team. Fortunately as this was happening, contact was made from the missing person. He had made it safely down into Borrowdale, and was returning to his intended destination of Wasdale via a taxi. Please do not underestimate winter conditions on the high Lake District fells, they are very hazardous without the right skills and equipment. Please like, share and comment to promote awareness, rather than criticism of the person involved on this occasion. #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

4. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:54 Sat 21st Jan 2023

The team was called out via Cumbria Police last night to a medical emergency on the Corridor Route. On the descent from Scafell Pike one of a group of walkers was suffering from an asthma attack. He had taken his normal medication, however this was not helping as normal and he was not able to make any further progress. At this point they wisely called for help. The team responded quickly with an advance party and other team members following. Coastguard helicopter Rescue 936 from Caernarfon was also requested and responded. Once on scene the team medics provided shelter and gave additional medication and treatment. This was enough to improve the walker's condition to enable a winch into the helicopter. He was then flown to hospital in Whitehaven for further treatment, and the team returned to base to restock the vehicles. We wish the walker a swift recovery and hope to see him back on the fells soon. Many thanks also to the crew of Rescue 936, with some skilful flying in difficult conditions.

5. Lingmell Gill Path, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 18:20 Tue 24th Jan 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had lost the path on the descent from Scafell Pike in very misty conditions. Fortunately the Team Leader was able to successfully locate their position with Phonefind. A Limited Callout was made as initially the pair appeared to still be in difficulty, however, they then managed to cross Lingmell Gill and find the main path down to Wasdale. This avoided any team members being deployed on the fell on this occasion.

6. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:05 Thu 26th Jan 2023

The team was called today about a walker reporting himself cragfast. Phonefind was then used successfully once again to provide an accurate location, and this was determined to be around Pulpit Rock on Scafell Pike. Our friends at Duddon and Furness MRT were asked to support as was a Coastguard helicopter to potentially transfer team members and heavy crag equipment quickly to the summit plateau. Rescue 936 from Caernarfon responded and helped hugely by directly rescuing the walker with a winch from the crag. They then flew them back down to the valley to safety. This saved the teams from a long carry to and from the summit plateau. Our thanks to both Duddon and Furness MRT and also the crew of Rescue 936 once again. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/

7. Skew Gill, Great End - Alert - 19:22 Mon 6th Feb 2023

The Team Leader was alerted by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had lost the path in the dark and were concerned for their safety. Happily, after only a few minutes after the first call, they managed to find the path and quickly called to stand us down.

8. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 12:50 Sat 11th Feb 2023

The team was called today about a walker on the Screes path who had fallen and injured her ankle. It was called in to Cumbria Police by another couple who were passing. The Team Leader called the team out, and the team boat was mobilised. The advance foot party arrived on scene, assessed, provided pain relief and applied a splint to make her more comfortable. A short transfer was made to the boat, and then the walker was ferried to the other side of the lake in a well rehearsed manoeuvre. More team members were waiting there for another short journey to the land ambulance, and her onward transfer to hospital. We wish the walker a swift recovery and would like to thank the passing couple for their help.

9. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:32 Sat 11th Feb 2023

As the first callout was still ongoing a second call was received from Cumbria Police. Another slip from a walker resulting in a leg injury, serious enough to prevent any further progress. Due to the resources already committed, and the potential for a serious injury, further assistance was requested from GNAAS for helicopter support. They duly obliged but unfortunately the ground was too steep to get a landing site close enough to help. The Coastguard helicopter from Caernarfon with winching capability was then dispatched along with extra support from our friends at Duddon and Furness MRT. When team members arrived on scene, the walker was assessed, given pain relief and the injured leg splinted. On arrival, the Coastguard helicopter team was able to winch into the aircraft and transfer to hospital. The team then escorted the walker's partner back to the valley floor. We wish the walker well and hope to see her back on the fell soon. We'd like to thank both helicopter crews and Duddon and Furness MRT for their help once again.

10. Wastwater Screes - Limited Callout - 16:33 Mon 13th Feb 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police regarding a family whose dog was injured as they were crossing the Screes boulder field. They felt unable to move safely in either direction. A limited callout was made to deploy the team boat and 'pick off' the family group. Other team members made their way on foot to provide reassurance. The transfer to the boat was completed successfully and the family dropped off on the other side of the lake where their car was located. The team then stood down and returned to base to ready the vehicles for the next callout.

11. Muncaster Castle - Limited Callout - 18:12 Thu 16th Feb 2023

The team was called by North West Ambulance Service to assist with a casualty transfer. A visitor to Muncaster Castle had slipped and painfully injured his knee, rendering him unable to move. Once on scene the teams worked together to assess, provide pain relief and splint the leg, before stretchering the short distance to the ambulance for the onward transfer to hospital. We wish the gentleman all the best for a swift recovery.

12. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:12 Sat 18th Feb 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who were overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. As the Team Leader and other team members were making enquiries and searching likely car parks the good news that the walkers had turned up safe and well was received and the team stood down.

13. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 22:15 Sat 18th Feb 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had lost the path on the summit plateau and became disoriented in the mist and rain. They were wet and extremely cold due to the significant wind chill and damp conditions and also had minor injuries from some slips and trips trying to find the path. The Team Leader made a full callout, as in the worst case at least one stretcher carry was needed. In addition a 'talk and walk-off' was not possible due to a poor mobile signal. Additional resources were once again requested and supplied by Duddon and Furness MRT. An advance party arrived on scene with additional warm clothing and encouragement, and fortunately the two walkers were able to recover enough to gingerly start to walk off the hill. This then helped to warm them further and with the assistance and further encouragement from other arriving team members, the two walkers managed to walk off the fell to safety. This good outcome was enabled by their good clothing and particularly their use of survival blankets that they had in their packs. We hope that the walkers recover well. A huge note of thanks once again to Duddon and Furness MRT for their support. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

14. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:06 Sun 19th Feb 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker in a party of two whose knee was spasming and so was struggling to keep moving. A full callout was made with the possibility of a stretcher carry. Once again Duddon and Furness MRT provided extra help. However, the walker managed to keep going slowly until the advance party met up with them in the Hollowstones area. After a discussion it was agreed that a slow and careful descent to Brackenclose was still possible and this was completed without further incident. We wish the walker well.

15. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:27 Sun 19th Feb 2023

During incident 14, a further call was received regarding a walker who had sprained their ankle on the Corridor Route. As the first incident was under control by this point, team members were diverted from Brackenclose to Gavel Neese to support. However, a short time later a further call was received from the casualty party saying that MR support was not needed and they would manage to make their own way off the fell. The team the stood down and returned to base to replenish the vehicles.

16. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:31 Mon 20th Feb 2023

Wasdale Mountain Rescue team were alerted by Cumbria Police at 18.26 hrs on Monday 20 February about a lone walker who had reported himself as lost on the ridge between Scafell Pike and Great End in the Lake District. Mobile phone reception was very poor, but a location was quickly established and although the weather was deteriorating with thick mist and rain, he was asked to stay where he was and shelter from the wind. Under these conditions, a “talk-off” with rapidly declining phone battery and areas of known no signal at all would have meant the Team Leader losing contact with him, and an impossibly large area to search in very dangerous ground. The team responded quickly as we were already at the rescue base for a training night. Two fast team members, travelling very light with immediate first aid, warm clothing and a shelter were dispatched as there was concern that the casualty would already be very hypothermic. Back up parties followed with additional equipment. The lost walker was not found at the original location, and contact had been lost so a search of the area was mounted in exceptionally difficult conditions. As we had expected to find him at the original location, many of the team members were carrying heavy loads, including stretcher halves. Also an Autopulse which is a life saving mechanical device for carrying out prolonged CPR in the event of a cardiac arrest resulting from severe hypothermia. Keswick Mountain Rescue Team and Cockermouth search dogs were requested and they approached the search area from the North. By the early hours of the morning he had still not been found and teams reluctantly came off the hill having done all they could overnight in extremely cold and wet conditions. The search continued as callout 18

17. Pillar - Alert - 23:24 Mon 20th Feb 2023

As incident 16 was ongoing with the initial search for a missing walker, another call arrived from Cumbria Police about two walkers who were overdue after a walk up Pillar. As any search for this was more likely to be in Ennerdale, and also due to the ongoing callout in progress near Broad Crag summit, Cockermouth MRT kindly agreed to take over ownership. Happily the missing walkers were located quickly in the Ennerdale valley. Many thanks to Cockermouth MRT for their help.

18. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 06:03 Tue 21st Feb 2023

The search from callout 16 continued at first light with more Rescue Team members and search dogs from across Cumbria and the North East. The weather remained wet and very misty, making searching in bad ground very challenging and negating the use of helicopter support. He was eventually found at around 14.30hrs as teams were making their way off the hill, on the East bank of Piers Gill. He was hypothermic, with knee, leg and foot injuries, but thankfully alive. Teams brought a stretcher and necessary equipment up to the scene, and after treatment he was stretchered off the hill and taken to hospital. We rarely comment on a rescue, but in this case, we would like to say he was very, very fortunate to have survived his ordeal. We also have to say that Google maps on smart phones are not suitable for navigating on the hills, they lack detail and of course will not work with a flat battery. There is no substitute for a map and compass and being able to use them. They can save one’s life. There were over 70 rescuers from 9 teams involved along with search dogs and team drones. The team wishes to thank the incredible support provided from all the teams that were involved from across Cumbria and from adjacent regions. Also the willingness of both the Helimed and Coastguard helicopter to respond, but prevented by the bad weather.

19. Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:49 Mon 27th Feb 2023

We were called in the evening about two walkers who had set off for a walk up Scafell Pike earlier in the afternoon and were now overdue. A family member was becoming increasingly concerned. Fortunately as the Team Leader was making initial enquiries the walkers turned up in the valley and the team was stood down.

20. Middleboot Knotts, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 22:36 Mon 6th Mar 2023

We were called yesterday evening about a lone walker who had lost his bearings on the descent from Scafell Pike and was now very cold and exhausted. He had a tent and sleeping bag so was able to shelter on what was a very cold night at high elevation. Fortunately a location was obtained from the original call to Cumbria Police so a limited callout was made. Once on scene the team provided additional warm clothing and then escorted the walker back down to safety in the Wasdale valley. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/

21. Corney Fell - Limited Callout - 20:39 Sat 11th Mar 2023

We were asked last weekend to support Duddon and Furness MRT in a sweep of the fell roads over Birker and Corney Fells.

22. Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:37 Sat 18th Mar 2023

We were called last night by Cumbria Police regarding a group of 3 walkers who were overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. Fortunately as the Team Leader was gathering information the missing group turned up safe and well in the valley and the team was stood down.

23. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 19:33 Sat 18th Mar 2023

In the second call of the evening from Cumbria Police a single walker and a separate group of two walkers were reported to be struggling to descend to safety into the valley, having slipped several times, and at least one was becoming very cold. A limited

callout was made to assess the situation and provide further assistance. Once on scene team members were able to provide additional help, support and encouragement to enable all three walkers to mobilise and make a slow descent back to Brackenclose to their accommodation and vehicle.

24. Kirkfell - Limited Callout - 14:56 Thu 23rd Mar 2023

We were called today by Cumbria Police regarding two walkers who were reported to be on a steep scree slope on Kirk Fell. They were exhausted, becoming increasingly cold and one had a hand injury from a fall. A limited callout was quickly initiated to help. Whilst en-route further information was received that one of the walkers was becoming more seriously affected by the cold, and so air support with winching capability was requested from the Coastguard. Rescue 936 from Caernarfon was tasked. Once on scene a medical assessment was performed before assisting with the winch into the helicopter. The casualty was flown to safety and then transferred to land ambulance for onward transfer to hospital. The team then escorted the other walker back down into the valley before returning to base to reset the vehicles. Many thanks to the Rescue 936 crew for their quick response once again.

25. Broad Crag - Limited Callout - 18:29 Fri 24th Mar 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had made a navigational error on the descent from Scafell Pike and had ended up on difficult ground to the North of Broad Crag summit. Now finding themselves with steep drops all around, darkness falling and deteriorating weather conditions they wisely called for help. Phonefind was used by the Team Leader to successfully locate the walkers. Fortunately the pair were intending to wild camp lower down, so were well equipped to safely spend the night out. This was decided as the best course of action to minimise risk to the team with a callout requested for an RV at base at 0600 on Saturday. The next morning, a group of four team members were deployed to the walkers' location, where additional warm clothing and helmets were given. They were then assisted back up the steep ground to the summit of Broad Crag, from where a standard walk-off could take place. The walkers were escorted to Wasdale Head Inn, from where they were looking forward to a warmup, food and drink and and then a long and expensive taxi journey back to their car. The team members made their way back to base to replenish the vehicle and enjoy tea and pizza. However, just as the cuppas were being finished, the pager sounded for the next job…… https://www.adventuresmart.uk/

26. Great Gable - Full Callout - 13:10 Sat 25th Mar 2023

In the second deployment of the day, we were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had slipped close to the summit of Great Gable and sustained a suspected broken ankle. Unable to bear any weight, other walkers had managed to carefully carry her down the fell most of the way to Styhead Tarn. As some members of the team had just returned from the previous callout, and with numbers also a little low for the long and difficult carry down to Wasdale Head, additional assistance was requested from our friends at Duddon and Furness MRT and also a Coastguard helicopter. Both were able to respond quickly. Rescue 936 mobilised from Caernarfon and was first 'on scene' however at this point the cloud base was too low to safely extract the casualty directly. However, we were grateful to accept the offer to lift both Wasdale and Duddon team members from Gavel Neese to Styhead Tarn, which enabled us to get help to the casualty much quicker. Once on scene the team medics assessed and splinted the ankle, before the stretcher carry down to Styhead Tarn. Rescue 936 was then able to return to pick up the casualty and take her to hospital with some skilful flying in difficult and variable weather conditions, saving us significant effort. The teams then made their way off the fell, with the intent to go back to their respective bases and replenish vehicles. However, shortly after the vehicles got moving, the next call from Cumbria Police arrived…… Huge thanks again to the crew of Rescue 936 and Duddon and Furness MRT. Also to the walkers who stoically carried her a significant distance down from the summit. A great team effort all round. We wish the walker a quick recovery and hope to see her back on the fell soon.

27. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 17:08 Sat 25th Mar 2023

In the third and last deployment of the day, both Wasdale MRT and Duddon and Furness MRT vehicles were asked to hold position on their return to base from the previous tasking. A further call had been received from Cumbria Police regarding a walker who was reported to be feeling unwell and dizzy after being on the fell for many hours. They were also wet and cold, and unable to make further progress. Members of both teams responded once more and returned to Brackenclose for the ascent, with Duddon and Furness MRT first on the hill. On arrival the Duddon and Furness MRT team members found that many passing walkers had stopped to help the casualty in various ways : food and drink, energy gels, emergency shelter and foil blanket. This no doubt helped the casualty both physically and psychologically and many thanks go to all those who delayed their own journeys to help a fellow walker. The team medics then assessed the casualty but following this had enough concerns to request a quicker evacuation to hospital via helicopter. Once again, the Coastguard team were engaged and this time Rescue 199 from Prestwick was despatched to assist, with the team on scene continuing to provide monitoring and reassurance. With the cloud base lifting nicely, Rescue 199 was able to access the casualty site and then fly the casualty to hospital for further assessment. We hope he recovers quickly and is able to return to the fells soon. Thanks again to Duddon and Furness MRT and the crew of Rescue 199. This time both MRT teams returned to base and then their homes without another call. in total, the Wasdale MRT base was operational yesterday from 0530 until 2330 with three lengthy back to back callouts. A bit of an epic day!

28. Pillar - Full Callout - 15:44 Mon 27th Mar 2023

A call was received yesterday from Cumbria Police regarding a lone walker who had departed with the intention of walking from Wasdale Head to Pillar. A family member had reported him as overdue and was concerned for his safety. The car parks (and pub!) at Wasdale Head were checked, which confirmed that he was likely to be still on the fell. When he still had not turned up in the valley some time later the Team Leader called out the team to make the most of the remaining daylight. A call was also made to Cockermouth MRT to help as Pillar summit represents the border of our respective areas, with quicker access via Ennerdale. Happily, as the first team vehicle was heading into Wasdale the missing walker's car was observed heading out. He had also just notified the police of his safe return having seen the request to do so on his windscreen. A good outcome. Many thanks to Cockermouth MRT for their quick response. (Photo of Jess from another callout for attention)

29. Scafell Pike - Alert - 14:18 Sat 1st Apr 2023

A call was received from North West Ambulance Service on Saturday regarding a walker who had fallen and sustained a head injury. As the Team Leader was gathering information and preparing to call the team out, a passing Mountain Leader stopped to assist. He provided shelter, assessed the situation, and provided an update back to base. It was agreed that the walker was able to walk off the hill under supervision from the ML, with the team ready to respond if needed. Fortunately this was not required and the team stood down when the party arrived at Wasdale Head. Many thanks to the ML who stepped up and provided much needed assistance and reassurance very quickly.

30. Langstrath - Alert - 17:00 Sat 1st Apr 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who has fallen with a suspected broken ankle. However the Team Leader quickly established that this was not in our 'patch' and the incident was handed over to Keswick MRT.

31. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 03:38 Sun 2nd Apr 2023

An early Sunday morning call arrived from Cumbria Police about two walkers who who become benighted high on Scafell Pike in the mist. Having spent many hours trying to find their way, one of the walkers had also slipped and tripped multiple times and had sustained several injuries. The team were called and due to low numbers from pre-arranged training courses, we requested additional support from Duddon And Furness MRT. The casualties were located and initially provided with a team shelter, additional clothing, food and drink. As expected one of the casualties was injured, in significant pain and was not able to safely walk off the fell. As such evacuation help was provided by Rescue 936 from Caernarfon. Strong pain relief was provided before the casualty was handed over and winched into the helicopter for transfer to hospital. We wish her a quick recovery. Many thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT and the crew of Rescue 936 once again. A great team effort again.

32. Eskdale - Limited Callout - 14:31 Tue 4th Apr 2023

A call was received from North West Ambulance Service requesting assistance with a person who had collapsed. A callout was made and a team vehicle was quickly dispatched to the scene. On arrival the lady was found to be recovering. After assessment it was agreed that the casualty's friends/family would use their own vehicle to transfer her to hospital for further checks and so the team stood down at this point. We wish the lady a quick recovery.

33. Scafell Pike - Alert - 22:21 Sat 8th Apr 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police yesterday evening. Three walkers were expected to have been in contact with a friend after climbing Scafell Pike. The friend was increasingly concerned for their safety as he could not get in touch via mobile phone. Fortunately as the Team Leader was gathering information the missing walkers sent a text message to let him know they had successfully returned to their vehicles and were preparing to set off home.

34. Lingmell Gill Path, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:31 Sun 9th Apr 2023

The team was called this afternoon by Cumbria Police regarding a walker who had slipped on the path, sustained a very painful ankle injury and was unable to bear any weight. She was also reported to be cold. A full callout was quickly underway the team vehicles made their way down the valley to Brackenclose. Once on scene the team medics assessed the injury, gave strong pain relief and splinted the ankle to prevent further painful movement from a a suspected fracture. She was then carefully transferred into the team stretcher for the relatively short carry to meet an awaiting ambulance in the valley. Our thanks are due to passing walkers who helped and in particular to John Milton who temporarily donated his sleeping bag to the casualty to keep her warm whilst waiting for the team. We wish the walker a speedy recovery and hope to see her back on the fell soon.

35. Scafell Pike - Alert - 23:27 Fri 14th Apr 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police regarding two walkers who were overdue after a walk up Scafell Pike, possibly continuing onto Scafell. They were reported by their two friends who had returned successfully having intentionally split up from the others earlier in the afternoon. As the Team Leader was gathering information the missing pair thankfully turned up in Eskdale at the Woolpack pub. This was very welcome news as the prospect of covering a huge search area over the two mountains from an intended upper Eskdale egress was a significant challenge. It's unknown what caused the late arrival, but it's worth a reminder that Upper Eskdale is a vast and remote area and requires an early start, and good navigational skills, including map and compass, especially in the dark. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

36. Cam Spout, Scafell - Alert - 07:26 Sun 16th Apr 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police requesting assistance for a walker who had made some navigational errors after an early morning summit of Scafell Pike. Trying to descend back down to Wasdale, he had got onto some difficult ground to the West of Cam Spout Crag in Eskdale. Fortunately with the aid of an accurate Phonefind location he was able to be redirected by the Team Leader uphill to the ridge between Scafell and Slight Side. At this point our friends at Duddon and Furness successfully continued the 'talk off' to allow the Team Leader to attend pre-arranged medical training in base. Thanks to them for the cover provided oce again. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better.

37. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 20:50 Sun 16th Apr 2023

The team was called by North West Ambulance Service regarding a walker who has taken a tumble fall of 5-10m and had sustained multiple injuries, including a head injury and deep cuts to his leg. The Team Leader made a swift callout and also asked an advance party to get to the scene quickly. Once on scene a medical assessment was made, and the casualty was treated and given pain relief. He was then transferred to the stretcher and carefully taken back to Brackenclose to the waiting land ambulance for the onward journey to hospital. We wish the walker a very quick recovery. He was incredibly stoic, having sustained his injuries at the bottom of Mickledore gully on the scree, and somehow getting close to the stream crossing before calling for help.

38. Broad Crag Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:09 Tue 18th Apr 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen, hit their head and were now unable to walk any further. The location was established via Phonefind to be close to Broad Crag Col. Helimed 58 responded quickly due to the nature of the injuries reported, and landed close to the Scafell Pike summit, leaving a walk down to the casualty for the helicopter medical crew. The Wasdale team also mobilised with all three team vehicles to support a long carry off should that have been required. Once on scene the Helimed 58 crew assessed and treated the casualty, but then requested a Coastguard helicopter with winching capability as the safest and quickest evacuation for the casualty. Rescue 936 from Caernarfon was duly dispatched and, once on scene, winched the casualty for onward transfer to hospital. This allowed the Wasdale team to stand-down having mainly observed the skilful flying on the way up, but also helped with stabilising the winch. It's important for us all to keep going in these circumstances just in case the aircraft are diverted for technical or prioritisation reasons. Our thanks once again to the crews of both aircraft, some excellent multi-agency teamwork to get the best outcome for the walker. We hope she has a swift recovery from her injuries and is back on the fells soon.

39. Netherbeck, Wasdale - Full Callout - 16:55 Tue 18th Apr 2023

With incident 38 in full swing, a further call was received from North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had fallen and had broken her wrist. Communications were difficult in that area with messages being relayed from scene via a text 'relay' to NWAS. With many resources being committed to the ongoing incident a further callout was made and some team members that were already in base responded quickly. Fortunately as they were setting off on foot they met up with the casualty who had managed to walk off themselves. Team medics made an assessment and then splinted the wrist, and then the partner drove the injured walker to hospital in their own vehicle. We wish her a speedy recovery.

40. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:08 Sun 23rd Apr 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Poilce about a walker who had taken a fall very close to Scafell Pike summit. She had potentially fractured her wrist and was becoming increasingly cold with the wind chill at the summit. The Team Leader made a full team callout and also asked RAF Leeming MRT for support as they were training in the area. Due to the condition of the walker and the time needed to reach her, Helimed 08 was also asked to assist. They were able to respond quickly and land close by, assess and treat the walker and then fly her to hospital. This allowed both Wasdale and the RAF team to stand down. Thanks to the crew of Helimed 08 and RAF Leeming MRT for their help. We wish the walker a swift recovery.

41. Whin Rigg - Alert - 22:00 Sat 29th Apr 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about an overdue walker. He had set off at 0900 that morning and his friend had become concerned for his safety once darkness fell. Happily he turned up safe and well after after a long day out on the fells as the Team Leader was gathering information.

42. Scafell Pike - Alert - 09:39 Sun 30th Apr 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had become separated from the rest of his group. There was some concern due to lack of additional clothing to stay warm, but as the Team Leader was making a Limited Callout the walker managed to regain contact with his group, allowing a very swift stand-down. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better.

43. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:42 Sun 30th Apr 2023

We were called by Keswick MRT via Cumbria Police about a report from a walker who was concerned about another walking group of five descending from Scafell Pike along the Corridor Route. The Keswick and Wasdale Team Leaders discussed the situation (they were currently on our 'patch' but possibly aiming to walk into Borrowdale) and decided that no action was to be taken at that time as there was no indication that assistance was required. Keswick MRT later received a further call requesting assistance as they were now at the Styhead stretcher box and in need of help to get back to their cars at Seathwaite. They deployed along with RAF Leeming (see KMRT callout #36), and the Wasdale Team Leader stood down.

44. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:26 Mon 1st May 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had turned over on her ankle and was unable to weight bear. Due to poor signal it took a while to determine that the location was on the Corridor Route but in the meantime a full callout was made. Due to slightly low numbers support was also requested from Duddon and Furness MRT for a potentially long carry. Once on scene the team medics assessed and treated the walker before carefully transferring to the stretcher for the long carry to Wasdale Head and rendezvous with a land ambulance. Thanks to Duddon MRT for their help once again. We wish the walker a swift recovery and hope she's back on the fell soon.

45. Eskdale - Alert - 23:18 Sun 7th May 2023

The team was called last night by Cumbria Police about a walker who was overdue from a walk from Eskdale YHA. He had sent a message earlier in the afternoon from the Langdale YHA saying he was returning via the Langdale summits. On that basis the Team Leader made contact with the Team Leader at Langdale Ambleside MRT. Fortunately, as initial plans were being formed the walker turned up safe and well at Eskdale YHA and both teams stood down. Thanks to LAMRT for their support.

46. Mosedale - Full Callout - 12:43 Tue 9th May 2023

The team was called by North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had suddenly become very unwell. Other walkers had stopped to help but with no mobile signal, one of them descended to Wasdale Head to phone 999. The team responded quickly but by the time they reached him, the walker had recovered and was walking back himself to Wasdale Head. After an assessment by the team Casualty Carers, he was able to continue walking slowly off the fell. At Wasdale Head he was handed over to a land ambulance for further medical assessment and transfer to hospital. Our last tasking on this callout was to look after the walker's dog back at base. Thanks to the team member who patiently waited for many hours before the dog could be reunited with family. We hope the walker has a speedy recovery.

47. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 03:43 Wed 10th May 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had split up from their original group on the fell and then had not returned back to Borrowdale as expected. They had parted ways close to the top of Scafell Pike the previous evening, could not be contacted by mobile phone (possibly out of battery by this point) and had limited equipment to keep warm. With a vast area to search, the Team Leader asked neighbouring teams to search the obvious routes in their ares and Duddon and Furness MRT were asked to cover Upper Eskdale. Available search dogs were also drafted in to help sweep larger areas. The missing people were found by a search dog at about 11am in the far reaches of Upper Eskdale, cold but otherwise well. They were then helped off the fell by Duddon and Furness team members for the long walk back to the road. Thanks to all of the other teams and dogs that supported this search, happily a good outcome this time.

48. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 11:30 Wed 10th May 2023

After a good outcome to our overnight search, we were stood down and making our way off the hill. However, our search dog Jess clearly hadn't heard the radio messages and alerted us to a lone walker at the top of Piers Gill. The walker had suffered from a fall, was carrying a minor injury, and struggling to continue. Team members provided assistance and helped the walker back to Wasdale. It is somewhat unusual to find our own job, but he was very grateful to see red jackets emerge from the mist in his hour of need!

49. Great Gable - Alert - 16:52 Wed 10th May 2023

In the third tasking of the day a lone walker was struggling to find a safe way off the summit of Great Gable and asked for help. The Team Leader was able to talk to the walker with a good mobile signal and provided support remotely to guide him onto the Styhead path. Regular contact was maintained as signal allowed and a later the grateful walker confirmed he was safely back at Wasdale Head. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

50. Slight Side, Scafell - Full Callout - 21:23 Wed 10th May 2023

In the fourth and last callout of the day, two walkers found themselves on steep ground on the Eskdale side of Slight Side. With little or no mobile signal and some potentially dangerous steep ground to negotiate to get to safety, the walkers were asked to stay put and the team were called out to locate and escort the walkers out. After a long walk in, with teams both above and below the walkers, they were successfully located and helped down into Upper Eskdale. The walkers were then escorted off and brought back to base to pick up a taxi to their intended location at Wasdale Head. With the first callout of the day starting at 03:43 and the last team members leaving base at about 06:00 the next day it proved to be a long day at the 'office'. All four callouts were due to walkers losing their way in the mist, so it's worth another reminder that the right knowledge, skills and gear are needed to navigate on the high fells in misty weather. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

51. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:55 Sat 13th May 2023

The team was called yesterday about a walker who had fallen and sustained a head injury and a suspected fractured wrist on the descent from Scafell Pike. A full callout was made, and due to slightly low numbers for a long carry additional support was once again requested and provided by Duddon and Furness MRT. As the team was ascending Helimed 08 became available and also responded. They were able to fly onto Lingmell Col and make the last part of the journey on foot to the casualty. They arrived first and treated the walker, before Wasdale team members arrived on scene and assisted her to the helicopter for the onward flight to hospital. Many thanks to the Helimed 08 crew and to Duddon and Furness MRT. We wish the walker a speedy recovery.

52. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 17:36 Sat 13th May 2023

As the team was waiting for the helicopter to depart from the previous callout, a second call was received from Cumbria Police. A walker on the Screes lakeshore was in need of assistance. Details and exact location were not available as the message was relayed from people on the lake, with no phone signal from the casualty himself. The team boat was dispatched from base and other Wasdale and Duddon and Furness MRT team members redirected from the first incident. However, when the boat arrived

in the expected location they were informed that the casualty had already been ferried across the lake by a canoeist. After the boat team had caught up with the casualty, a medical assessment was made and happily the walker was well enough to return to his hotel.

53. Grains Gill - Alert - 18:25 Sat 13th May 2023

On Saturday afternoon, whilst incident #51 and 52 were still ongoing, we got a call from Cumbria Police about the now famous Akita dog, Rocky. On checking the grid reference it was out of our patch and so was transferred to Keswick MRT. They duly took the job on and got the deserved plaudits from a lovely dog rescue

54. Hardknott Pass - Full Callout - 12:30 Sun 14th May 2023

We were called on Sunday afternoon by North West Ambulance Service about a cyclist who had misjudged a downhill bend at speed, veered off the road and took a tumble off her bike. She was unable to move, with facial injuries and concerns also about her back and shoulder. A normal road ambulance is unable to safely negotiate the steep gradients of Hardknott Pass. A full callout was made with two team vehicles dispatched from base. Once on scene casualty carers assessed and treated the cyclist and carefully transferred to a team stretcher. A short carry was made to the waiting ambulance at Jubilee Bridge, before a handover and subsequent transfer to hospital. We wish the cyclist well and a quick recovery.

55. Bowfell - - 15:18 Sun 14th May 2023

As the team was returning to base from the previous callout, a further call was received from Cumbria Police. A lone walker was lost in the cloud on the Eskdale side of Bowfell. Mobile phone signal was extremely patchy at best and Phone Find texts were not being received. A limited callout was made, and also a similar small team was dispatched by Duddon and Furness MRT from Cockley Beck. As the teams were walking in, a grid reference was able to be determined from the walker's phone, and so she was able to be located reasonably easily. Two Members of the Duddon team then kindly escorted the walker back to her intended destination of Langdale and the teams stood down.

56. Yewbarrow - Alert - 19:22 Mon 15th May 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about two overdue walkers from a walk up Yewbarrow. A family member was concerned as it was several hours after they were expected back. The Team Leader was in the process of checking car parks and local hostelries, and gathering more information when the news came through that both walkers had turned up safe and well. The team was then stood down.

57. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 16:04 Fri 19th May 2023

As members of the team were starting to set up a team barbecue on a sunny Friday afternoon, we were called by Cumbria Police about two people reporting themselves stuck on the Screes on the South side of Wast Water. They also had a dog with them. Fortunately as part of the plan to be able to respond for exactly this event, the boat had already been made ready to transport to the lake - just in case! An advance foot party was also tasked to locate the casualty party. On this occasion the foot party was first on scene, and they were able to guide them carefully into the arriving boat for the short transfer back to the pump house at the West shore of the lake. The team then redeployed back to Wasdale Youth Hostel to catch up on the Barbecue with no further call-outs in the evening .

58. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:23 Sat 20th May 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police in the first of three calls on Saturday afternoon. A very experienced walker had slipped, sustained an injury to his knee and was now unable to bear any weight. A full callout was made with extra support once again requested from our friends at Duddon and Furness MRT for a potentially long carry. However, whilst team members were arriving at base, a second potentially urgent call was received and diversion to this callout delayed our response. Due to the delay Helimed H08 then became available to help and was available to land close to the casualty, treat and the evacuate him to hospital. Team members arrived on scene in time to take some nice footage of the departing helicopter! Thanks to the crew of Helimed 08 for their help once again. We wish the walker a swift recovery.

59. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:55 Sat 20th May 2023

In the second call of the afternoon a report was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had collapsed and was not responsive. As some team members were in base assembling for the first callout, a team vehicle was despatched within three minutes of the call. Swift progress was made up the valley, however whilst en-route better news was received that the walker had recovered significantly and was now conscious and breathing. Once on scene the casualty carers performed further assessment and provided some treatment to help her recover further. After this she was able to walk slowly down into the valley for further observation by the awaiting land ambulance. We wish her a swift recovery.

60. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 17:43 Sat 20th May 2023

As team members were back at the vehicles having dealt with two previous callouts a passing walker informed us that a someone had fallen and sustained a suspected broken ankle at the intake wall on the main tourist path. This was confirmed by a call received from Cumbria Police. Both Duddon and Wasdale teams mobilised once more, and retraced steps to the casualty site. Once on scene casualty carers assessed and splinted the very painful injury. Strong pain relief was administered to make the casualty more comfortable. Once transferred carefully into the team stretcher and casualty bag the teams made the carry back down to Brackenclose. A handover was made to a land ambulance before the onward journey to hospital. We wish the casualty

a swift recovery and hope to see her back on the fell soon. Many thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT for their help on all three callouts during a busy afternoon.

61. Scafell - Full Callout - 02:01 Tue 23rd May 2023

An early call from Cumbria Police was received regarding two walkers who had set off for a walk up Scafell at 12:30 the previous day and had not returned as expected. Another family member had received texts through the night indicating they were lost and struggling to find their way down. As the conditions were favourable time was allowed for them to return under their own steam. However, when this had not occurred, a full callout was made at approximately 0630. Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dogs were also requested to help due to the very large search area. However as the search teams were mobilising, news was received that the missing pair had turned up safe and well in Eskdale, and the teams stood down. Thanks to the search dogs and handlers that had agreed to help. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

62. Scafell Pike - Alert - 17:18 Tue 23rd May 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police. Two walkers had split from the main group on the descent from Scafell Pike, and were now overdue. However, as the Team Leader was gathering information, the news arrived that they had turned up safe and well and were reunited with their friends. The team was then stood down. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

63. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:00 Tue 23rd May 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who had taken a tumble on the Corridor Route. He had injured his knee and was unable to move. A full callout was swiftly made. Once on scene, team Casualty Carers assessed and then splinted his leg, that had both ankle and knee injuries. After packaging in a casualty bag and stretcher, the long carry was made to Gavel Neese with a mixture of sledging and using the stretcher wheel. The walker was then transferred to a team vehicle to the car park at Wasdale Head, to meet the land ambulance for the handover. We wish the walker a swift recovery and hope he gets back to his fundraising walks very soon.

64. Scafell - Alert - 16:01 Wed 24th May 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who were concerned for their safety on rocky and unstable ground. Shortly afterwards a successful Phonefind confirmed they had managed to make their way back onto the path. Further Phonefinds gave confirmation to the Team Leader that all was well on their descent. Later the walkers confirmed they were safely off the hill without the need for a team callout. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

65. Eskdale - Alert - 17:05 Thu 25th May 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a two walkers who had separated earlier in the day and then one had not been able to be contacted for nearly 7 hours and was considered overdue. Another team member was asked to look for the missing walker’s car in Eskdale, and happily found the person in the car park at Wha House. The team then stood down.

66. Gosforth - Limited Callout - 19:26 Sat 27th May 2023

The team received a call yesterday evening from North West Ambulance Service requesting assistance to access and transport a patient who lived a distance away from a paved road. It was unsure whether the land ambulance could access safely. A small team of two local team members were asked to drive the team Land Rover and stand by. In the event, the ambulance was able to access the patient and transport to hospital without assistance, but we were there just in case.

67. Tongue Pots, Eskdale - Full Callout - 12:54 Sun 28th May 2023

The team received a call from Cumbria Police yesterday afternoon about someone who had jumped into the pools at Tongue Pot in Upper Eskdale and had suffered a dislocated shoulder. A full callout was quickly made, as these injuries are typically extremely painful. Helicopter support was unavailable at this time as they were all committed to other tasking. Once on scene the casualty was assessed and treated with strong pain relief. At this point Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 became available from Prestwick and was able to evacuate the shoulder casualty directly to hospital. This saved a long carry which would also have been very uncomfortable for the casualty. Thanks to R199 for their support, and also for the swift return of the stretcher to base shortly afterwards.

68. Tongue Pots, Eskdale - Full Callout - 12:54 Sun 28th May 2023

Whilst incident number 67 was ongoing, a second casualty also presented themselves for help whilst on scene with a laceration to their foot. This was fortunately relatively minor and after applying a dressing they were able to walk out to the road.

69. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 20:34 Mon 29th May 2023

The team received a call yesterday evening from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who was tired and worried about being able to safely return to Seathwaite in the dark. She had no torch, was inexperienced on the high fells and had low battery life on her mobile phone. She had set off in the afternoon at 2.30pm. As she was not lost and on a path with walkers still on the fell, she was advised to take the shorter route down to Wasdale with others from other groups. However, contact was lost and she did not confirm she was safely back in a valley overnight, so a search was initiated by both Keswick MRT and Wasdale in the morning. Search dogs were also called out. Fortunately shortly after the callout it was confirmed that she had made it safely down, after spending the night somewhere around Middleboot Knotts. It's a good reminder that although the nights are short at this time of the year, adequate equipment is still needed if there are delays or things go wrong. Also that a walk up Scafell Pike can take many hours depending on starting point and route, conditions, experience and fitness so give yourself plenty of time. We wish the walker well after her adventure. Please share freely to raise awareness, but please refrain from criticism, as this could indirectly prevent others from asking for help from us in the future. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

70. Lingmell Nose - Full Callout - 16:42 Tue 30th May 2023

The team received a call yesterday afternoon from North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had slipped, fallen and sustained an ankle injury. After attempting to carry on she was unable to bear any weight without significant pain. A full team callout ensued and after a warm and steep ascent up Lingmell nose, found the casualty party. Casualty carers then assessed the walker, provided some further pain relief and splinted the ankle. The walker was then carefully transferred to the stretcher and brought back down to Brackenclose with a mixture of sledging and using the wheel. She was then transferred to the walking party's car for transport to hospital. We hope she has a swift recovery and enjoys the remainder of her holiday.

71. Seathwaite - Alert - 22:02 Sat 3rd Jun 2023

The team received a call yesterday evening about a walker who had slipped and injured her ankle and back whilst descending Scafell Pike towards Seathwaite. As information became available it was confirmed that the location of the walker was outside of our area in Ruddy Gill and therefore in Keswick MRT's patch. The job was then handed over and the walker was successfully rescued by Keswick MRT.

72. St Bees Head - Full Callout - 10:51 Tue 6th Jun 2023

The team received a call from Cumbria Police from someone reporting a lone walker with an injured ankle. The person was unable to help the walker to the nearest road and so had called for help. Several team members deployed direct but were unable to find anyone at the expected location. A search in the local area was coordinated, with more team members arriving in team vehicles from base, and also the local Coastguard team searching the coastline. Happily, after about an hour Cumbria Police confirmed they had found the person and the team stood down.

73. Moasdale - Alert - 21:08 Sat 10th Jun 2023

The team received a call from Cumbria Police yesterday evening about a walker who had slipped, injured their ankle and could not continue. The location via Phonefind was near to Stonesty Pike in Moasdale, which confirmed that they were in Langdale Ambleside MRT's area. However they were already tasked on another callout so they subsequently asked Duddon and Furness MRT to cover this for them. We hope the walker recovers quickly.

74. Scafell Pike - Alert - 17:24 Mon 12th Jun 2023

The team received a call from Cumbria Police about two walkers who had spilt up early into a walk up Scafell Pike. The first had completed his walk and was concerned for his friend who had turned back but was now not able to be found in the valley. Neighbouring teams were alerted in case a wider search was needed, but shortly afterwards the missing walker was reported to have turned up and all teams stood down. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

75. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 16:11 Wed 14th Jun 2023

The team received a call from Cumbria Police about a walker who had taken a wrong turn from her intended route from the summit and then taken a fall. She was also feeling dizzy and faint. The walker was given directions to descend slowly and a small team was called out to walk up and meet her. Once on scene, after an assessment, the walker was able to slowly continue to walk down to the valley under her own steam. Once on the valley, the team stood down after giving advice to rest and rehydrate further.

76. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:16 Fri 16th Jun 2023

The team received a call this afternoon from Cumbria Police about a walker who had collapsed whilst descending Scafell Pike. A passing doctor was on scene and his concern was a serious heat related illness. Mountain Leaders on the hill called it in and also other members of the public were assisting. The team were swiftly called out and also Helimed 58 responded quickly from Langwathby. Five Duddon and Furness MRT team members also just happened to be close by and responded quickly. The Helimed crew arrived first and assessed and treated the walker whilst the MR team members ascended as swiftly as possible in the heat. Once stabilised, the quickest evacuation route for the walker involved an uphill stretcher carry, and thanks to some skilful flying to relocate the helicopter by the H58 pilot the effort was significantly reduced. After the short carry the walker was transferred to the aircraft and then flown to hospital to continue his treatment. All in all, a great team effort by members of the

public and the teams involved to get the best outcome for the walker, and we wish him a swift recovery. Our thanks to all parties involved.

77. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 16:47 Sat 17th Jun 2023

The team received a call this afternoon from Cumbria Police about a party of three adults and a dog who had lost confidence that the could safely negotiate the lakeshore route at the bottom of the Screes, potentially having gone upwards rather than staying close to the lake. Like many others, they probably found that traversing the boulder fields and/or very loose scree pushed them out of their comfort zone. Some dogs can find it very difficult too. The standard team response was initiated, involving a foot party and a boat party to provide the easiest and quickest rescue, with a further small 'receiving' team based on the road side of the lake. However on this occasion we found no people to rescue. Whilst searching with the boat was ongoing, a further message was received from Cumbria Police that the party had managed to self rescue after all, and in the absence of a stable phone signal had been unable to make contact with us. The team was then stood down and returned to base. Edit: The National Trust have recently improved the signage at both ends of the route which should help, but probably won't avoid all callouts.

78. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:39 Tue 20th Jun 2023

The first involved a walker who had slipped and injured his ankle and was unable to bear weight without significant pain. He had attempted to make his own way off the fell for a long time before a passing walker had called it in and asked for help on his behalf. The team was called and arrived on scene. After an assessment, the walker was still keen to get off himself with some team assistance, but after a short time it became obvious that a stretcher carry was needed. He reluctantly conceded to this and a routine carry was undertaken off the fell to Brackenclose. He then met up with family members who transported him in their vehicle with advice for further assessment at hospital. 'The ultimate in stoicism' was a phrase used by a Team Leader for this casualty! We wish him all the best for a swift recovery.

79. Slight Side, Scafell - Full Callout - 14:43 Tue 20th Jun 2023

In the second call of the afternoon a walker was reported to have suffered a suspected broken upper arm after a fall close to the summit of Slight Side. His friend had walked off the fell to raise the alarm. Due to the ongoing incident in Wasdale, more team members were needed in case of the extended stretcher carry and so our friends at Duddon and Furness MRT were asked to be on standby for that. However, the Wasdale party had not long set off on foot from Eskdale, when the welcome sound of the helicopter was heard. Coastguard helicopter R199 from Prestwick had been was able to attend, and then was able to land close by and retrieve the grateful walker. This saved the casualty time with much discomfort from a painful injury with a stretcher carry. Both Duddon and Wasdale teams were then able to stand down. We wish the walker a quick recovery. Many thanks to the crew of Rescue 199 and Duddon and Furness MRT once again.

80. East Buttress, Scafell - Full Callout - 23:14 Wed 21st Jun 2023

A late evening call came on Wednesday night when Cumbria Police alerted us to a lone walker who was cragfast. This was initially reported to be on Broad Stand, but on checking the coordinates from the police call, was confirmed to be slightly further South to our 'normal' crag job on the East Buttress of Scafell. Care was taken to understand the exact nature of his predicament as deploying rescue teams immediately in the dark in a crag environment without sleep carries its own risks. On balance, it was decided to deploy as he was on a small ledge with a significant drop beneath, safe in the short term but not to leave for many more hours. Coastguard helicopter support was requested quickly, as a 'pick off' winch by them might have been possible. However cloud had descended in the area and, after several attempts, Rescue 199 from Prestwick returned home for fuel, and the teams made their way up the hill for a rope rescue. Extra support was then requested and given by Duddon and Furness MRT. Having ascended Scafell, it took some time for the Wasdale team to establish the best and safest access route, from close to the summit. This involved a diagonal lower of the rescuer. This also meant the casualty was less at risk from rockfall from the rescuer and belay party. Rope protection was used to descend to the point where they could establish belay anchors for the lower. However, at about 3am the clouds lifted sufficiently to attempt another helicopter rescue, and this time Rescue 936 from Caernarfon lifted to support. However, when it arrived, the winch rescue was also assessed to be very risky, so plan A became the rope rescue. The Wasdale team was now in position and a rescuer descended to the cragfast person. The team members below at Mickledore needed to guide the rescuer to the correct location as this was not visible from above. Once on the scene the walker was successfully secured with a harness and attached to the rope for a protected down-climb to safety below. Most of the team members then followed and abseiled down with the excess equipment. The teams and walker were very grateful for the support from the crew of R936 who gave lifts back down to the valley after a long night. The remaining two (unlucky!) Wasdale team members de-rigged and descended by foot back to the valley, as again the helicopter was low on fuel and had to depart. Hearty breakfasts back at base for all were gratefully received after an 'all-nighter' and the vehicles were then restocked for the next callout. Many thanks to the crew of Rescue 199 and 936 and Duddon and Furness MRT once again. We're also sorry if local residents were disturbed by the helicopter activity. A tricky job with great teamwork, and an excellent outcome.

81. Scafell - Full Callout - 15:23 Fri 23rd Jun 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who found themselves on steep ground on Scafell and felt it was unsafe to continue in any direction. Initial information was lacking in much detail due to the poor signal and it was not possible to make further contact. However a location was fortunately obtained from the initial police call. A full callout was made to investigate and assist the walkers back to safety. However, as the team were mobilising, a further call was received from the police to say that the walkers had been in touch again. They had been helped by a passing climber and they were now back on safe ground. The log was left open as a precaution overnight, as a request was texted to the walkers to confirm they had to confirm they had reached their intended destination down in the valley. This was not received until the following morning, again due to poor mobile signal in Eskdale. Our thanks to the climber involved, as it saved us a lot of time and effort in wet conditions.

82. Skew Gill, Great End - Full Callout - 16:03 Fri 23rd Jun 2023

A second call on Friday afternoon was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had rolled over on her ankle and had suffered a suspected fracture. Two passing walkers had assisted greatly by walking some distance to obtain mobile signal and call 999. They had also shown initiative to investigate the Keswick MRT Styhead stretcher box and obtain some emergency equipment from there to keep the walker and her daughter warm and sheltered. A full callout was already in progress from the previous alert so the team were diverted to make their way in increasingly wet, windy and cold conditions. Once on scene, team Casualty Carers assessed the walker. She had indeed obtained a painful injury to her lower leg which needed to be aligned and splinted. Strong analgesia was also given to make the long stretcher carry as comfortable as possible. After 'packaging' in the team stretcher, the walker was carefully carried back to Wasdale Head. With impeccable timing, a land ambulance arrived at exactly the right moment and a handover was made, before the walker was transferred to hospital for further treatment. We wish her a swift recovery and hope to see her back on the fells soon. Many thanks to the two passing walkers who had helped and had stayed on scene until we arrived.

83. Hardknott Pass - Full Callout - 06:31 Sat 24th Jun 2023

An early start to the day when North West Ambulance Service alerted us to a cyclist who had fallen off his bike and sustained head and hip injuries. A full callout was swiftly made due to the nature of the injuries. Once on scene the team Casualty Carers assessed and treated the injuries whilst awaiting the land ambulance. After a handover, team members returned to base and restocked the vehicles ready for the next tasking. We wish the cyclist a swift recovery.

84. Buckbarrow, Wasdale - Full Callout - 14:52 Sat 24th Jun 2023

The team were called by Cumbria Police about two walkers, one of whom was unable to walk any further, having developed knee problems and was in significant pain. They had walked much further than planned due to difficulties navigating in the mist. After a discussion over the phone with the Team Leader, a full callout was made and team members made their way to the casualty's location. After an assessment she was 'packaged' into the casualty bag and stretcher and carried off the hill back down to Greendale for onward transport in their own vehicle. We hope she has a swift recovery.

85. Mosedale - Alert - 22:22 Sat 24th Jun 2023

The team were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who was overdue. A friend was concerned that he had not been heard from for some time and was not contactable after a long walk in Mosedale. As details of his car were known, a local team member was asked to search all car parks in Wasdale. Fortunately the walker was discovered safe and well at his car at Wasdale Head and no further activity was necessary. (A busy night for '3 peakers' too with many head torches visible up the main tourist path up the 'Pike!)

86. Dropping Crag, Scafell Pike - Alert - 06:15 Mon 26th Jun 2023

The team were called early on Monday morning by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had become lost the evening before and then spent an unplanned, tiring and uncomfortable night in the mist. A successful Phonefind put them not far from the summit around Dropping Crag. The Team Leader was then able to carefully guide them towards the summit to reset their location and attempt a 'walk off' over the phone. However, shortly afterwards they met up with other walkers who helped guide them off the fell. Our thanks to them for their help. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

87. Cold Fell - Alert - 22:18 Tue 27th Jun 2023

The team was alerted by Cumbria Police about a lone walker who was overdue. However, as further information was gathered it was clarified that the location was outside of our operational area and so the tasking was transferred to Cockermouth MRT.

88. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:12 Thu 29th Jun 2023

The team was alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen and sustained a head injury. A full callout was quickly made and due to the nature of the injury and the length of time it would take the team to arrive and then evacuate from the fell, air support was also requested. Helimed 58 duly responded and was on scene within about 30 minutes. The injured walker was then transferred in the helicopter to hospital for further assessment and treatment. The Wasdale team was then stood down. Thanks to the Helimed crew for their help once again.

89. Scafell Pike - Alert - 12:14 Sat 1st Jul 2023

The team was alerted by Cumbria Police about a possible search for a missing person somewhere on Scafell Pike. Due to the large area and number of routes to be covered the Duty Team Leader at Duddon and Furness MRT was also notified by us. However, after a short time the police made contact again to let us know that the person had been located and both teams stood down. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT once again for their support and readiness to help us out at any time.

90. Beck Head, Great Gable - Full Callout - 16:00 Sat 1st Jul 2023

Both Wasdale and Cockermouth MRTs responded together to assist GNAAS with the call out below. Facebook We would like to add our sincere condolences to his family, friends and workmates at this sad time. Our thoughts are with you all.

91. Scafell Pike - Alert - 00:56 Sun 2nd Jul 2023

The Duty Team Leader received a call from Cumbria Police on Saturday night. A walking party had split up from one of their walkers and were concerned for her safety as she had not returned to the valley floor. However, as further information was being gathered, the walker turned up safe and well, which allowed the thankful Team Leader to return to his bed.

92. Foxes Tarn, Scafell - Full Callout - 15:36 Sun 2nd Jul 2023

Another call was received on Sunday afternoon. Cumbria Police alerted us to a lone walker who was tragically reported to be deceased by another passing walker. Support from Coastguard helicopter R199 was requested, and they were able to give lifts to multiple team members and equipment as far as the cloud base would allow. The team then continued on foot to the reported location and with the utmost care and respect recovered the walker to an accessible location to enable another helicopter lift off the fell. Our thanks to the R199 crew for their valued support. Our thoughts and sincere condolences go to the walker's family and friends.

93. Scafell - Alert - 18:03 Sun 2nd Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a party of three walkers who had split up near the summit of Scafell. The single walker was now overdue and the others were concerned for his safety. Thankfully, as the Team Leader was gathering more information, the walker turned up in the valley safe and well and the incident was closed.

94. Red Gill, Scafell - Limited Callout - 13:50 Mon 3rd Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who had become stuck on steep ground, somewhere around Lord's Rake. A limited group of team members and drone pilots were called out to assist. With mobile reception very patchy in that area the Phonefind was less accurate than normal so the exact location was not known. When in the area team members split into smaller groups and located the walker in Red Gill, fortunately not in too serious a predicament. He was then carefully assisted back down to safe ground and all members descended back to Brackenclose.

95. Broad Crag - - 14:07 Wed 5th Jul 2023

The team received a call from Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen and suffered a suspected dislocated shoulder. As the location was high up near Broad Crag summit, helicopter support was requested via GNAAS. Helimed 58 responded quickly. Numbers were slightly low for a potentially difficult stretcher carry so extra numbers were provided by Duddon and Furness MRT. Unfortunately the cloud base had dropped and when H58 arrived, direct access was not possible to the casualty, and they also had to refuel for a longer tasking . As such the larger capacity Coastguard helicopter R199 agreed to support us and mobilise from Prestwick. In the meantime team members ascended into the mist and were able to assess the casualty. He bravely was able to walk with assistance for a while which saved a period of hazardous stretcher carry for us over very tricky ground. He was then transferred to a stretcher for the remaining distance to Lingmell Col where a suitable landing site below the cloud had been located. A transfer to the helicopter took place and the walker was taken to hospital for further treatment. The teams then descended back to the valley and returned to respective bases to restock the vehicles for the next callout. We wish the walker a swift recovery, and huge thanks once again to the crews of R199 and H58 for their help.

96. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 16:10 Thu 6th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police regarding two walkers. They had two dogs but one of them was spooked and refused to move any further on a boulder field. The terrain makes it extremely difficult to make safe progress in this situation so the team were called out. The well established process of a team on foot, a boat team to 'pick off' and a receiving team on the opposite side of the lake was implemented. Other than the weather deteriorating there were no problems and the walkers and dogs were transferred to much friendlier ground and carried on their way. The team then returned to base and stood down.

97. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:37 Sun 9th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had taken a fall from standing close to the summit of Scafell Pike. She had sustained a head injury and reportedly lost consciousness briefly. Due to the location and nature of the injury, Helimed 08 responded. They arrived quickly and assessed the walker; fortunately she had sustained only minor injuries and was declared fit enough to carry on with her planned descent to Wasdale valley. The team was then stood down and returned to base, having not ascended too far from Brackenclose. We wish the walker well, and thanks to the Helimed 08 crew for their quick response.

98. Wastwater Screes - Alert - 19:30 Thu 13th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police regarding two walkers who were concerned for their safety. The initial coordinates from the police call indicated a location around the Screes lakeshore. A local team member was tasked to investigate but no people requiring help could be found or seen. A short while later, a further call was received saying that other members of the public had helped the couple from their predicament and that MR help was no longer required. The team was then stood down. Our thanks to those that helped and prevented another callout. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

99. Scafell Pike - Alert - 22:33 Thu 13th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who had set off from his accommodation in Eskdale for a walk up Scafell Pike at 9am, but had not returned by 10:30pm. Further information was being gathered and the Team Leader was preparing to initiate a Full Callout for a search when the police reported that he had turned up safe and well at his vehicle. He

had had a very long day out on the fell with a few wrong turns but otherwise OK. With some relief the Team Leader closed the log and turned in for the night.

100. Sty Head - Alert - 18:19 Sat 15th Jul 2023

Our 100th alert for the year from a calling authority was received from Cumbria Police on Saturday evening. A walker was suffering from the cold and wet conditions and was reported to be taking shelter in what sounded very much like the Keswick MR stretcher box at Styhead. As such, the Team Leader contacted his counterpart in Keswick MR and the tasking was transferred to them (see their callout 68 for more details). https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

101. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 20:21 Sat 15th Jul 2023

The joy (or disappointment) on not having to go out on the fell for the previous alert was short lived; a further call came in for 2 walkers attempting the 3 peaks who had also been caught out unprepared for the difficult conditions. They had taken a wrong turn on the descent and were now wet and cold. They were close to a waterfall. Unfortunately direct contact was not possible due to patchy phone signal on the fell. However, a location was determined from the initial call and as they had been advised to stay put, a limited callout was made to help. The grid reference put them close to the head of Piers Gill, with the waterfall at the top matching the original description. The team set off, but a further call was received stating that they had now met other walkers who were assisting them back down. This was welcome news, and this the team met up with the party more quickly on their descent, and confirmed that they were all safe and well.

102. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 21:21 Sat 15th Jul 2023

Whist callout 101 was ongoing, a further call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who had also become wet and cold and were concerned for their safety. Additional team members were called out, however, the Team Leader was able to walk and talk them down a significant distance with the aid of repeated Phonefind messages. The team located them fairly low down and escorted them back to Brackenclose. The team then returned to base, and after filling up the drying room, restocked the vehicles ready for the next callout. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

103. Wasdale Head - Alert - 01:49 Mon 17th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police. One of their cars was at Wasdale Head when they noticed flashing lights from torches towards the Screes. It was unclear whether they needed assistance as they appeared to be moving. A local team member was asked to support. However, having walked for a while towards the sighting, they were unable to see or find anything else. It was possible there was a connection with another police report elsewhere in the Lake District so this was monitored until the following day, before formally closing down later in the afternoon.

104. Coniston - Alert - 17:06 Thu 20th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police, however it was quickly established that this was not in our area and that the receiving team had all the resources they needed to respond quickly. As such the tasking was transferred across, and the team was stood down.

105. Unknown Location - Alert - 23:11 Thu 20th Jul 2023

A call was received late yesterday evening about a walking party who had become separated, with two of the party now overdue. Happily a short time later, a further call was received to say they had turned up in the valley safe and well, and that help was no longer needed. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

106. Scafell - Limited Callout - 13:56 Sat 22nd Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about two inexperienced walkers who had been separated from their larger walking group. Due to the conditions and because they were not moving they were becoming increasingly cold. A Phonefind location was obtained and the Team Leader gave advice to descend in the correct direction. A small team was called out also to guide down should it be needed, however, before they got boots on the ground at Brackenclose the good news was received that they had been reunited with their group. The team was stood down at this point and returned to base.

107. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 18:06 Sat 22nd Jul 2023

A second call of the day from Cumbria Police, asking for help for two walkers who were struggling to navigate down to Wasdale Head due to the misty conditions. The location from the initial police call put them very close to the edge of Piers Gill, near the ‘bad step’. A short phone call with a bad signal suggested that they were not on, nor could see the path. A wrong turn at this location can be very hazardous, so the walkers were asked to stay put and await the team arriving to escort off. As such, a small hill party was asked to head to their location. However, when they arrived some time later, there was no sign of the walkers. After some time looking, the team retraced their steps and headed back to base, assuming somehow they had either found their own way off or encountered other walkers who had helped. The log was closed after a further discussion with the police. The following

day, once back in mobile signal, the walkers called in to confirm they had indeed managed to find their own way safely off the fell. They hadn't encountered the team as they expected as the rescue team's route choice was via Lingmell Nose and Lingmell Col, to avoid potentially risky river crossings due to the heavy rain earlier. PS - a busy night for 3 peakers too as per the photo!

108. Pillar - Alert - 11:04 Tue 25th Jul 2023

A call was received yesterday regarding two walkers who had not returned to their accommodation as planned, following an overnight trip to Pillar the day before. The Team Leader made some enquiries and established that they had stayed at a local youth hostel. A couple of hours later their vehicle had left the accommodation so the log was closed. A good outcome.

109. Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 22:12 Tue 25th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police from a person located in the South of England, who was concerned for two family members due to the lack of contact for over eight hours. They had successfully summited Scafell Pike and were last in contact on their descent at approximately 1:30pm. The police were initially following up by checking for their car, which was at their campsite as expected, but were not able to locate the people and thus asked us for our help. Local team members and Jess, the team's search dog, were asked to respond as further information about their tent was obtained. This information allowed the team to locate their tent and happily find them inside safe and well. Due to the lack of mobile signal at Wasdale Head all forms of communication from Cumbria had not reached their intended destination, as the walking party thought it had. The team members were able to stand down and return home at this point, whilst the Team Leader relayed the good news to the concerned relative. Another good outcome.

110. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:04 Sat 29th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police. A Mountain Leader had come across a lone walker near Lingmell Col who had hurt her ankle and seemed unable to walk any further. She was part of a larger group who had continued to the summit and were due to return. The ML was concerned enough to alert the police as the walker also did not have shelter or extra layers and so she was also becoming cold. As the team leader was gathering further information and considering deploying the team, the walking group returned. After some discussion the walking party and the casualty decided they would attempt to walk down under their own steam, and only call the team out if absolutely necessary. Two hours later, the party was able to confirm that slow progress had made and that they were nearly back to the car park, so the team was stood down. Thanks to the ML for their help in this situation, and we wish the walker a swift recovery.

111. St Bees Head - Alert - 12:08 Sun 30th Jul 2023

A call was received about a walker on the beach who had sustained a suspected broken ankle. After the location was confirmed it was agreed that by all parties that the responsibility for this rescue was the the Coastguard and so the team was stood down.

112. Sty Head - Alert - 18:27 Sun 30th Jul 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police. A concerned relative had reported 2 walkers that were overdue with a last known location around Sty Head. Due to the location, the Keswick MRT Team Leader was alerted in case there was a need for their support. However, as information was being gathered the good news was received that contact had been made with the walkers, confirming that they were off the fell safe and well, and the teams were able to stand down.

113. Scafell Pike - Alert - 22:07 Sun 30th Jul 2023

In the third alert of the day, a call was received from Cumbria Police about a family who had split up on an ascent of Scafell Pike. They had all set off from Seathwaite together but intentionally split into two groups of two. Due to the lack of phone signal on large areas of the Scafell Massif they had lost contact with other, and somehow ended up in completely different locations. Then in two separate phone calls to the police, they were concerned about each others' whereabouts! Once two and two was put together by the Team Leader (literally!) they were back in contact and the team stood down. This tale is a good reminder to not rely on mobile phone in this area to keep in contact with each other, as there are large areas where signal is patchy at best and non-existent at worst.

114. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:49 Tue 1st Aug 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had injured his leg and could not continue further. A full callout was made swiftly and the team made their way to the location provided by an accurate Phonefind on Brown Tongue. Once on scene members of the team gave a thorough medical assessment and provided extra warmth from a large bivvy shelter with a few hot and sweaty team members inside. After some food and drink the walker was carefully packaged with a casualty bag and heat blanket on the team stretcher to maintain warmth for the carry down to the valley. Happily once in the valley the he had sufficiently recovered to able to be transported in a family vehicle for his onward journey for a precautionary hospital checkup. We hope the walker has recovered quickly. We'd also like to thank the many people who stopped to help before our arrival in a number of different ways.

115. Beck Head, Great Gable - Limited Callout - 18:31 Tue 1st Aug 2023

As team members were leaving base for home from the previous callout, a further call was received from Cumbria Police. A third party had reported two walkers that had become stuck between Great Gable and Beck Head, with conditions reported as misty with little visibility and raining. A limited callout was made and a small hill party was tasked to locate and escort the walkers back to safe ground. However, when the team arrived at the reported location there was no indication of anyone in need of help. A

short time later, a welcome call was received to confirm the walkers were safe and had reached Black Sail YHA, and so the hill party stood down and returned to base. It's possible that with improving conditions and visibility, a seemingly precarious and intimidating position became more manageable and enabled a self-rescue. A good outcome.

116. Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:54 Thu 3rd Aug 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who was overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. Concerned relatives made the call after there was no contact for many hours after a successful ascent. As the Team Leader was considering next steps, including a large search as the last known location was the summit, good news was received that he had made contact and was safe and well. He had walked out via Eskdale, and a very helpful member of the public was giving him a lift out of the valley. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

117. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:09 Sat 5th Aug 2023

A call was received yesterday afternoon from Cumbria Police. A walker was reported to have fallen whilst scrambling, injured his knee and was now not able to walk. After some difficulty in being able to make direct contact to ascertain the exact location and circumstances, a full callout was made. Due to slightly low numbers assistance was requested from Duddon and Furness MRT. Members from Bowland and Pennine MRT also happened to be on the hill and nearby so kindly offered their assistance. Once team members were on scene, a full medical assessment was made, and it was decided that due to the mechanism of injury (a tumble fall of 20m), and a long and difficult stretcher carry out to a road head, helicopter assistance was required. Helimed 58 duly responded and was able to land on flat ground near Pulpit Rock. Attempts to get closer were thwarted by gusty winds. As such, an energy sapping uphill carry was still required, with helicopter medics in attendance, after which the walker was flown to hospital for further assessment and treatment. We wish the walker a swift recovery, and massive thanks to all other MR teams that helped. Thanks also to the Helimed team for getting as close as they could in difficult conditions and terrain. Some fantastic multi-team working once again.

118. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:46 Sat 5th Aug 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker reporting that two of his party were stuck somewhere on a ravine on Scafell Pike. He was initially very confused and was not able to accurately describe his route for the day or where they had become stuck. It became clearer after some time and several police deployments and Team Leader conversations that originally there were four walkers that started out, but after splitting up, one walker was still unaccounted for. The three others were able to be located in two different locations in different valleys. However, the conclusion was that that the missing walker was last seen ascending the Piers Gill path towards the Corridor Route, attempting to get back to Seathwaite in darkness with no means of navigation. Faced with this information, and the inexperience of the walker, preparations began for a search through the night. The Team Leader alerted Keswick MRT, RAF Leeming MRS, Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dogs and also the Coastguard helicopter for possible deployment. Just as the decision to call the teams out was about to be made, the news was received with some relief that the walker had made it safely down into Borrowdale. Thanks to all the teams that willingly offered their support. There are several things to highlight with this alert: Stick together as a group at all times, unless each sub-group has appropriate skills and equipment. All members of the party should have some awareness of the routes travelled (e.g. the different valleys in the area). Information quality is essential for a quick and effective response. Communications with mobile phone are not reliable on the high fells in Wasdale.

119. Wasdale - Alert - 22:10 Sun 6th Aug 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police, about a lone walker that had failed to return to her accommodation. She had left on foot and taken the shuttle bus down to Wasdale Head at 10am. A local team member was tasked to see if she had missed the last bus and then was walking out of the valley, but nothing was seen. With little other information to start to plan a response, news was gratefully received that the walker had turned up safe and well at her accommodation, and the alert was closed.

120. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 21:20 Wed 9th Aug 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker that was walking from Langdale to Wasdale. He was overdue when a text was received by a family member waiting at Wasdale Head for his return. The text indicated that he was struggling to navigate the descent from Scafell Pike due to fog. After this point further attempts to make contact were unsuccessful. After discussions with the family member, with no further information on location, it was decided to start a search early in the morning. Weather conditions were favourable with pretty benign conditions. In the morning team members started a search on the most likely paths in Wasdale and support was agreed with Duddon and Furness MRT to search the Eskdale paths. However not long into the search the missing person was located on the Brown Tongue path, making his own way down. He was a little jaded from the unplanned night out, but otherwise none the worse for wear. A lift back to base was provided, where he was reunited with his family, after which the team stood down. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT for their support once again.

121. Great Gable - Full Callout - 19:24 Sat 12th Aug 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police on Saturday night about a lone walker who had fallen, with head, knee and ankle injuries. He was near the summit and unable to continue. Conditions were very unfavourable with rain, poor visibility and very windy. As he was intending to sleep on the fell overnight he had a sleeping bag which he was asked to get into whilst awaiting help. Due to slightly low numbers, and the potential for a long and difficult stretcher carry, Keswick MRT were asked to help. Once on scene, extra shelter, insulation, and food and drink was provided, alongside a medical assessment and some pain relief. Following this, the walker was able to walk with some assistance part of the way, however, later a stretcher was required. It was decided that the route down to Seathwaite was the better option from Sty Head, so after some help over the tricky ground initially, the teams

went their separate ways and the walker was carried by the Keswick team to an awaiting ambulance for further assessment. Our thanks to Keswick MRT for their help and we wish the walker a swift recovery.

122. Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:49 Sun 13th Aug 2023

A call was received via Cumbria Police; a concerned friend was reporting a party of four walkers overdue from their walk up Scafell Pike after over 11 hours since they had set off. They had started and were intending to finish at Seathwaite. Happily after a short time, contact was received from the walkers and they were confirmed to be safe and well at their campsite after a long day of the fell.

123. Upper Eskdale - Limited Callout - 20:37 Sun 13th Aug 2023

In the second call of the evening, two walkers were seeking assistance having got lost trying to return to Borrowdale after an ascent of Scafell Pike. Mobile signal was very borderline and all attempts of further conversation proved impossible. However, fortunately they were able to give Cumbria Police their 'Lat/Long' coordinates that they had obtained from a mobile phone. It was decided to send two small groups in case they were still moving. It was also not known whether they were adequately equipped for the heavy rain forecasted during the night. Unfortunately for us, this location is one of the most remote on our 'patch' (and possibly the whole of the Lake District) so this required long walks in by small groups from both Wasdale and Eskdale. Shortly after setting off, the Eskdale team came across another group of misplaced walkers, unfortunately they were not the group they were looking for. They were 3-peakers who were now likely going to miss their goal with a long walk out to the wrong valley. Eventually the Wasdale group found the casualty party of walkers (as it turned out, three!) in roughly the location expected. The walkers were then escorted back to Wasdale and then to base for the subsequent long and expensive taxi journey. Both parties were not adequately equipped in terms of navigation equipment or skills. Misty conditions do make navigation challenging, and especially so, high on the Scafell Massif. Fortunately on this occasion the only consequences were time, effort, discomfort, missed objectives, cost for taxis, and some damaged pride. However, the risks to safety are very real, both in terms of hypothermia (yes, even in August if there is poor weather) and crag fast or fall risk if walkers stray into the wrong areas. Please share to raise awareness, as many walkers we encounter do still underestimate the difficulty of navigating in mist and/or darkness.

124. Wastwater Screes - Alert - 17:03 Fri 18th Aug 2023

We were called yesterday by Cumbria Police about two people in difficulty on the Screes lakeshore. As part of a group of 4, they had originally planned to kayak down the lake from Brackenclose but found themselves unable to progress due to the windy conditions. They decided to abandon their kayak on the Screes side of the lake and planned to walk back to Brackenclose with a third member of their party, whilst one continued on the water. However, without adequate footwear, the boulder fields soon prevented further progress and so they called for help. They were also concerned that the kayaker who had remained on the water had not been seen for some time. The latter information prompted an escalation by Cumbria Police with several other agencies involved for a potentially urgent search of the lake. Thankfully, shortly after their arrival the missing person was located paddling on the water as planned and positively identified. The initial problem was dealt with by some guidance from WMRT team members already in the valley who walked to the "shore party" from Brackenclose. They then gave encouragement and support to progress back to a proper footpath and the Brackenclose car park where their car was parked. The Fire Service helped the lone paddler back to Brackenclose. All teams then stood down and returned to their respective bases. Thank-you to all the agencies who assisted. A good outcome.

125. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:08 Sun 20th Aug 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who were reported to be stuck on steep ground inside Piers Gill. A walker on the path on the East side of the gill had noticed them after they were shouting for help. They appeared to be unhurt but this was from a significant distance away. The Team Leader made a swift callout and also contacted Duddon and Furness MRT for additional crag support, knowing this could be a difficult technical rescue in the worst case. Both teams met at Gavel Neese and made their way up to the likely access point. As any rope access into Piers Gill is inherently hazardous, helicopter support was also requested via a Coastguard helicopter with winching capability. Rescue 199 from Prestwick duly attended but unfortunately were not able to effect the rescue via winch due to the weather conditions requiring high power and the resulting significant downdraft creating a real risk to the walkers below. They returned home to their base in Scotland. A rope rescue was therefore needed and the teams rigged a rope system and then descended to the walkers. Once on scene it was quickly realised that the condition of the casualties was more serious than had been thought. The walkers had been stuck in this position for about 24 hours and had suffered injuries from slips and falls. Helicopter support was again requested for a swift evacuation from the scene once the walkers had been evacuated by rope from the gill. Rescue 199 returned and with some tremendous flying were able to land close to the teams for a short transfer. The first casualty was flown down to the valley where other team members made a more thorough assessment. After extraction, R199 then received the second casualty on a stretcher, flew down to the valley, picked up the first casualty, and then flew both to hospital for further assessment and treatment. Team members on the hill then de-rigged and returned to their respective bases to reset the vehicles. We wish both casualties a swift recovery. Thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT and the Rescue 199 crew for their support (twice!) in this callout.

126. Scafell Pike - Alert - 23:44 Sun 20th Aug 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police late in the evening. A concerned third party was reporting that a walking party of four was overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. They had travelled for a day trip from outside of the area and none of the party had been in touch since noon. They were now not contactable on their mobile phones. The Team Leader initiated Phonefind messages, but shortly afterwards the police made contact again to say that they had been able to speak briefly with one of the party. This suggested that they were off the hill, but having vehicle problems. With this good news the tasking was left to the police to later confirm that there was no need for mountain rescue support.

127. Scafell - Full Callout - 17:48 Wed 23rd Aug 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about a male walker who was reported to have slipped on scree very close to the summit of Scafell. He had injured his hip and could not weight bear. A full callout was made and with slightly low numbers for a long stretcher carry Duddon and Furness MRT were again asked for help. After a long pull up via Green How in rapidly deteriorating weather conditions, the casualty site was reached. The walker had actually taken a tumble fall, and alongside the very painful hip injury had suffered multiple minor injuries. A bivvy shelter was established to provide warmth for the casualty, his friend and his dog, as a medical assessment was made. With the arrival of further team members he was made as comfortable as possible in a casualty bag and vacuum mattress, with additional pain relief provided for the stretcher carry. A long and arduous carry then commenced, with no prospect of air support in pretty miserable conditions. Initially this was on steep scree, with slow progress made on wet and unstable ground. Once on the grass a mixture of carrying, sledging and the wheel were used with and without rope protection, according to conditions. After close to four hours, the walker was then handed over to a land ambulance waiting at Brackenclose. He was then transferred to hospital for further assessment and treatment. The respective teams finally returned to bases, overwhelmed their drying rooms and restocked vehicles. We wish the walker well on his recovery and hope to see him back on the fells soon. Huge thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT for their help once again, and also to the passing walker and his son who helped by calling the alert in and providing initial support.

128. Styhead Path, Great Gable - Limited Callout - 14:15 Tue 29th Aug 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who was reported to have injured her leg and was struggling to walk. The informant had gone to the nearest farm to call for help. As the location was relatively close to road access and low down, a limited callout was made. However, before we could take much action, the farmer kindly went out of their way to drive on their quad bike to meet the walker and then give a lift back to the farm. The other member of the casualty party was then able to transport the walker in their own vehicle onwards for further assessment in hospital. Many thanks to the farmer who helped out. We also would like to wish the walker well in her recovery.

129. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 10:20 Wed 30th Aug 2023

We were called by both North West Ambulance Service and Cumbria Police about a walker with symptoms of a medical emergency. An immediate callout was made and also requests for air support due to the position of the casualty high up on Scafell Pike. Rapid mobilisation to the scene from Coastguard Rescue 199, Helimed 08 and Helimed 63 occurred. However, the condition of the walker worsened whilst help was en-route, and despite all attempts by passing walkers and the helicopter crews in attendance he tragically did not survive. Our thanks go to all agencies involved, and especially to the passing walkers. Our thoughts are with the walker's family and friends, and all involved at this sad time.

130. Scoat Fell - Alert - 12:55 Sat 2nd Sep 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker on Little Scoat Fell who had fallen ill. The Team Leader quickly liaised with our neighbours at Cockermouth MRT as the access/egress route is a quicker option from their side. They kindly agreed and took care of the callout from that point. Our thanks to them for their support.

131. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:25 Mon 4th Sep 2023

As the team were preparing for training, the first of four calls and three separate incidents in the space of one hour was received from Cumbria Police. We were initially called about a walker who had slipped on the initial descent from Scafell Pike summit. She was unable to bear any weight. Due to the elevation at about 875m a request for Coastguard helicopter support was made, which was responded to by Rescue 912 from Humberside. After a humid walk up to the scene, team casualty carers assessed and treated the ankle, providing splinting and some strong pain relief. The walker was then secured into the stretcher for a carry down to flatter ground at Lingmell Col, where the helicopter was waiting for the transfer. The walker was then flown to hospital for further treatment and the team returned to the vehicles in the valley. We wish the walker well and hope to see her back on the fells soon. Thanks to the crew of Rescue 912 for their help, saving us a long carry to the valley floor.

132. Burnmoor Tarn - Full Callout - 18:47 Mon 4th Sep 2023

In the second incident of the evening, two calls were received within 20 minutes. A personal distress beacon was activated close to Burnmoor Tarn. This was followed 20 minutes later by a call from a concerned family member about an overdue solo walker. The two were linked to the same person - sixth sense from the family member? With no other information to go from, and another incident already ongoing, a team was asked to approach from Eskdale. Our friends at Duddon and Furness were also asked for potential extra support. Fortunately there was a Coastguard helicopter already en-route for the previous callout, so they agreed as a priority to investigate from the air as much as possible. They were able to locate the walker. He had fortunately recovered enough by this time to walk under his own stream back towards Brackenclose. He rang 999 shortly afterwards when mobile signal allowed to confirm that he no longer required help; a very long day on the hill in the hot conditions had resulted in exhaustion with no ability at the time to progress. Other team members at Wasdale walked up a short distance to meet the walker and confirmed he was safe and well, and this incident was closed. A good outcome. Thanks to The Rescue 912 crew and to Duddon and Furness MRT for their support.

133. Scafell Pike - - 19:23 Mon 4th Sep 2023

In the third and last incident of the evening, another lone walker was reported significantly overdue from their accommodation at a local pub. His intended route was known which was very helpful. However shortly after Cumbria Police passed this on to us, it was confirmed that he had returned back to his accommodation safe and well, but exhausted from a long and hot day out. This incident was closed. After a very busy time for the Team Leader and others in control room, the effort re-concentrated on callout #131, high up on Scafell Pike. Once this was successfully concluded there was a final additional tasking for a few members of the team to enable 'carbohydrate replenishment' for the returning team

134. Upper Eskdale - Alert - 18:05 Sat 9th Sep 2023

The team was called yesterday by Cumbria Police about one of a group of eight that had not been seen for a number of hours. The group had walked up to the deep pools near Lingcove Bridge to enjoy the warm weather. However, on the group's return to their cars, one person was missing. Thankfully as the Team Leader was gathering further information and travelling to meet the group, the missing group member arrived safe and well, and the team was stood down.

135. Upper Eskdale - Alert - 19:50 Sun 10th Sep 2023

An alert was swiftly resolved after a call was received from Cumbria Police. A fell runner was overdue, but turned up within 3 minutes of the initial call!

136. Beck Head, Great Gable - Alert - 15:56 Wed 13th Sep 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen, sustained leg injuries and was unable to walk. However, as further information on location was obtained, it was confirmed that the incident was in Cockermouth MRT's area. The respective Team Leaders agreed the handover before the Wasdale team was stood down. We wish the walker a quick recovery, and thanks to Cockermouth MRT for their quick response.

137. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:04 Thu 21st Sep 2023

After a relatively quiet period, two calls were received from Cumbria Police on Thursday. The first call was about a walker who had fallen and injured his ankle, and appeared to be unable to bear weight on it. The location was close to the summit. The team was called out and made their way up the valley. Due to low numbers, additional help from Duddon and Furness MRT was requested for a potential long stretcher carry. A further call was then received to say that the walker had also hit his head when he fell, but may be able to walk as he had recovered somewhat. This happily turned out to be the case, and the team met up with the walker descending at Hollow Stones. After a medical assessment, the walker then continued all the way to the valley floor. A good outcome for both the walker and the teams.

138. Red Gill, Scafell - Full Callout - 16:38 Thu 21st Sep 2023

As the first callout was nearing completion, a second call was received. Multiple 999 calls had been made about shouts and whistles on the flanks of Scafell, heard by walkers on the tourist path of Scafell Pike. Helimed support was requested and they agreed to mobilise quickly to help establish exact location, and directly support if possible. Unfortunately despite several attempts they were thwarted due to unfavourable winds and they were unable to get close enough to make visual contact with the casualty. The landed in the valley, subsequently standing by for a long time in case advanced medical support was required. Coastguard helicopter support was also agreed and deployed from Prestwick with Rescue 199. With different aircraft capability and technology on board they were able to get a visual and confirm exact location. Unfortunately they were also unable to directly help and provide a winch rescue due to the proximity of the crag face. The Rescue 199 crew then helped hugely by lifting three sets of team members to the closest location possible, from which they walked uphill to Red Gill. On arrival the walker was unfortunately located in the gully itself, very close to a 10m drop. As such, a technical rope rescue was required. The casualty was unable to move by himself, but was able to talk and had managed to wrap a survival blanket around him. As a technical and labour intensive rescue was now likely, additional team members from our friends at Duddon and Furness MRT was again requested. R199 again obliged and lifted four of their team members and additional rope and medical supplies from Devoke Water en-route to Wasdale. Other DFMRT members followed in team vehicles. Once Wasdale team members had secured sufficient rope protection in a difficult environment for firm 'anchors', they were able to descend to the casualty and make an assessment. Despite taking two significant tumble falls there fortunately was no evidence of any significant life threatening injuries. It was agreed that the walker would attempt to move himself slowly from the gully with support from the rope system and team members. This was able to be done and once off the more technical ground, a more straightforward descent with support was made to get to a location that was suitable for a helicopter winch. Rescue 199 again returned to the scene, winched the walker and transported to hospital for full assessment and treatment. This left the teams to de-rig and walk back down to the valley and then to respective bases. We would like to offer our huge thanks to all the teams involved, and especially the Rescue 199 crew who did everything they possibly could to speed up the effort to locate, enable access and then transport the walker to a hospital setting. Also to the many members of the public who helped and provided information at the start of the callout. We wish the walker a speedy recovery.

139. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 01:58 Sun 24th Sep 2023

The team received a call from Cumbria Police early on Sunday morning about two walkers who had taken a wrong turn on an ascent of Scafell Pike and were concerned for their safety in poor weather. The mobile signal was patchy but a location was obtained at Mickledore near the stretcher box. Knowing that the stretcher box has directions on the outside and is a source of shelter with insulating materials stored inside, the decision from the Team Leader and the police was to wait until dawn for a re-evaluation and possible team deployment. Contact was able to be made at first light. The two walkers had indeed sheltered inside the stretcher box, but there was also a report of a leg injury with one of them. As such a team callout was made and again Duddon and Furness MRT supported with additional fell going members for a potentially long stretcher carry. Once on scene, re-warming with additional clothing and food and drink was provided, alongside a medical assessment and some pain relief. This enabled the walker to mobilise sufficiently to walk off the fell under his own steam after some additional rope protection was provided down Mickledore gully for extra confidence and security. The rest of the walk off proceeded well and the walkers were escorted safely down to the valley. Both teams then returned to Wasdale base for some hot refreshments and pizza. Thanks once more to Duddon and Furness MRT. We also hope the walkers are none the worse for their unplanned night on the fell.

140. Blea Tarn, Eskdale - Full Callout - 14:29 Wed 27th Sep 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a lone walker who was having difficulty navigating and getting back down into the valley. Unfortunately due to patchy signal in the valley it was not possible to talk to the walker. After some time without further contact, and with a storm approaching it was decided to make a team callout to make use of any remaining daylight and avoid potentially hazardous conditions later in the evening. Nothing was found on the fell, but shortly afterwards the walker was confirmed to be at her accommodation having found her way safely into the valley. A good outcome. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

141. Scafell - Alert - 17:25 Fri 29th Sep 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who had lost their intended route down to Eskdale and were seeking assistance. Using a combination of Phonefind, text messaging and phone calls the walkers were directed down to Wasdale valley which was the quickest and safest option before the daylight was lost. Once the walkers were confirmed to be back off the fell and at their accommodation the log was closed. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

142. Black Sail Pass - Limited Callout - 07:56 Fri 6th Oct 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had not been in contact for some time. However, the walker was unlikely to be in the Wasdale area and so it was passed with agreement to Cockermouth MRT, with the last known location being in the Ennerdale valley. As the search progressed through the day, we were re-engaged and asked to search from Wasdale Head to Black Sail Pass. Numerous other teams were also asked to search other routes. Happily the walker was found safe and well relatively quickly, and we were all stood down. A good outcome.

143. Upper Eskdale - Alert - 13:21 Sat 7th Oct 2023

Cumbria Police alerted us to a lone walker who was lost having taken a wrong turn in the mist, and was now wet and increasingly cold. He had also then come across another party of three in a similar predicament. The initial coordinates obtained from the call to the police put them in Upper Eskdale. However, as a group they then managed to walk from their location back to the road, from where they took a taxi ride to their intended destination in Wasdale. The Team Leader was monitoring progress and stood down when it was confirmed they were all safely en-route by taxi. This callout also confirms that 2023 is now the busiest year ever for the team. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

144. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 19:36 Sat 7th Oct 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had lost their way on the descent from Scafell Pike. Unfortunately they had mis-navigated and become crag fast on steep ground around Straight Gill above Piers Gill. Once the location was determined an immediate callout was made, knowing the severe hazards of the area. Duddon MRT was also asked to stand by in case furter resource was needed. After a muggy ascent via Lingmell nose and Lingmell Col, the advance team got close enough to hear shouts. They were then fortunately able to make their way carefully to the walkers' position from below. A rope system was established to secure the walkers and then perform controlled lowers back to safe ground. They group then made their way back to Wasdale valley and the team returned to base to reset the vehicles. Unfortunately many items of crag kit totalling several hundred pounds were sacrificed and left in situ to minimise the risks to team members, similar to another crag callout several weeks ago. Edit: Huge thanks for all the donations- we are very thankful

145. Scafell Pike - Alert - 21:18 Sun 8th Oct 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who were overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. A family member was concerned for their safety. The Team Leader started to gather information and put the team on standby, however, shortly afterwards the good news was received that the walkers had descended safely and were heading home in their car. They hadn't been able to make contact earlier due to lack of mobile signal. A good and swift outcome.

146. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:18 Tue 10th Oct 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen and hurt his leg on the descent from Scafell Pike. The other two members of the group were becoming increasingly cold and progress was slow. The Team Leader was able to talk to the group and advised to keep descending if they were able, as this maintains body heat and also reduces the time taken for the team to make contact on the fell. Fortunately they were able to do this and managed to descend from Lingmell Col to below the stream crossing. Team Casualty Carers then met them and made an assessment of the injury, before providing support for the group to make their own way for the rest of the descent to Brackenclose.

147. Ennerdale - Full Callout - 18:38 Tue 10th Oct 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a someone reporting a lone family member who had become somewhat disoriented in the misty conditions at height and was now cold and wet. The caller was concerned for the walker's safety. As this was reported by a third party no location details were obtained other than a visual description of a lake and trees beneath her and her intended route of the Wasdale circuit. As the team was already in the valley attending the callout received 20 minutes earlier some team members were diverted to locate the walker's car, as a starting point; this was found at Wasdale Head. A

number of locations were still possible, including Ennerdale, so Cockermouth MRT was asked to send a team in that direction. As other routes were being considered, the good news came through that the walker had been found safe and well in Ennerdale. The walker was then transferred back to our base near Gosforth by Cockermouth MRT and then by ourselves onwards back to her car. Thanks to Cockermouth MRT for their help in resolving this callout quickly.

148. Broad Crag Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:13 Tue 17th Oct 2023

A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained a knee injury on Broad Crag. He was unable to bear any weight. A team member happened to be close by on Scafell Pike and redirected to the reported location. Once on scene he made an assessment and confirmed that he was not able to mobilise at all. Due to the elevation and specific location requiring a tricky carry down the scree from Broad Crag Col, helicopter support was requested. A full team callout was made and also extra support from Duddon and Furness MRT obtained. Unfortunately the weather conditions were not favourable to enable Rescue 199 to land despite a number of attempts and they returned to their base in Scotland. This left the two teams to make their way to the scene and assess, treat and package the walker into the team stretcher. Once the difficult descent from Broad Crag Col to Lingmell Col was negotiated, a routine carry was undertaken back down to Brackenclose. The teams then returned to their respective bases. Thanks to the helicopter crew and to Duddon and Furness for their support once again. We wish the walker well and a quick recovery.

149. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 11:40 Sat 21st Oct 2023

An urgent call was received yesterday from Cumbria Police about a walker who had chest pain and was having difficulty breathing. A heart attack was suspected by the caller. As some members of the team were training in base an advance party was able to be immediately dispatched. Helimed 58 also responded immediately, and were reported to be lifting off within four minutes of the call. The cloud base was fortunately just high enough, and the helicopter crew were able to access a flat area to land above Hollow Stones, leaving only about 200m to walk to the casualty. They assessed and treated him, however, unfortunately his condition still required a stretcher carry to the helicopter. As such, an urgent ascent was still required from Brackenclose by the team. Once they were on scene the walker was carefully transferred to the MR stretcher and the carry was made to the helicopter. He was then flown to hospital to continue his treatment. We wish him all the best for a speedy recovery. Our thanks to to members of the public who helped, and in particular to the A&E nurse who took control of the scene before the helicopter arrived.

150. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 13:40 Sat 21st Oct 2023

As some members of the team were arriving close to the scene of callout #149, they witnessed a walker stumble, fall awkwardly, and hit his head on a rock. As there were enough members with the stretcher party by this point some team members diverted to assist. After assessment, some simple analgesia was given and a dressing was applied with some help also from passing and available Helimed crew. Happily the walker was then able to safely walk down to the valley escorted by team members and the rest of his walking group, before onward travel in their own vehicle. We wish the walker a quick recovery, in what was possibly our quickest ever response to an incident!

151. Eden Valley - Limited Callout - 06:00 Wed 25th Oct 2023

Penrith MRT requested additional support from the team for a multi-agency and multi-day search for a man who had fallen from a bridge into the River Eden. Soon after completing the search of our allocated area it was confirmed that the body of the man had been recovered by the police. Our thoughts are with the man’s family and friends.

152. Esk Pike - Alert - 16:45 Wed 1st Nov 2023

We were called by Cumbria Police about a group of three walkers who were benighted in the far reaches of our area. As the party were intending to descend to Langdale and also as Langdale Ambleside MRT have the quicker journey to this destination from their side the job was passed to them with agreement and our thanks. They successfully found the walkers and escorted them back to safety in harsh weather conditions. https://www.adventuresmart.uk/ #BeAdventureSmart and make a good day better. Ask yourself three questions before you set off: 1. Do I have the right GEAR ? 2. Do I know what the WEATHER will be like? 3. Am I confident that I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?

153. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:02 Thu 2nd Nov 2023

The team was called by Cumbria Police about a lone walker who had been separated from her walking group, taken a wrong turn on Lingmell Col, and was concerned for her safety having come down the Piers Gill path. The mobile signal was poor but fortunately the police call handler was able to eventually establish an exact location. A callout was made as a ‘talk off’ from that location with significant hazards is too risky. However, as one team party was preparing to depart from Burnthwaite Farm, the walker appeared before them safe and well. After reuniting her with her walking group at Brackenclose the team returned to base.

154. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 17:16 Sat 4th Nov 2023

In the first of three calls in quick succession, we received a call about a walker who had fallen, sustained a knee injury and was unable to bear weight. A full callout was made with an advance party setting off quickly with warm clothing and shelter. After assessment, it was mutually decided to attempt a slow walk with team members encouraging and supporting closely. Fortunately the walker was able to complete the descent himself to Brackenclose, from where he was given a lift to his car at Wasdale Head. We wish him well for a swift recovery.

155. Broad Crag Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:00 Sat 4th Nov 2023

A second call was received from the police, this time about two walkers who were lost in the mist. They were both cold and felt unable to move, with any spare clothing already wet. A location was obtained from the call made to the police. As the team was already mobilised, some of the team members diverted to this higher location, leaving enough team members for a stretcher carry for the first callout should it be needed. On reaching the pair, the team assessed and then escorted them back down to the Wasdale Head Inn, from where family members picked them up.

56. Great End - Full Callout - 20:12 Sat 4th Nov 2023

In the third request for our help on Saturday evening, a call was received from Cumbria Police. Walkers who were wild camping in Upper Eskdale had heard shouts for help indicating that someone was lost. Unfortunately the mobile signal was very poor and the informant was not able to be called back for further information, despite many attempts. With a vast area to search and no indication of location it was agreed with the police to review and attempt to contact the informant again in the morning. At 08:45 the following morning, the police received another call saying that different walkers had heard shouts for help from a gully between Great End and Broad Crag. The team was called out quickly, now that a good location was apparent. However, an hour later the informant phoned again to update - he and his son had investigated and managed to find the lost group who were actually a party of three, plus dog. They were all cold but otherwise fit and well. The party was guided back down to the Corridor Route, where team members met up with them. After a quick assessment they then all made their way safely back to the valley floor. Huge thanks to Phil Hartley and his son Jack for helping the group and doing most of the rescue! Jack was the first person to hear the shouts in the morning.

157. Beck Head, Great Gable - Full Callout - 14:19 Sun 5th Nov 2023

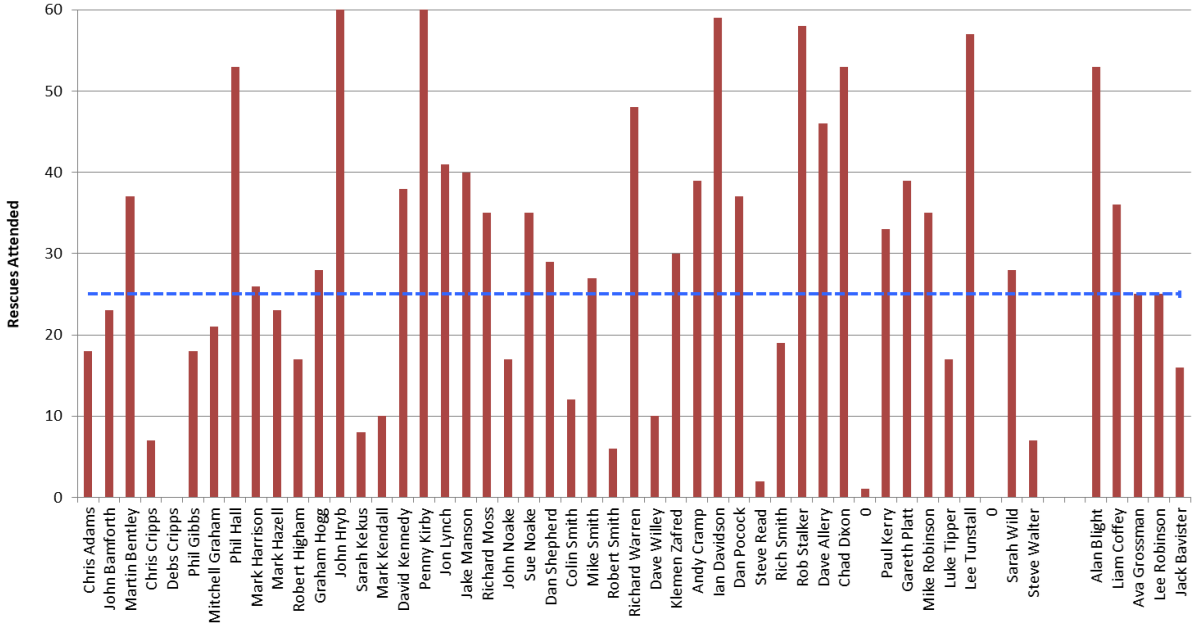
As incident No.156 was concluding, a further call was received from Cumbria Police regarding a male walker who had fallen and injured his ankle. He was unable to weight bear. As the access to Beck Head is quicker and safer for a stretcher carry from the other side, the Team Leader asked for help from Cockermouth MRT. They were kindly able to help and so the tasking was transferred across. They subsequently successfully completed the rescue via stretcher to Honister. Many thanks to them for their help on what was a very busy weekend for WMRT.

158. Seatallan - Alert - 14:48 Tue 7th Nov 2023

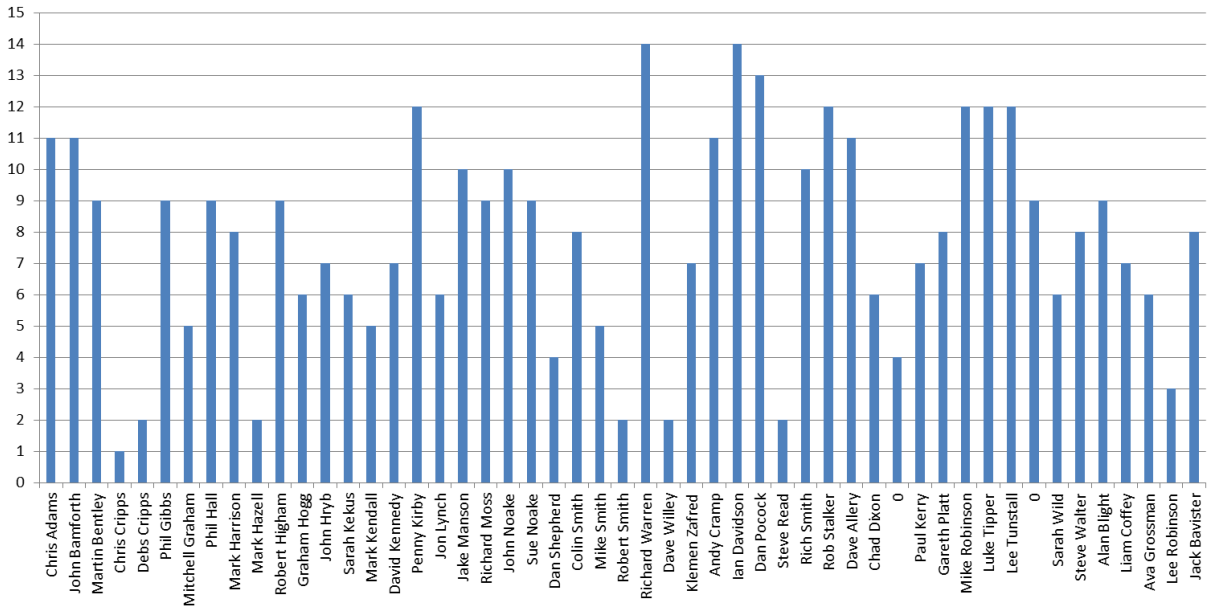
A call from Cumbria Police was passed across from Cockermouth MRT as on investigation it was likely to be in our area. A walker had heard shouts, whistles and dogs barking. The Team Leader asked a team member to further investigate whether it could be people and trail hounds on the fell. This was confirmed to be very likely the case when they were met coming off the fell at Nether Beck, and the log closed. A false alarm with good intent.

Callout and Training Attendance

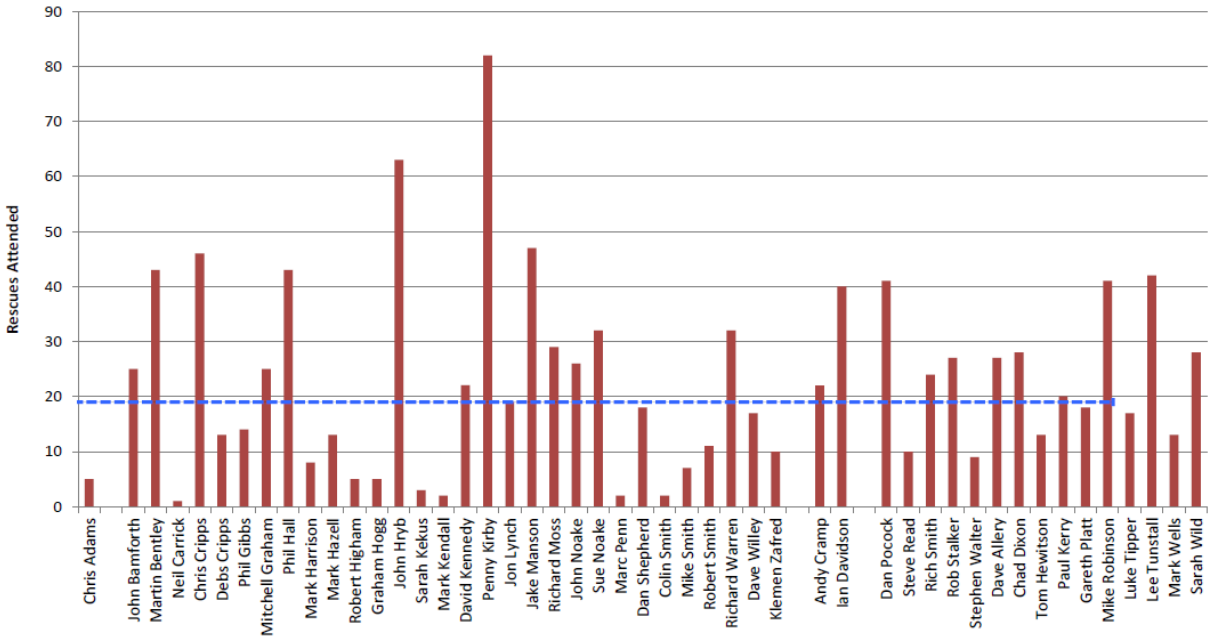
The following two tables are taken from the Attendance Excel file on the base operator's PC. Please note that all figures are from January 1st to November 23rd, 2023.



Rescue attendance 2023



Training attendance 2023



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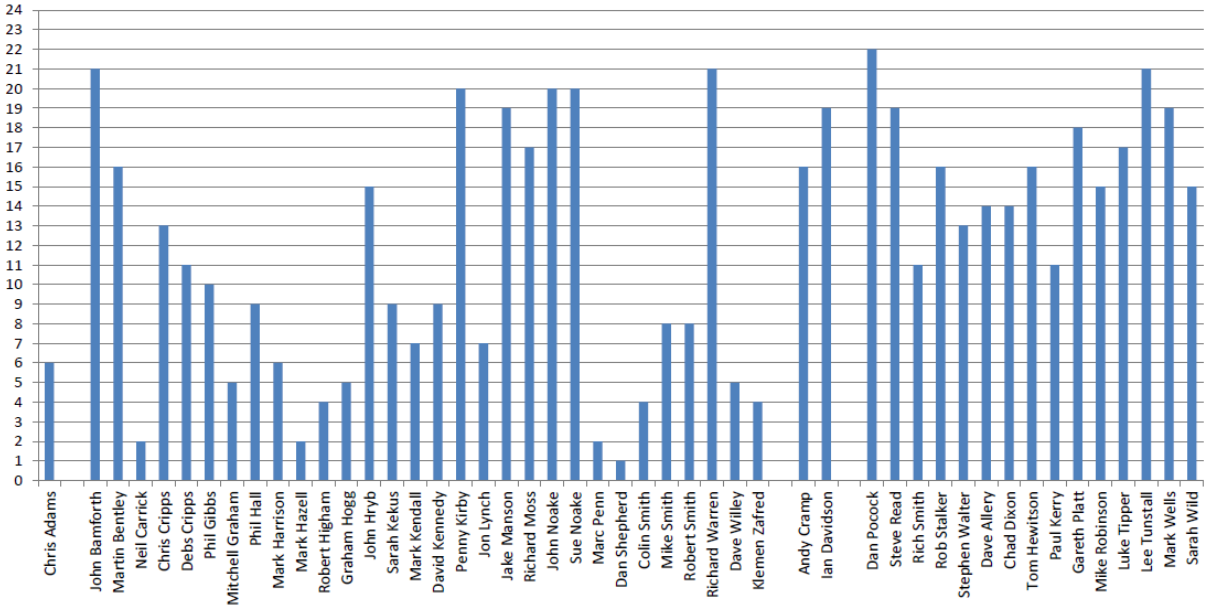

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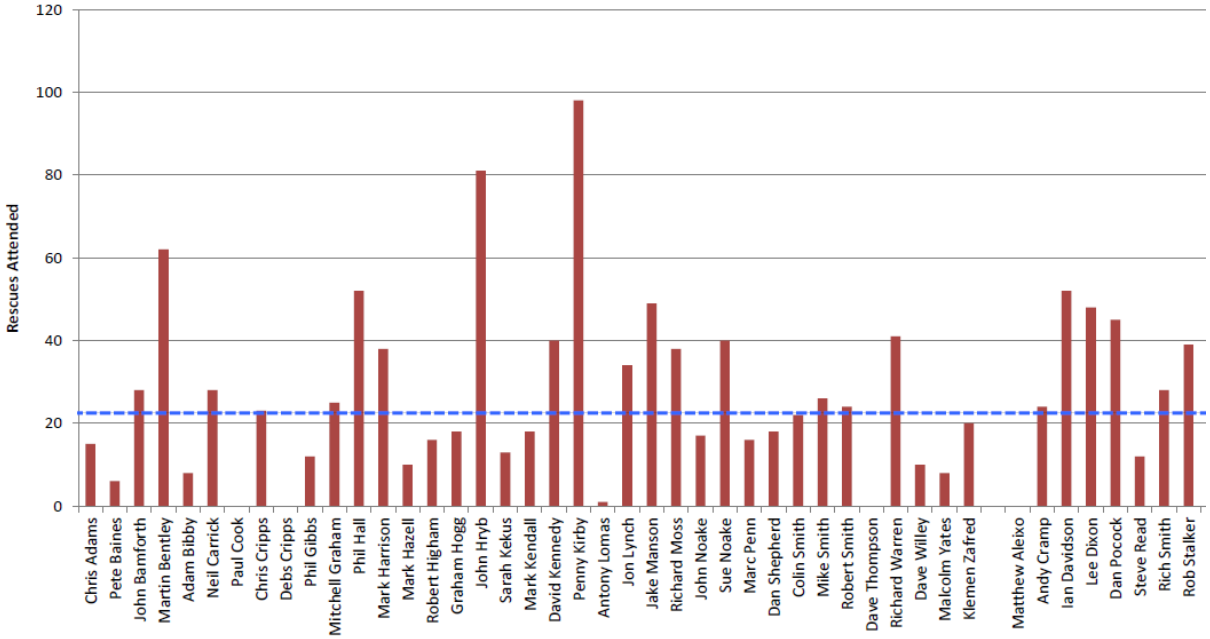
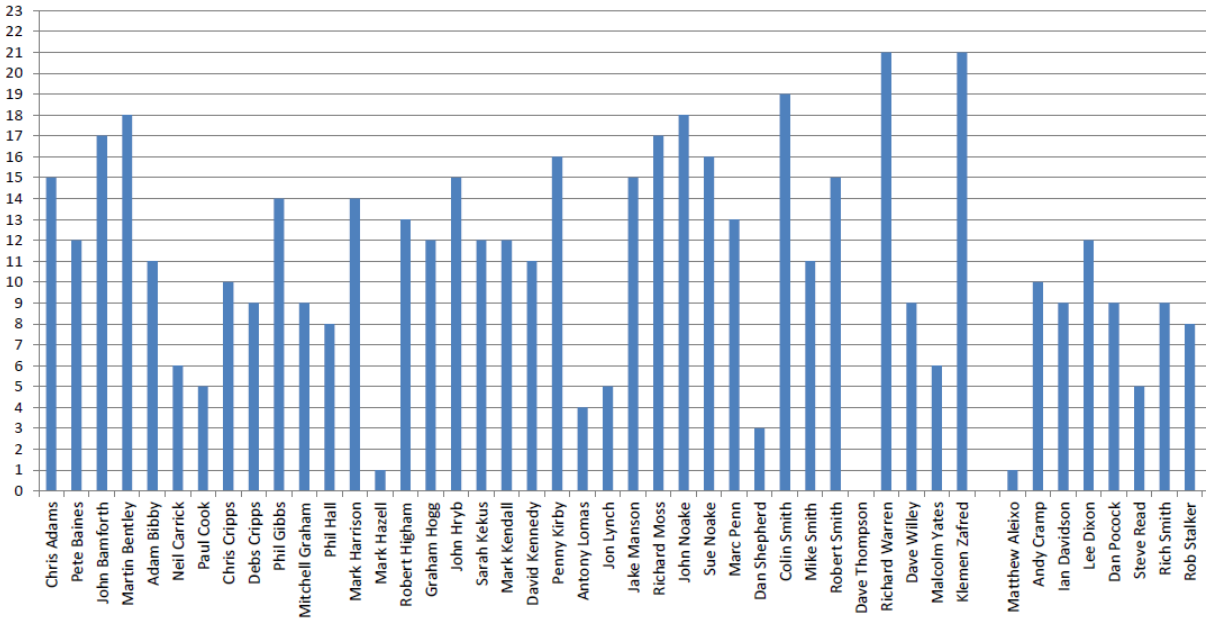


Rescue attendance 2021



Training attendance 2021

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 30 September 2023

Charity number: 1170178

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Chartered Accountants

Gosforth

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

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Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1170178
Business address	Wasdale Mountain Rescue Gosforth Seascale CA20 1BS
Trustees	J R Bamforth P Kirby P J Hall J Hryb I J Davidson M Smith C Cripps J Noake M A Harrison
Accountants	robinson+co The Old Forge Beck Place Gosforth Seascale CA20 1AT
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 3 Pow Street Workington CA14 3AH

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Report of the trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1170178, on 15 November 2016. The assets, liabilities and undertakings of the unincorporated charity Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team (Charity number 1020136) were transferred to the CIO on 30 September 2017, with the CIO then becoming operational from 1 October 2017.

Trustees

The aim is to maintain a trustee board with a range of skills which will be useful to the organisation. New trustees are taken through an induction procedure.

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustees consider the Committee as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects are:
To save life and alleviate distress primarily in upland or mountainous areas.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team provides a search and rescue service on the mountains and off road locations in the Wasdale and Eskdale valleys of West Cumbria and surrounding areas. The Team typically handles over 100 calls for assistance a year.

Further information can be found at www.wmrt.org.uk.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and performance

Achievements and performance are detailed in the Annual Report as presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial review

At the balance sheet date the CIO held £1,265,646 on unrestricted funds (2022: £1,267,697) and £nil on restricted funds (2022: £nil), a satisfactory position.

A detailed review is provided in the Treasurer's Report within the Annual report as presented at the Annual General meeting.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the CIO is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to these risks.

Report of the trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2023

Plans for future periods

One of the team's ongoing challenges is recruitment of new members and considerable effort is being directed in this area.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

On behalf of the board

J R Bamforth
Trustee
15 July 2024

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team.

I report on the accounts of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team for the year ended 30 September 2023 set out on pages 5 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jason Spires

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Jason Spires FCA DChA

Independent examiner
robinson+co Chartered Accountants
The Old Forge
Beck Place
Gosforth, Seascale
CA20 1AT

15th July 2024.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income				
Voluntary income	2	110,804	110,804	98,133
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	-	-
Income from other trading activities:				
Activities for generating funds	3	3,744	3,744	423
Investment income	4	5,321	5,321	1,526
Total income		119,869	119,869	100,082
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	5	121,920	121,920	108,281
Total expenditure		121,920	121,920	108,281
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(2,051)	(2,051)	(8,199)
Total funds brought forward		1,267,697	1,267,697	1,275,896
Total funds carried forward		1,265,646	1,265,646	1,267,697

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Balance sheet
as at 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		811,247		765,700
Current assets					
Debtors	10	40,037		14,201	
Cash at bank and in hand		422,049		490,529	
		462,086		504,730	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(7,687)		(2,733)	
Net current assets			454,399		501,997
Net assets			1,265,646		1,267,697
Funds	12				
Unrestricted income funds			1,265,646		1,267,697
Total funds			1,265,646		1,267,697

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15th July 2024 and signed on its behalf by

J. R. Bamforth

J R Bamforth
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Cash flow statement

for the year ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14	(2,902)	3,365
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		5,321	1,526
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(70,899)	(14,593)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(65,578)	(13,067)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(68,480)	(9,702)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		490,529	500,231
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		422,049	490,529

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are currently no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as income within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	Not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	10% straight line

Land and buildings are maintained to a high standard and have a high residual value and as such are not depreciated. The trustees have carried out an impairment review and are satisfied that there is no impairment to these assets.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Donations	93,304	93,304	97,633
Legacies	17,500	17,500	500
	110,804	110,804	98,133

In 2022 all of the income from donations and legacies was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

3. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fundraising events	3,744	3,744	423
	3,744	3,744	423

In 2022 all of the income from activities for generating funds was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Bank interest receivable	5,321	5,321	1,526
	5,321	5,321	1,526

In 2022 all of the investment income was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

5. Costs of charitable activities - by fund type

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Mountain Rescue	121,920	121,920	108,281
	121,920	121,920	108,281

In 2022 all of the costs of the charitable activities were attributable to unrestricted funds.

6. Costs of charitable activities - by activity

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Mountain Rescue	121,878	42	121,920	108,281
	121,878	42	121,920	108,281

7. Analysis of support costs

	Mountain Rescue £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Legal and professional fees	42	42	-
	42	42	-

8. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2022	676,170	321,825	107,171	1,105,166
Additions	-	22,523	48,376	70,899
At 30 September 2023	676,170	344,348	155,547	1,176,065
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2022	-	237,832	101,634	339,466
Charge for the year	-	17,911	7,441	25,352
At 30 September 2023	-	255,743	109,075	364,818
Net book values				
At 30 September 2023	676,170	88,605	46,472	811,247
At 30 September 2022	676,170	83,993	5,537	765,700

10. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	40,037	14,201

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	7,687	2,733

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 30 September 2023 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	811,247	811,247
Current assets	462,086	462,086
Current liabilities	(7,687)	(7,687)
	1,265,646	1,265,646

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 30 September 2022 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	765,700	765,700
Current assets	504,730	504,730
Current liabilities	(2,733)	(2,733)
	1,267,697	1,267,697

13. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 October 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2023 £
General reserve	1,141,841	119,869	(121,920)	(7,256)	1,132,534
Vehicle reserve	105,856	-	-	7,256	113,112
Contingencies reserve	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	1,267,697	119,869	(121,920)	-	1,265,646

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds - previous year

	At 1 October 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2022 £
General reserve	1,150,040	100,082	(108,281)		1,141,841
Vehicle reserve	105,856	-	-		105,856
Contingencies reserve	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	1,275,896	100,082	(108,281)	-	1,267,697

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds can be used with the approval of the board of trustees to fund any expenditure which falls within the charity's.

The level of the general reserve should be at least the equivelant of two years annual income, the trustees are satified this has been met.

The trustees have designated £113,112 as a vehicle reserve, in order to provide ready cash for the replacement of the vehicles and boat when required. The reserve is maintained based on a conservative estimate of 15% of the replacement cost of each vehicle multiplied by the number of years service it has done, up to the full replacement cost.

The trustees have designated £20,000 as a contingencies reserve, in order to make provision for catastrophic mechanical failure of a vehicle estimated at £15,000 and for a catastrophic communications failure at £5,000.

14. Gross cash flows

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movements in funds	(2,051)	(8,199)
Deduct interest and dividend income shown in investing activities	(5,321)	(1,526)
Add back depreciation and profit/loss on disposal	25,352	22,796
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	280
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(25,836)	(10,071)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	4,954	85
	(2,902)	3,365

15. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	490,529	(68,480)	422,049
Net funds	490,529	(68,480)	422,049

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generating funds:				
Voluntary income				
Donations		93,304		97,633
Legacies		17,500		500
		110,804		98,133
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events		3,744		423
		3,744		423
Investment income				
Bank interest receivable		5,321		1,526
		5,321		1,526
Total income from generating funds		119,869		100,082
Total income		119,869		100,082

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023 £		2022 £	
Charitable activities				
Mountain Rescue				
Activities undertaken directly				
Training costs	10,813		7,877	
Rates	1,602		1,684	
Electricity	4,205		1,545	
Maintenance	7,191		767	
Equipment	32,286		19,469	
Insurance	3,659		3,618	
Sundry headquarter expenses	6,609		5,942	
Vehicle running expenses	5,888		2,362	
Officers' expenses	918		1,260	
Marine insurance	664		826	
Telephone	2,800		2,570	
Printing and stationery	298		555	
Depreciation	25,352		22,796	
Sundry	4,651		5,679	
Boot allowance	1,375		334	
Clothing allowance	13,568		5,998	
Donations	-		25,000	
Other costs	(1)		(1)	
		121,878		108,281
Support costs				
Legal fees	42		-	
		42		-
Mountain Rescue total expenditure		121,920		108,281
Total charitable activity expenditure		121,920		108,281
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(2,051)		(8,199)

WASDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1170178

Accounts

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team Annual Report 2021/2022

Presented at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 November 2022

Team members and officials 2021/2022 as at the AGM

President and Vice-Presidents

President	Richard Longman
Vice-President	Dr Nigel Burton
Vice-President	Jos Naylor MBE
Vice-President	Maurice Pringle
Vice-President	Dr Adrian Simper OBE

Trustees

Chairman	John Bamforth
Duty Team Leader	Phil Hall
Duty Team Leader	John Hryb
Duty Team Leader & Training Officer	Penny Kirby
Duty Team Leader	Chris Cripps
Treasurer	John Noake
Trustee	Mike Smith

Co-Opted Officers

Buildings Officer	Rob Smith
Communications & ICT Officer	Rob Higham
Equipment Officer	Dan Pocock
Fundraising Officers	Anne Guest and Sam Stalker
Medical Officer	Lucy Belson
Press Officer	Richard Warren
Secretary	Graham Hogg
Vehicles Officer	Jake Manson
Water Officer	Rob Stalker

Membership as at the AGM

Full Team Members (37):

Chris Adams, John Bamforth, Martin Bentley, Andy Cramp, Chris Cripps, Debs Cripps, Ian Davidson, Phil Gibbs, Mitchell Graham, Phil Hall, Mark Harrison, Mark Hazell, Robert Higham, Graham Hogg, John Hryb, Sarah Kekus, Mark Kendall, Dave Kennedy, Penny Kirby, Jon Lynch, Jake Manson, Richard Moss, John Noake, Sue Noake, Marc Penn, Dan Pocock, Steve Read, Dan Shepherd, Colin Smith, Mike Smith, Rich Smith, Rob Smith, Rob Stalker, Steve Walter, Richard Warren, Dave Willey, Klem Zafred plus Jess the search dog

Associate Team Members – Probationers (10):

Dave Allery, Chad Dixon, Tom Hewitson, Paul Kerry, Gareth Platt, Mike Robinson, Luke Tipper, Lee Tunstall, Mark Wells, Sarah Wild

Associate Team Members – Support (8):

Paul Barratt, Lucy Belson, Tim Brooks, Anne Guest, Tariq Qureshi, Stephanie Maffia, Sam Stalker, Dave Thompson, Emily Watts

Honorary Life Team Members (26):

Joe Arthy, Dave Barras, Bob Bennett, Howard Christie, Lord Cunningham, Dave Fryer, Jenny Green, Roger Green, Karen Greene, Mike Greene MBE, Pete Holburt, Keith Hudson, Richard Longman, Joe Moody, Will Mullineux, Guy Newbold, Ken Owens, Bill Pattison MBE, Dave Polhill, Maurice Pringle, Brian Smith, Gordon Starkie, Keith Thompson, Nick West, Royanne Wilding, Martin Young

Agenda

1. Chairman's opening remarks

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting held on 15 November 2021

3. Presentation of the 2022 Annual Reports by Officers including the 2021/22 Accounts

4. Election of the Trustees being: -

   - Chairman
   - Up to 4 Team Leaders
   - Up to a total of 9 trustees, including Chairman and Team Leaders

   The following nominations for trustees were received by the deadline: -

   Chairman

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
John Bamforth	Jake Manson	Mark Harrison

   Duty Team Leader

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
Chris Cripps	John Hryb	Penny Kirby
Phil Hall	Rob Stalker	Dan Pocock
John Hryb	Andy Cramp	Richard Smith
Penny Kirby	John Hryb	Dan Shepherd

   Trustees

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
Ian Davidson	Mike Smith	John Hryb
Mark Harrison	Penny Kirby	Mike Smith
John Noake	Sue Noake	Phil Hall
Mike Smith	Richard Moss	David Kennedy

   Appointment of officers

5. Motions for debate and proposed constitutional changes – None have been received

6. Appointment of Auditors (with a proposal to retain Robinson & Co)

7. Any other business

Chairman's Report

At the time of writing, the number of callouts this year is approaching the record years of 2017 and 2021 when there were 140 and 139 '999' calls, respectively. For most of this year we have been dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic, which has brought many new visitors into the Lake District and placed significant demands on our team and on those of our neighbouring teams. We have remained operational throughout and thanks must go to those who have kept us safe and functioning throughout this period.

To address the increased requirement for our services, over the past three years, we have actively sought to increase the number of members in the team from the previous notional target of 40 members to around 50. This has entailed a significant amount of recruitment campaigns, training and mentoring sessions, and assessment exercises, and thanks must go to those who have made this happen. The first two years' cohorts have become full members and a third is about to graduate, with next year's cohort about to begin their probationary period.

Our base was designed to house four vehicles as well as the boat, and this year we decided to increase the capability of the team's vehicle fleet from three to four, to cope with the increasing number of callouts and allow us to attend multiple incidents at the same time. We costed this out and applied to the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership for a potential contribution before raising funds ourselves. To our delight, we were awarded the full amount of £75,497 to buy our fourth emergency vehicle kitted out with blue lights, casualty care and radio communications equipment: we are very grateful for this level of funding support and the vehicle is on order.

Sadly, in May this year we lost our friend Pete Baines. Pete joined the team in February 1980 after moving to Cumbria in 1976 and he recently celebrated 40 years as a member. In his time, he was quartermaster, buildings officer, committee member, trustee, and latterly assistant team leader. Aside from that he was blessed with a great sense of humour and with speed up the hill, often arriving well in advance of the rest of us. Our thoughts are with his wife Janice and his family.

In previous years, the long service awards began at 25 years (then 40 years, 50 years and so on) but this year MREW has expanded the awards to start at 10 years and then every 10 years, so we have been back through the records and the following current member are to be congratulated on achieving the following long service awards: -

<u>10 years</u>

Chris Adams, Chris Cripps, Debs Cripps, Mark Hazell, Jon Lynch, Jake Manson, Dave Thompson

<u>20 years</u>

Dave Kennedy, Colin Smith

<u>30 years</u>

Richard Warren, Dave Willey

<u>40 years</u>

Martin Bentley

<u>50 years</u>

Sue Noake

This October has seen a significant milestone with Sue Noake achieving 50 years of service in the Wasdale team. This is a magnificent achievement and particular congratulations must go to her for her efforts over that time. In December, Tim Brooks will have reached 25 years and in 2023 Penny Kirby will reach 40 years and Graham Hogg 10 years.

A key element of our service is our medical aspect, and this has been enhanced again by our diligent medical team not only in the equipment that we have at our disposal but also by the level of skill and the capability that has derived from their expert training of our membership. This year we have had several callouts where the medical intervention of our team members made a life-changing difference to those casualties: those involved can be truly proud of their achievements.

Communication too is very important and those involved in keeping our infrastructure operational and enhancing it should be recognised. We have operated successfully with several other Lakes teams this year and the fact that we have a Lakes-wide roaming digital radio infrastructure has enabled that to happen. The addition of technologies such as Zello and satellite telephony give us more tools in our toolbox to stay connected.

Thanks must go to Duddon & Furness MRT for their enthusiastic support at our busiest times and to the aircrews of HM Coastguard and the air ambulances, as well as Cumbria Police, NWAS, RAF MRT and other emergency services. It is good too that we have such a strong region to draw on other resources such as communications, casualty care and swift water rescue to name a few.

Income and expenditure have been carefully managed and controlled over the year and thanks must go to those involved in our team's financial governance and to Robinson & Co who generously prepare our accounts each year. In these financially difficult times, we are fortunate to have a healthy bank account with at least two years' worth of operating expenditure as well as earmarked reserves. Thanks must go to those of you who have helped to bring in the much-needed funds: this includes attending functions and events throughout the year to gain and receive these funds.

I would like to thank all our trustees, elected and co-opted officers who have worked tirelessly to maintain our effectiveness as a team during another very busy year of rescues and training.

Thanks go to the members of the team for their commitment, contribution, and support over the past twelve months. Finally, the support that we receive from families and friends, who often must pick up the pieces when there is a callout, is much appreciated: please pass on our thanks.

John Bamforth

Chairman

Secretary's Report

This is the first year I have taken on the role of secretary and mostly, it has been relatively straightforward. Whilst I am not a trustee, there has developed a welcoming atmosphere at trustee meetings and I have always felt able to speak up, and indeed have done so at most meetings. I hope in 2023 that other members will come along, if only to observe the goings on with team governance.

It has been a few years now since the team split meetings into an Operation Review and a Trustee meeting. My opinion is that this has now matured into the discussions that were originally envisaged. The operations review is quite rightly dominated by recounting call-outs and teasing out all manner

of learning points – more and more team members are chipping in during these meetings. The Trustee meeting has made lots of progress in different aspects of team governance, but whilst the agendas often look simple, there has been a lot to get through.

One final thought about team meetings – the 'what went well' segment at the start each meeting has been around for some time now and continues to be a celebration of members achievements. I am sure all will agree it is an enjoyable, positive way to begin a meeting.

However, it has not all been successes. Back in April I undertook an action to look at the team's engagement with our Honorary Members. I began with enthusiasm and lots of them wrote back to me with their thoughts on aspects such as receiving the ops meeting minutes and their opinion of our social media accounts. However, team activities combined with busy lives meant the weeks passed by over the spring and the summer - I did little to keep in touch. I am sure those Honorary members reading this now would agree. Going forward in 2023 I think it would be good to begin something simple and maintainable – perhaps a short quarterly newsletter to Honorary members based entirely around the 'what went well' segment from our meetings. I would welcome any thoughts on this from members, please do get in touch.

Team membership stands at 37 full team members and 10 probationers, compared to 31 and 7 respectively last year. Sadly, we lost Pete Baines this year and Neil Carrick and Lee Dixon have left the team: thanks must go to all of them for their efforts.

Additionally, we have a group of associate members in supporting roles: sadly, Jen Hellier has stood down and thanks are due for her efforts in the fundraising area. We welcome Sam Stalker as a new associate member in the fundraising team.

The website and all the social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) have been kept up to date and thanks to all involved in doing this. It is another one of those many jobs "behind the scenes" that needs to be done. It is perhaps underestimated in today's world of instant information, but it has a great deal of value. Many people who do not use social media revert to the website to find out about what is happening including past members, past casualties, the media, and those wishing to leave a donation or a legacy. We have had many people contact us about a variety of things and it remains a worthy public face of the team available at all times of the day.

Finally, quite often the secretary's role is diverting a wide variety of tasks in the direction of many other members – to those who have helped in all manner of jobs that keep the team functioning, I extend my thanks.

Graham Hogg

Secretary

Duty Team Leaders' Report

It has been another busy year, and since last year's AGM up until 16th November, there have been 142 '999' calls, 123 of those since January 1st this year, (19 between the last AGM and 31st Dec). Of these 142 calls, 53 have been dealt with by the team leaders, (including 4 last year) and the team was not called out.

The remaining 89 were a mix of lost folk - where we went out and actively searched; lost, but where we were able to get a Phone Find, then it was a case of locating and escorting folk off the hill; stuck, with or without dog, and an enormous variety of medical issues and injuries. Tragically, there have been fatalities, but some resounding successes, notably 2 casualties suffering heart attacks, both of whom survived. Lucy will go into more detail in her report.

We were able to assist Duddon & Furness MRT on 2 incidents, have been assisted by them on many more, and by RAF Leeming on a few others. We were supported by teams from across the Lakes and beyond on some of our searches. We continue to have great support from air assets and land ambulances.

We have welcomed 6 probationers from last year as full members, we have 10 probationers currently, and will hopefully have 5 starting in January next year.

Covid has had less of an impact this year thankfully, and although team members have contracted the virus it has not prevented us from responding.

Thank you to all for the amazing commitment, and support, not only on rescues, but behind the scenes – vehicles, equipment, building and grounds, medical, media, recruitment, communications and ICT, finances, fund-raising, water and boat, training, and a myriad of other small but essential tasks that ensure we can operate as smoothly as we do. It is, put simply, an extraordinary achievement, thank you.

Thank you

Chris Cripps, Phil Hall, John Hryb & Penny Kirby

Duty Team Leaders

<u>Medical Report</u>

COVID: Keeping the team safe and operational

The team continued to report weekly LFTs until August. There is no doubt that this contributed to being fully operational throughout the pandemic. A local pharmacy has kindly provided flu jabs and boosters further strengthening our position this winter.

Call Outs

November 2021 to October 2022 (inclusive) there were 139 callouts of which 21% were medical.
(Data from casualty cards and recorded callouts).

Ankle Injuries	Knee injuries	Legs injuries/cramp	Shoulder Injuries	Head Injuries	Hip Injury	chest pain cardiac
9	8	6	1	2	1	2

100 % of all medical callouts were attended by a casualty carer. The team were able to offer professional care and alleviate suffering using the skills developed through both the casualty care and first aid courses. In one case a casualty with severe chest pain, having had textbook treatment on the hill, was treated in a cardiac centre before the team returned to base.

Training

Dr Tariq Qureshi continues to lead on the casualty care programme, and we are running our third this year. Currently the team has 13 certified members. Medical training has benefited from the purchase of a simulation manikin, skeleton, training defibrillators, anatomy & physiology models, and posters. Dr Qureshi and I are looking to develop some extended skills and are planning an exciting programme of medical training for 2023.

In March this year, 10 of the team including 8 of our probationers successfully completed an outdoor first aid course building on existing numbers, this gives a grand total of 69% of the team qualified in OFA. A massive thanks goes to Mike Smith for delivering an engaging and professional course.

Monthly medical training has been supported by local team doctors from Keswick, Duddon and Furness MRTs and paramedical staff. This is important and we value our links with the local community including the National Centre for Rural and Remote Medicine near Whitehaven, and our Community First Responders.

Equipment

Waterproof first aid kits have been provided to individuals in the team. These include group shelters and a comprehensive list of essential kit. Once again, thanks to Mike for the advice and help preparing these for issue. Earlier in the year we trialled some pouches for the medical bags, these are now in place, providing improved and intuitive access to emergency equipment. We are going to trial some cutting-edge thermometers and pulse oximeters to improve our monitoring capabilities on the hill and continue to strive towards best practice.

Left to right: Steve Read; Chad Dixon; Lee Tunstall; Dr. Tariq Qureshi; Lucy Belson; Steve Walter; Sarah Wild; Dave Allery.

It has been a year of exciting developments and innovation.

A huge thank you to Dr Tariq Qureshi who has joined the team as associate member and is the medical lead on Casualty Care. Also, a big thanks to Dr Alistair Fale for lots of additional training and Dr C Heasman for her support plus medical staff from West Cumberland Hospital. Paul Barratt has continued to manage the weekly LFT reporting and Mike Smith for bringing his First Aid expertise.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our medical efforts, too many to mention, but a heartfelt thanks to all.

Lucy Belson

Medical officer

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the year to 30 September 2022 are being finalised and thanks must go to Emma Woodend and Jason Spires of Robinson & Co. for preparing them.

Financial highlights

The highlights of the year from a financial point of view (from the draft accounts) are as follows: -

- The net income for 2022 was £75,092 and this compares to the 2021 figure of £58,422.
- Donations in 2022 were £97,633 compared to £109,231 in 2021 and there was £500 of legacies in 2022 compared to £nil in 2021.
- Net assets have decreased from £1,275,896 to £1,253,236 of which cash at bank is £490,531 compared to £500,231 in 2021.

Summary

For the past few years, we have said to the public that it costs approximately £70,000 to run the team each year and this remains the challenge for next year's fundraising. The team's finances are in a healthy position and the challenge remains for next year's trustees is how to invest the team's assets in the medium to longer term.

John Noake

Treasurer

Fundraising Report

Events

Over the past year, fundraising events have picked up as the pandemic restrictions have diminished. This has meant that we have been able to raise our public profile and continue to promote effective community relations.

Below is a record of the regular, new, and resumed events in the fundraising calendar between December 2021 to date:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	EXPENSES	MONEY BANKED
3/12/2021	WMRT Merchandise stall	Egremont Fair Trade and Craft Market	None	£284.85
18/12/2021	Flag Day	Egremont and Whitehaven	None	£2335.30
18/03/2022	Refreshments Stall	Egremont Fair Trade and Craft Market	Anne: £10	£391
22/05/2022	Egremont Pool League Gala	Egremont Town Rugby Club	None	£800
10/06/2022	Drigg Gala	Drigg	None	£366
20/08/2022	Gosforth Show	Gosforth	None	£1424.09 (Includes donations raised by the Brown family and presented at the show)
24/09/2022	Eskdale Show	Eskdale	See below	£368.66
08/10/2022	Wasdale Shepherd's Meet	Wasdale Head	See below	More than £500
Future events:				
21/04/2023	Egremont Farmer's Fair Trade and Craft Market	Egremont		
12/12/2022	Flag Day	Egremont and Whitehaven		

At each of the above events, we are extremely grateful for the support of many team members who assist on the day; engaging with the public, erecting, and dismantling the gazebo, entertaining children, and offering advice and information to all those who come to the stall. Your presence is much appreciated.

The refreshments stall at the Egremont Farmer's Fair Trade and Craft market is a regular fixture for us now and is in the calendar for next year on 21st April.

The flag day has also been booked for 17th December 2022 and will repeat yearly. The generosity of local people makes this an important source of funding and goodwill for us.

The annual agricultural shows will also be part of the fundraising calendar in years to come. Again, they form a vital part of our offering to the local community.

Merchandise

We have bought several new items for the team shop, most of which have sold very successfully at the local shows.

The additional stock and sale price is as follows:

- T shirts £10-£14
- Water bottles £8.50
- Beanies £10.00
- Torches £6.00

- Notebooks £4.00

When these are added to our team website shop and social media platforms, we hope to reach an even wider market, generating a good amount of revenue and supporting our public profile.

Of the existing merchandise, the contemporary design blue neck scarves are proving very popular. Again, we hope to sell these even more widely when they are added to the website.

Collection boxes

We have purchased 30 new collection boxes which will replace the very old ones still in circulation. The newer 'old' ones continue to be used for as long as they are intact. The contemporary design means that the boxes are slightly bigger and are more stable on a countertop.

The collection system is constantly evolving with new members taking responsibility for certain boxes and we are very grateful for their help. Thanks go to Rich Smith and Mitch for their regular collections from Bridge End Garage and Seascale.

Carol Holmes also ably assists us in Eskdale: her collection area is extensive, and this saves us an awful lot of legwork. Many thanks to her.

Conclusion

There is always more that could be done, but we hope that, as recent associate members, Sam, Jen, and I have begun to make an impact on the profile of the team. Jen has now left the team, but her work is much appreciated. It has been a busy year for WMRT, and fundraising has been no exception.

We will continue to do what we can and promote new initiatives where they are realistic and helpful. The efforts of the Fundraising team are always well supported by the wider membership, and we are grateful for that support.

Anne Guest and Sam Stalker

Fundraising Officers

<u>Vehicles Report</u>

Many thanks to John Hryb, who I have taken over from as vehicles officer since the 2021 AGM. A big thank you also to all who use the vehicles; for driving safely, keeping them clean and reporting any issues. An extra mention to Lucy Belson, Mike Smith, and Lee Tunstall who have provided support when needed to keep these vehicles on the road and ready to respond.

The Team continues to operate with the support of three vehicles:

Mobile 1, our Toyota Hilux, continues to be our preferred rapid response vehicle. The vehicle has done 1987 miles so far this year and was used for most call-outs.

Mobile 2, our Land Rover Defender is the second of our two rapid response vehicles which still provides the team with its iconic MR look and attended many of our fundraising and charity event commitments during the year. The vehicle has done 1141 miles so far this year and continues to be invaluable for boat deployments.

Mobile 3, our Ford Tourneo Custom, the third motor vehicle in the fleet, has the capacity to ferry a larger number of members to call-outs, and has also been used for attending training events and to ferry equipment around. The vehicle has had some electrical problems, which have proved problematic to resolve using local garages due to the specialist nature of the blue light equipment, but work is in hand to fix this issue. The vehicle has done 2250 miles so far this year.

The vehicles continue to be regularly maintained; any faults have been minor in nature, and promptly dealt with. All vehicles have passed their annual MOT and have been taxed and insured.

There are no plans to replace any of the vehicles in the coming year, however, due to the expansion of the team over the past few years, a review of vehicle capability has been undertaken, and a decision made to purchase a further rapid response vehicle. In total, this will allow our fleet to transport up to 24 members at once and will enhance operational flexibility. A specification was drawn up and shared with the two main rescue vehicle providers in the north-west of England, and as a result an order placed for a Toyota Hilux, which once converted will be like Mobile 1. Unfortunately, mainly due to current global vehicle supply issues, the date for the delivery of an operational vehicle is uncertain, but hopefully it will be up and running before next summer's busy season. Thanks are due to the Mid-Copeland GDF Community Fund, who have generously provided finance for the vehicle itself and for equipping it. Thanks to John Bamforth for working with the Fund to secure this. Housing it will require some changes to be made in the base.

Looking forward, changes to governance arrangements for our vehicles and drivers are in the pipeline. This is likely to mean there may be some changes to vehicle maintenance and to driver training requirements. It is early days with this, so watch this space.

Jake Manson

Vehicles Officer

Water Report

I have only started the Water Officer role recently and so I still am familiarising myself with the team's water equipment and the boat.

The SRT capability of the team has been raised at the Trustee meeting and we have decided to maintain the ability to field two Category C pods of 6 team members each along with a small number of reserves for cover. We currently only have 8 technicians whose qualifications are in date and so will be offering places to interested team members as regional training places become available, to reach the desired capability.

The boat has been used once per month on average throughout this year and forms a key piece of rescue equipment that we also regularly practice with. Due to the issues that we have had with launching and recovering the boat, in October we had a very useful practice session "in slow time" and we are currently documenting the process and the learning points. One issue that came out was the low nose weight of boat on the trailer. We have rectified this by moving the trailer axle backwards to give the correct nose weight.

Thanks to all those who have helped in the checking of the SRT equipment and the boat.

Rob Stalker

Water Officer

Communications & ICT Report

As the Communications & ICT Officer for 2022 I have been responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of WMRTs radio communication and ICT infrastructure. This year the focus has been on maintaining the existing system and exploring ways to improve it.

New Equipment Purchases

During the year new equipment has been purchased to provide new probationers with radio handsets and to maintain our existing spares holdings (radio handsets, remote microphones, whip antennas and radio cases).

Approval was also given to purchase additional equipment to support testing of new capabilities:

- Base Station Radio - Required to support the development of a Zello solution in conjunction with the LDSAMRA Comms group. More about this in the Zello section below.
- New Vehicle Radio with Single Frequency Repeater Licence - This will allow us to evaluate the single frequency repeater function and test how it will integrate into our operations as a deployable vehicle-based unit.
- New Antennas for Wha House, Wasdale Head and Nether Wasdale - Replacement Antennas to improve the gain on the existing sites. These have yet to be purchased and installed but will likely form tasks going forwards.

Repeater Sites RF Health Check

Dave Chimley, who is a Radio Communications Specialist, kindly offered to do an RF health check on several our repeater sites in June. A few of us met Dave and we evaluated the installed equipment at Longlands Base, Wasdale Head and Nether Wasdale sites and the vehicles over a day. This activity identified areas for immediate improvement which Dave helped us with and suggestions going forwards. Thanks to Dave Allery for organising.

Satellite Radios

The area that WMRT operates in has a few areas that do not have satisfactory radio coverage from our repeaters. In October 2022, we commissioned a limited satellite push to talk radio service to provide improved potential for communications from these areas. The operating costs are high relative to the radio system, so they are deployed by hill group rather than individually. We have two handhelds and a base station now. Early indications of performance are good. We understand that we are the first MRT to deploy Satellite PTT in the UK. Thanks to Gareth Platt for his assistance installing the base station.

Zello

Zello is a service which allows us to securely link our radio system to the internet. This gives us the benefit that authorised users with an internet connection, but no radio service can assist in operations. WMRT, as part of MREW, has been granted a free license by the vendors. The system is currently being bench tested prior to a potential deployment. Thanks to Hugh Redington for his assistance in setting Zello up.

The task of maintaining and improving Communications and ICT is a team effort and I would like to thank the Comms team - Jon Lynch, Dave Allery and Hugh Redington who have all contributed throughout the year in maintaining and improving the communications capability.

Robert Higham

Communications & ICT Officer

Buildings Report

Monthly checks of alarms, drainage, and general site upkeep.

Generator has a full tank of fuel and is ready for any power supply issues this winter.

Fire and intruder alarms have had their yearly service as have the extinguishers.

New backup batteries in the intruder and fire alarms also three new backups in emergency lights have been replaced in the last month.
Some of the fire extinguishers have been replaced to keep them current and seals replaced throughout.

Had a couple of issues with the garage door but seems ok now.

Rob Smith

Buildings Officer

Equipment Report

I started the Equipment Officer role in September 2022, where I have been responsible for managing the team's crag equipment, stretchers, and other rescue accessories. The role involves sorting the various inspection requirements, purchasing new equipment, and liaising with equipment suppliers. Andy Cramp has kindly offered to support with the clothing side of the role.

Recently the team has invested in accessories for the new Titan stretcher, including a headguard, skid sheet and carrying handles. The intention is to enable the team to use the Titan stretcher on more rescues as it is approximately 50% lighter than our standard Bell stretchers! The headguard has been well received as it is less bulky and easy to install, the new skid sheet is significantly easier to install than the older one. The new carrying handles are lightweight, however the attachment mechanism is not the most secure. We will be using this more in the future to help understand its capabilities and limitations.

New sets of DMM nuts, hexes and cams are currently on order to bring our third crag set up to full strength; this will either be used as an operational spare, or in the new response vehicle when it arrives.

The team continues to make more use of D4H, which is our new equipment logging and maintenance system. This is very easy to use and allows expiring equipment and inspections to be monitored. I have continued the excellent work of the previous Equipment Officer, Mark Kendall by adding more of the

team's equipment to D4H, notably the stretcher bridles and accessory cord. The aim is to get all the team's crag related equipment and stretchers on the system. I am also updating the personally issued crag equipment on D4H to ensure that it is logged against which team member it is assigned to. This will make inspections significantly easier to manage and will make it easier to track the location of expired equipment.

In November 2022, it became apparent that several of the team's stretcher bridles were out of their 5yr statutory inspection date. Rectification of this is now progressing well, with all outstanding bridles sent to Lyon for re-certification. Some bridles have recently expired their service life, so three new bridles have been ordered, notably a wire bridle for the Titan stretcher allowing it to be winched by the Coastguard.

One of our Mk3 Bell stretchers (manufactured in 1990) has recently passed its 5yr statutory inspection, with the Titan stretcher due in January 2023. Thanks to everyone who has helped with transporting our equipment to Lyon at Tebay, especially Lee Tunstall.

6 monthly inspections of the team's crag rescue equipment were completed in September and October 2022. This a huge task as we have almost 1200 pieces of equipment which must be thoroughly inspected and logged. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with this, especially Ian Davidson, Rob Stalker, and Mark Kendall. 12 monthly inspections of personally issued crag kit are also currently ongoing.

The team has ordered new Mountain Equipment Kongur MRT jackets and Paramo Aspira jackets for 2021 and 2022 recruits. These will be under review, before considering the team's strategy of renewal and replacement. This is currently on a 5yr cycle, which would benefit from some discussion and possible development with a view to updating which clothing is appropriate for each team member.

I have only been in the role for a couple of months; however, I am enjoying the challenges it brings and intend to continue into 2023. I would like to thank the team for their ongoing support.

Dan Pocock

Equipment Officer

Press Officer Report

2022 has been another busy year of rescues for the team which means plenty of social media reports viewed by the media. Having the highest mountain in England on our patch with 60% of incidents on Scafell Pike means a lot of press enquiries. Local and national papers, local and national radio, regional and national television, they all want a story. Maintaining good relationships with the media has always been our approach with the media and it seems to work well. It allows us to get our own messaging across whether it is fundraising, recruitment, safety messaging to reduce those 40% Scafell Pike lost and missing or just a big thanks to our community.

2021 saw the showing of the Screes and boat rescue on BBC1 Close Calls: On Camera and 2022 showed the rescue of 12-year-old Zack Hockey from Scafell Pike who sustained a serious head injury on Mickledore Screes. Thanks to Mike Smith for co-ordinating and to the team leaders for their inputs to the filming. It is worth a watch on BBC iPlayer - Series10:Episode 15 and shows how well our team

performs and equally the great way we work and interact with the supporting air assets. A demonstration of multi-agency working at its best.

Our team leaders have appeared in TV interviews throughout the years. They present well and add operational realism to interviews that press officers sometimes cannot quite deliver. Not an easy task for the team leaders but always well executed so thank you. Also, a big thanks to all team members who have helped with the photographs, the videos and indeed the opportunities we get for reconstructions. It all makes the job of a press officer so much easier to do.

Richard Warren

Press Officer

Training Officer Report

Over the year we have had a wide variety of training involving the bell stretcher, the titanium stretcher, wheel, the boat, crag training and associated equipment, steep ground, medical, (Lucy will cover this), winter skills, PPE kit inspection, communications, crashed aircraft, navigation for some and silver incident training.

We had a long weekend winter training in Scotland. One member attended a PPE inspection course, several undertook blue light driver training, and others casualty care or outdoor first aid training.

There has been helicopter training for some, search management training, avalanche incident management training, not to mention drone training, dog-training, and a flood awareness exercise.

We took time to learn from the tragic incident affecting a Patterdale team member and have incorporated some of the learning into our practices, we have looked at mental health issues, dementia and at ways to look after our own wellbeing.

Much of the training has involved all team members, some tailored towards the probationers. The programme has been amended at times to address training needs arising from callouts.

Although we now train more frequently than we used to, it is a challenge to fit everything in, especially when callouts intervene, and some elements will be covered every second or third year.

We have had some outside trainers/speakers but many team members have helped run the training as well, thank you to them.

This is all in addition to a very busy year in terms of callouts, so thankyou to everyone who has participated.

Penny Kirby

Training Officer

Incidents

These incidents have been kindly reproduced from the Team website (http://www.wmrt.org.uk) and represent events up to and including Monday 14 November. It should be noted that the reporting date for the team is that of calendar years. Incidents between the last AGM on 15 November 2021 and 31 December 2021 are reported separately later.

Number of '999' calls for the calendar year to date = 119 which includes 72 with the team on the fell and 47 alerts, where the incident was reported in as a '999' but there was no need for any significant team involvement and therefore not formally logged as an incident - this is where, for example, the Team Leader talks them off the mountain with minimal team member involvement or missing persons turn up before the team is fully mobilised. Since the last AGM there have been 137 incidents of which 86 were callouts and 51 were alerts

1. Little Narrowcove, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 18:13 Sat 1st Jan 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police regarding two walkers who had become lost whilst descending Scafell Pike. The team were deployed, and the couple were located initially by the Team's search dog, Jess, in Great Moss before being walked back to safety.

2. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 18:24 Sun 2nd Jan 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police regarding a walker attempting the 3 Peaks who had become lost whilst descending Scafell Pike but said he could see lights in the distance. A Limited Callout was initiated, and he was found low down (again by Jess) by the intake wall at Gavel Neese.

3. Upper Eskdale - Full Callout - 17:00 Mon 3rd Jan 2022
The team was called for 2 walkers who had become lost after climbing Scafell Pike. The walkers had no reception, but the police were fortunately able to provide a location from the 999 calls. The team was deployed, and Jess our Search Dog got her third find in three days when she located the walkers high up in the Eskdale valley. They were escorted down to a waiting taxi to be reunited with their car at Seathwaite.

4. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:53 Tue 4th Jan 2022
The team were called to help a lady and her husband after the lady had injured her ankle whilst descending off Scafell Pike. The pair had attempted to self-rescue, however, due to the poor ground conditions and the deteriorating light they felt it was in everybody's best interest to ask for help. Both Wasdale and Duddon & Furness team members were immediately deployed to the location where initial medical care was provided and the lady was then carefully stretchered off back down to the valley bottom. Thank you for the support from Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue Team.

5. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 16:03 Sun 9th Jan 2022
Whilst descending off Scafell Pike summit a couple of walkers became disorientated in low cloud. Due to the treacherous terrain, the encroaching darkness and the sudden temperature drop, the couple decided to call for help. The Duty Team Leader was able to make immediate contact with them and identify their exact location. Due to the cold, the Team Leader felt it was best to direct them away from the Piers Gill area and move towards Lingmell Nose descent path. A small deployment of Team Members were asked to go and meet the couple to provide warm clothing and lights if needed. The couple were intercepted and safely escorted back down to the valley bottom.

6. Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 17:02 Sat 15th Jan 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police regarding two walkers who reported themselves lost on the descent from Scafell Pike. "Phone find" put them partway between the summit and Mickledore. They were given directions to descend via Mickledore and were asked to keep using Phone find to pinpoint their location. When there were no updates and it was not possible to reach them by phone, a limited callout was initiated, and they were located at Mickledore. They were unhurt and able to walk down.

7. Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:34 Sat 22nd Jan 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about eight walkers who were reported overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. While the Team Leader was gathering information, one member of the group returned to the valley and contacted the police to say that the rest were all OK and not far behind. The incident was closed after confirmation was received that they were all off the hill.

8. Scafell Pike - Alert - 17:05 Sat 29th Jan 2022

A party of 5 was reported lost on Scafell Pike. The Duty Team Leader was able contact the group and guide them off the hill with the aid of Phone Find.

9. Little Narrowcove, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 08:00 Mon 31st Jan 2022
The team was alerted by Cumbria Police regarding two males who needed assistance after spending an unplanned night on the fell. One was struggling due to a leg injury and was becoming very cold. Due to the risks to the casualties, remote location and the potential for a long and arduous stretcher carry, helicopter assistance was requested. Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 attended and tried to access the location of the casualties in Little Narrowcove but was thwarted by high winds and turbulence. They then proceeded to help the team hugely by uplifting many team members and a large amount of equipment to Ill Crag, from which they could get to the casualty site much quicker. On arrival, both casualties were assessed with one able to walk off the fell after some rewarming and refuelling. The other was packaged carefully into a stretcher and after a very difficult carry to the valley bottom, both casualties were transferred into the helicopter for onward transport to hospital. Many thanks once again to Rescue 199, Duddon and Furness MRT and Keswick MRT, who had also deployed team members with additional equipment.

10. Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:33 Mon 31st Jan 2022

As the team was returning to base from the previous callout, a further call was received requesting help from two walkers who were lost on Scafell Pike. The Team Leader used Phone Find to determine their initial location, and then provided guidance to enable them to safely walk themselves down to Wasdale. The team was stood down when they were confirmed to be safely off the fell.

11. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 17:18 Sat 5th Feb 2022

Two walkers reported themselves lost on the descent from Scafell Pike. They were very wet and cold but not injured. Their location was established through Phone Find. As they had no torches and very limited battery life on their phones, it was not possible to talk them off, so a small group was tasked to escort them off the hill. They were able to walk off after rewarming.

12. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:06 Sun 6th Feb 2022

A call was received about a walker who had sustained an ankle injury and was unable to walk. The location was virtually at the top of Scafell Pike. Given the very considerable risk of severe hypothermia in the conditions – bitterly cold and extremely high winds, Wasdale team responded, with support from Duddon and Furness and Cockermouth teams. A Coastguard helicopter was also requested. A call was received just over an hour later to say the party were nearly back at the car park, having been helped by other walkers. The 15 Wasdale, 8 Duddon and Furness and 11 Cockermouth team members, who were all already on their way, together with the coastguard helicopter, were then stood down.

13. Ill Crag - Full Callout - 16:27 Sun 6th Feb 2022
A call was received for three walkers who were lost on the Scafell Pike (Ill Crag) area. It was bitterly cold and wet, getting dark and they had no lights. They were given directions to walk off via Esk Hause, it being an easier option and with the wind behind them. However, they next made contact at Broad Crag Col, in the opposite direction, where they fortuitously met another group who guided them down to Wasdale. The team had intended to meet them with torches, food, and spare clothing, but they were stood down before going on the hill.

14. Quagrigg Moss - Limited Callout - 19:17 Sun 6th Feb 2022
A third call of the day was received for three walkers and four dogs who were lost in the Scafell area. It was bitterly cold, dark, and they had only one phone for light. The risk of hypothermia was considerable. It transpired that they were two separate parties who had both got lost. Phone find put them in Quagrigg Moss. The team were able to locate them and then walk them off after a brief rewarming.

15. Scafell Pike - Alert - 11:52 Sat 12th Feb 2022
Whilst descending off Scafell Pike summit a couple of walkers became disorientated in low cloud. Due to the terrain and the sudden temperature drop, the couple decided to call for help. During the original 999 call the Police asked the couple if they could see any others in the vicinity and if they did, they should then follow them back down off the hill. As a result of this advice the couple were able to subsequently self-rescue without the deployment of the team.

16. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:32 Sat 12th Feb 2022
Whilst descending off Scafell Pike summit a party of walkers became disorientated in the darkness. Due to the unfamiliar terrain, the darkness and the deteriorating weather conditions, the party decided to call for help. After several attempts the Team Leader was able to contact the lost party and with a bit of encouragement was able to guide them off the hill.

17. Great Gable - Alert - 20:16 Mon 21st Feb 2022

A call was received for two walkers who had got lost on the descent from Great Gable. They had managed to get as far as the intake wall on the Sty Head path and were concerned that the light from their phone would not last long enough to see them off the hill. They were reassured that they did not have far to go and asked to make contact once down, which they did, so the team did not have to go out.

18. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 17:44 Fri 25th Feb 2022
We were alerted to a lone walker who had become lost on their descent from Scafell Pike. Phone Find was used and identified their location on the Corridor Route. Members of the team were deployed to that location. After some re-warming the walker was able to walk off the hill assisted by the team.

19. Ill Crag - Full Callout - 18:06 Sat 26th Feb 2022
The Team was called to a party of six walkers at the summit of Ill Crag after one member of the party became ill. Due to the remote location and prevailing weather conditions, assistance from the Coastguard helicopter, Rescue 936 was gratefully received. They assisted by transporting two team members up the fell from the team base close to the location of the casualties. They then flew the party and the team members back to base. Huge thanks once again to the Rescue 936 team with some skilful flying in challenging conditions and to Duddon and Furness MRT who had deployed into Wasdale in case the air transfer was unsuccessful.

20. Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:43 Mon 28th Feb 2022
The partner of a walker who was overdue returning from a walk with friends up Scafell Pike contacted the police to raise the alarm. However, very shortly after the Team Leader started to make enquiries the group turned up back at their vehicle safe and sound and the team were stood down.

21. Scafell Pike - Alert - 15:48 Tue 1st Mar 2022
A party of four who were descending off Scafell Pike contacted Cumbria Police due to concerns regarding one member of their party who was struggling to walk. A Team Leader was able to contact the party and encourage them to continue as best they could due to deteriorating light conditions and the temperature dropping. The party agreed to try and continue under their own steam, however, due to a second medical emergency occurring Duddon and Furness MRT were asked to monitor their progress and respond if they were unable to progress any further. Fortunately, the party were ultimately able to make their own way off the fell. Thank you to Duddon and Furness MRT for their continued support.

22. Hare Crag, Eskdale - Full Callout - 16:28 Tue 1st Mar 2022
An organised group was climbing on Hare Crag and whilst descending off the back of the crag a young person badly twisted his ankle. A team member who was already on scene provided initial medical interventions whilst the alarm was raised. Team members were immediately deployed to location where the casualty was provided with further medical attention and then stretchered off the hill back to an awaiting vehicle.

23. Sty Head - Alert - 20:13 Sat 5th Mar 2022
A gentleman met a couple at the Sty Head stretcher box who were struggling to make their way off the hill, as the lady had an ankle injury. The gentleman then contacted the police out of concern for their safety. Although no emergency was confirmed the Team Leader asked a colleague to look up to the pass to confirm that any lights on the pass were descending. The confirmation was positive and that the lights were low down. No further action was required.

24. Middleboot Knotts, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:49 Sun 6th Mar 2022
Cumbria Police were contacted by a gentleman who had come into difficulty whilst descending off Scafell Pike on the Piers Gill path. Having spoken to the Team Leader and explained he was stuck on a rocky face surrounded by ice the team was immediately called out and helicopter assistance requested. However, whilst team members were making their way to base the gentleman's friends were able to get him to safety and thus a stand down was quickly put out.

25. Seathwaite - Alert - 22:03 Sun 6th Mar 2022
Cumbria Police contacted the Duty Team Leader regarding a possible injured person in Sour Milk Gill in the Seathwaite area. The Keswick MRT Team Leader was immediately contacted, and the job passed over to them.

26. Great Gable - Alert - 16:32 Thu 10th Mar 2022
We were contacted by Cumbria Police regarding two walkers who had become lost descending Great Gable. The Team Leader was able to ascertain their location with Phone Find and then guide them down onto the path and then onwards to Wasdale Head.

27. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:28 Tue 15th Mar 2022
The team was alerted regarding a young male with a medical issue above the Hollowstones area on Scafell Pike. Helicopter assistance was requested due to the location but was not available on this occasion. Fortunately, the casualty had recovered sufficiently when the first team members arrived to be able to walk off the fell under his own steam. Once back

in the valley he was advised to attend hospital for a check and the team was stood down. Thanks again to Duddon and Furness MRT for their support.

28. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 17:13 Wed 16th Mar 2022
A call was received about two walkers and a dog who were stuck on the large boulders on the lakeshore path. A foot party and a boat party were deployed as the Team Leader was unable to contact the walkers to find out what breed of dog they had, and how big. A large dog would be impossible to carry safely across the boulder fields. The party was located, warmed up and then taken across the lake by boat to the road where more team members were located to act as a reference point. A taxi picked them up to return them to their accommodation and the team returned to base.

29. Miterdale - Full Callout - 12:45 Fri 18th Mar 2022
A call was received about a walker who had sustained an ankle injury whilst out walking. The team, together with Duddon and Furness members were deployed. The casualty was treated, stretchered off, and taken to hospital by ambulance. We wish the walker a quick recovery.

30. Tongue, Esk Hause - Full Callout - 20:23 Tue 29th Mar 2022
The team was alerted regarding two walkers who had lost their way whilst descending from Scafell Pike summit. Team members set off from Gavel Neese in Wasdale and were able to find the lost party easily once in the area thanks to Phone Find. After some refuelling the walkers were escorted back to Wasdale where their car was located. The team then headed back to base to restock the vehicles ready for the next callout.

31. Hardknott Pass - Alert - 11:00 Tue 5th Apr 2022
A call was received about a car stuck on Hardknott Pass. The driver and passenger were unhurt. Normally we only attend to assist the occupants, and do not attempt to move vehicles. A team member who was in the area went to assess the scene, by which time a member of the public had managed to turn the car around, so the team was not required.

32. Braystones - Full Callout - 15:37 Sat 9th Apr 2022
The team was contacted about an incident in the Braystones area. NWAS ambulance crew were already on scene and treating the casualty for a leg fracture. Team members then stretchered the casualty from the beach to the waiting ambulance.

33. Lingmell - Alert - 22:27 Fri 15th Apr 2022
The Team Leader was alerted by Cumbria Police regarding a concerned camper who had seen lights on Lingmell and was worried that they needed assistance. Following initial enquiries, a second Team Member was asked to go to Brackenclose to investigate further following which the team was stood down. A false alarm with good intent.

34. Great Gable - Alert - 14:15 Sat 16th Apr 2022
A call was received about a walker with an injured ankle on Great Gable. It was established that the casualty was on the Ennerdale side of the hill, so the call was passed to the Cockermouth team, who then dealt with the incident.

35. Stanley Ghyll, Eskdale - Full Callout - 16:36 Tue 19th Apr 2022
The team was alerted to a male walker who had slipped and heard a ‘pop’ in their knee and was then unable to bear any weight. The team deployed quickly to the area and assessed the casualty before administering some pain relief and a vacuum splint. He was then packaged into a casualty bag and stretcher and moved down the hill to the car park, from where he was driven by another member of the walking party to hospital for further assessment and treatment. We wish the gentleman well with a speedy recovery.

36. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 19:36 Thu 21st Apr 2022
The team was alerted to a lone walker who was descending from the Scafell Pike summit. She had possibly fainted and fallen, in some pain and was generally struggling to make further progress back to the valley floor. As nightfall was approaching and temperatures dropping quickly the team were mobilised. Thankfully, Phone find provided a very accurate location once again. On arrival she was given some extra energy through food and drink, and re-warmed with further clothing layers and some time in a team group shelter. After a while she was then able to walk off the hill under her own steam under close guidance from the team.

37. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:17 Thu 28th Apr 2022
We were alerted yesterday to a walker on Scafell Pike who had injured his ankle and was no longer able to continue. The team was called out, with assistance gratefully received once again from Duddon and Furness MRT due to the expected long stretcher carry from this location. Once on scene he was medically assessed and given pain relief, before being transferred to a stretcher for the carry down to the valley. He was then transferred into an ambulance for the onward transfer to hospital. We wish the casualty well and a quick recovery.

38. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:23 Sat 30th Apr 2022
Our new team members got a chance straight away to demonstrate their skills with two call-outs in quick succession. The first followed a call that was received from NWAS about a walker who had tripped and sustained a head injury. A passing nurse helped to dress the wound, many thanks to that person. The casualty was able to start walking and was met by members of the team who assisted her the rest of the way down. Her husband then took her to hospital.

39. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:03 Sat 30th Apr 2022
The second callout in short succession followed a call that was received from Cumbria Police about a solitary walker who was feeling unwell. The location was very close to the previous incident, so team members were already on the hill. They met the casualty, who had been helped by members of the public, thank-you to them, and the team helped the casualty the rest of the way down. He was subsequently met by his friends in the car park. We wish a speedy recovery to both the casualties.

40. St Bees Head - Alert - 14:19 Tue 3rd May 2022
A call was received about a casualty with an ankle injury somewhere in the St Bees area. As the location subsequently became clear (at the promenade) the tasking became the responsibility of the Coastguard Rescue Team and the Team Leader stood the team down.

41. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:56 Fri 6th May 2022
A call was received from Cumbria Police about a walker who had tripped and sustained an ankle injury. The team mobilised, and once on scene, treated the casualty. The limb was splinted, and the casualty was stretchered off the hill to a waiting ambulance, to be taken to hospital. We wish the walker a quick recovery.

42. Scafell Pike - Alert - 13:36 Fri 13th May 2022
A call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who were reported as overdue from their walk up Scafell Pike. As the Team Leader was gathering information a call was received to say they had turned up safe and well.

43. Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 22:38 Mon 16th May 2022
We were alerted regarding a walker who had become disorientated on the descent from Scafell Pike. Unfortunately, it was not possible to talk him off, so a small group of team members went to find and escort him off, which he was able to do after some rewarming.

44. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:40 Sun 22nd May 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained an ankle injury on the descent from Scafell Pike. The team attended, with support from Duddon and Furness team. Helicopter assistance was also requested, and Rescue 936 from Caernarfon attended. Fortunately, the cloud lifted just at the right time to enable the helicopter to get on scene, the limb was splinted, and the casualty was airlifted to hospital. Very many thanks to them and to Duddon and Furness team for their support. We wish the casualty a speedy recovery.

45. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Alert - 15:55 Fri 3rd Jun 2022
A call was received from Cumbria Police about two walkers who had lost the path on Scafell. Using Phone find, the Team Leader was able to talk them down off the hill back down to the valley floor.

46. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Alert - 15:48 Sat 4th Jun 2022
A call was received from Cumbria Police regarding a female walker with an ankle injury. The Team Leader called the informant to find that they were receiving help from their friends and passing walkers who assisted in getting the injured walker down the hill. A further check with them a little later confirmed that they were almost back to the car park and so the team was stood down. Thanks to all that helped the walker on the way down.

47. Scafell Pike - Alert - 03:04 Sun 5th Jun 2022
The Team Leader received a call from the Keswick TL at 3am for a missing walker believed to be somewhere on the Scafell Massif. He had separated from friends earlier the previous day having set off from Wasdale. Clues in the messages passed on from the informant led to a belief he had been in Seatoller village the evening before. Given it was nearly light we decided to hold off doing anything at that time. Around 6am the Phone Find sent earlier in the night was delivered and a location returned in Cockermouth's patch, so they picked up the job and went up to meet the gent.

48. Calf Cove, Great End - Full Callout - 15:03 Sun 5th Jun 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police to an urgent call. Other nearby walkers had observed a lone walker to have collapsed and was unconscious. The walkers tried to resuscitate the person and called for help. The location was high up on the Scafell massif at the top of Calf Cove. Due to the location and urgency GNAAS support was requested and Helimed 58 attended. They were quickly on scene but despite all their efforts tragically there was nothing they could do to save his life. The crew of Helimed 58 were subsequently able to recover the walker back to Brackenclose where the aircraft was met by

some of the team. Our thoughts are with the friends and family of the deceased, and with the passing walkers who assisted at the scene and made the initial call for help.

49. Great End - Alert - 12:55 Wed 8th Jun 2022
A call was received from Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who had lost the path in mist on Scafell Pike/Great End. It was not possible to contact them, and Phone Find did not locate on this occasion but fortunately the mist cleared enough for them to get their bearings and make their own way off the hill.

50. Eskdale - Full Callout - 12:59 Wed 8th Jun 2022
A call was received from NWAS to say a walker had sustained an ankle injury on rocks by the river. The team were called to assist with extrication. On arrival, the casualty was already in the ambulance having been carried up to the road by her husband, so the team were stood down. She was transferred to an air ambulance and taken to hospital.

51. Beck Head, Great Gable - Full Callout - 16:55 Thu 9th Jun 2022
The team was alerted by Cumbria Police by a walker who had reported a fellow walker that had hurt their leg and was struggling to descend the tricky path down from Beck Head to Gavel Neese. The team was mobilised but fortunately the walker had managed to make it down to the valley floor where we met up. A lift in the team vehicle back to Wasdale Head was gratefully received, to minimise any further discomfort.

52. Green Hole, Upper Eskdale - Limited Callout - 19:28 Thu 9th Jun 2022
The team was alerted by Cumbria Police to a walking couple who had become disoriented in the mist whilst descending Scafell Pike and required assistance. As there were no injuries, a small team was despatched to intercept the couple, alongside some guidance from the Team Leader to walk off the fell towards Brotherilkeld. This proved successful, reducing the significant walk in to Green Hole, and the team met up with the walkers near to Lingcove Bridge, before escorting them the rest of the way.

53. Wasdale - Alert - 17:35 Mon 13th Jun 2022
The team was alerted by Cumbria Police regarding two walkers that had become detached from the rest of their group and had not turned up at the valley floor. As the Team Leader was gathering information, the good news was received that they had descended successfully and reunited with the group, so the team was stood down.

54. Kirk Fell - Full Callout - 18:54 Fri 17th Jun 2022
We were called last Friday evening to assist our friends at Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team to someone who had taken a nasty tumble fall on Kirk Fell. Fortunately, by the time we arrived the cloud had lifted enough for Maritime and Coastguard Agency Rescue 199 helicopter to access the scene and winch the casualty off, so we were not needed to help with what would have been a difficult stretcher carry off the mountain. All that remained for us to do was escort the last member of the party back to Wasdale Head, along with two extra rucksacks, which had not been airlifted earlier with their owners!

55. Dunnerdale - Limited Callout - 12:30 Sat 18th Jun 2022
A request was received from the Duddon and Furness Team Leader to assist with the rescue of a fallen climber at Wallowbarrow crag in the Duddon. A small number attended and assisted with the evacuation. Sadly, the climber did not survive. Our thoughts are with his family and friends, and with the Duddon and Furness team, NWAS, Helimed, and the police, all of whom were involved.

56. Scafell Pike - Alert - 07:50 Sun 19th Jun 2022
The Team Leader was alerted by Cumbria Police about a walking group that had split up during a Three Peaks challenge. The quicker part of group had returned to the valley but were concerned for the remaining two walkers that were now overdue. Fortunately, as more information was being gathered, they turned up and the team stood down.

57. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 01:21 Sat 25th Jun 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police to a party of six walkers who had taken a wrong turn on Scafell Pike. A Phone Find located the party and they were given some advice by the Team Leader to direct them in the right direction. Due to the poor weather conditions the team were also called out and they successfully intercepted the party and provided some rewarming, before escorting them down to safety in the valley.

58. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:15 Sat 25th Jun 2022
The Team Leader initiated a Full Callout for the team when a walker was struggling to walk off Scafell Pike after sustaining a painful knee injury. He tried to continue to walk down, but unfortunately could not carry on. We are grateful once again to our friends from Duddon and Furness MRT who assisted us with the stretcher carry from the Hollowstones area. Once safely down to Brackenclose he made his own way out of the valley with advice to get further medical checks at hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

59. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 09:05 Sun 26th Jun 2022
The Team Leader was alerted by Cumbria Police regarding a lone walker who had lost the path and become disorientated on the summit plateau and needed assistance. Phone find was used once again to gain an accurate location and then he was directed back to the summit, where he quickly met up with other walkers. They kindly walked him down to the valley floor, and we give our thanks to them. It is a good reminder that the summit plateau can be a hostile place in poor weather even in the Summer so a good reminder to bring a map and compass and have the skills to take a bearing onto the path you intend to take.

60. Esk Pike - Full Callout - 14:42 Sun 26th Jun 2022
We were called to a party of five walkers who were very cold, wet and had taken a wrong turn on their descent to Wasdale. The Team Leader called the team out to meet up with them and direct back to safety. However, whilst team members were on the way, the party met up with other walkers who helped them onto a path and into Langdale. As such the Team Leader handed the callout over to our friends at Langdale Ambleside MRT, and they located the walkers and directed them back to the Langdale valley.

61. Cam Spout, Scafell - Full Callout - 18:39 Mon 27th Jun 2022
As team members were arriving on Monday evening for our monthly team meeting at base, a call came in regarding a male walker who had taken a 100 ft tumble fall around the area of Cam Spout waterfalls. He had obtained a nasty head injury, had been unconscious for a period and likely had other injuries. The alarm was raised by his walking partner who had left the scene to raise the alarm. Unfortunately, the nearest place to do that was a few miles away at the nearest farm. Due to the nature of the injuries, the time elapsed, and the potentially difficult extraction, multiple air assets were requested, and both Helimed 58 and Rescue 199 were deployed quickly. The team also responded quickly to Eskdale but were unsurprisingly beaten to the scene by Helimed 58. They had searched the reported location at Cam Spout with nothing seen, but then noticed a walker waving on the path out of the valley about a mile away. Remarkably the injured casualty had self-rescued to the valley floor. This allowed Helimed 58 to land on scene and treat the casualty quickly. Members of the team arrived just before Helimed 58 departed, and in the end no direct action was required by us. Huge thanks to all that helped in this callout, including both helicopter crews, and the owners of the farm who raised the alarm and then looked after the casualty's partner. We wish the casualty a very speedy recovery.

62. Beck Head, Great Gable - Full Callout - 13:51 Tue 28th Jun 2022
The team were alerted to a party of two male walkers, one of which was suffering from severe chest pains and feeling very unwell. The alert was raised by another walker who had encountered them on the hill and volunteered to raise the alarm at the nearest farm. A full callout was swiftly made, and the team deployed. The weather conditions were far from ideal for helicopters but both Helimed 58 and Rescue 936 from Caernarfon were scrambled. It was expected that we would find the casualty and his friend reasonably high up at an elevation of approximately 450m towards Beck Head. However, we were somewhat amazed to find them in the valley near the bridge at Gavel Neese, after somehow, they had managed to struggle down together. Team Casualty Carers assessed and treated the casualty prior to the arrival of Rescue 936 helicopter. They were thankfully able to land near the scene and after a short stretcher carry, he was airlifted to hospital for further assessment and treatment. The team then transported the casualty's friend to the Wasdale Head Inn, where we were very grateful for the provision of tea and rather excellent soup. For the second time in less than 24 hours, we thank both helicopter agencies, the walker who raised the alarm, the farming community for making the call to us, and the stoic and determined casualty who made a dramatic difference to the speed and difficulty of the onward journey to hospital. We wish the casualty a very speedy recovery and hope to see him back on the Wasdale fells before too long.

63. Scafell Pike - Alert - 14:41 Tue 28th Jun 2022
Whilst the previous incident was ongoing Cumbria Police alerted us to another call from a walker who was descending Scafell Pike and was struggling to make progress due to cramping in their legs. Fortunately, after a while and with some assistance from other walkers, they were able to make satisfactory progress and the team were stood down.

64. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 18:53 Wed 29th Jun 2022
Cumbria Police notified us about a walker stuck on the boulder field on Wastwater lakeshore, with an injured ankle, having fallen a couple of times. A foot party and the boat were deployed, and further members went to Cross Walls on the other side of the lake to receive the party, and to assist with the stretcher if needed. The walkers, with their three dogs, were ferried across the lake and returned to their car, and the team stood down.

65. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:47 Sat 2nd Jul 2022
We were called by the police about a walker with an arm injury at the bottom of Brown Tongue. The team deployed, treated the lady and stretchered her back down the hill. She was taken to hospital by ambulance.

66. Great Gable - Alert - 19:41 Sat 2nd Jul 2022
We were called by the police about an overdue walker. He had split up from his partner whilst on Great Gable and not returned. Within a very few minutes (6!) we got a call to say he had turned up safe and well.

67. Scafell - Full Callout - 08:10 Mon 4th Jul 2022
The team were called about a walker who had not contacted his family as expected. Extensive searches were conducted over 3 days in the Central Fells, plus Langdale, Eskdale, Mosedale, Borrowdale and Ennerdale. Searches continued into the 4th day and the casualty was found in the early evening. Sadly, he had not survived. The team deployed and brought him back down to the valley. We have had unstinting support from MR colleagues from across the Lake District and beyond (Yorkshire and Derbyshire), RAF Leeming, search dogs, drones, West Cumbria Search and Rescue, Coastguard helicopters R199 and R936, and police. We are extremely grateful to them. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. Team Members involved: 35 from Wasdale MRT, 7 from Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team, 7 from Keswick Mountain Rescue Team, 3 from Langdale Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team (LAMRT), 10 from Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team, 1 from Derby Mountain Rescue Team, 10 from Royal Air Force Mountain Rescue Service (RAF Leeming), plus Maritime and Coastguard Agency helicopters R199 and R936, 5 search dogs, 8 drones, (2 of whom were with West Cumbria Search and Rescue). Many of these people came out for several days.

68. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 17:51 Mon 4th Jul 2022
As day one of the search for the previous callout was ongoing, a further call was received from Cumbria Police. Two walkers had become crag fast close to the top of the Screes and were not able to safely progress. They had wisely called for help at that point. The team deployed with rope and other crag equipment and were able to secure and then assist the walkers to the safety of the ridge summit.

69. Great Gable - Limited Callout - 17:18 Sat 9th Jul 2022
We received a call from Cumbria Police regarding a concern for the safety of a walker who had reportedly traversed onto some difficult and steep terrain on Great Gable. As there was little detailed information and the walker could then not be contacted directly, a small team was called out to investigate further. Happily, soon after the callout was made, the walker made contact to confirm he had made it down safely into Ennerdale, and the team was stood down.

70. Upper Eskdale - Full Callout - 10:36 Mon 11th Jul 2022
The team were called out to a report of an ankle injury in Upper Eskdale. A Duke of Edinburgh Award participant had jumped across a small beck and landed awkwardly, leaving him unable to bear weight on his leg. As the team was short on numbers extra support was provided once again by our friends at Duddon and Furness MRT. After a medical assessment and treatment, a long and hot stretcher carry was made to Cockley Beck where the group leaders used their own vehicle to take him to hospital for further checks. We wish the young man a speedy recovery and hope he is back on the fell soon.

71. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 00:10 Wed 13th Jul 2022
The team was called in the early hours by Cumbria Police about a vulnerable person reported missing around the Corridor Route area. A small team was deployed later in the morning to try to locate the person and help guide them back down to Borrowdale. They were able to do this and escorted as far as Styhead Tarn, where our friends from Keswick MRT completed the journey back down to Seathwaite.

72. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Alert - 11:58 Tue 19th Jul 2022
The Team Leader received an alert regarding a party of four who were descending Brown Tongue. One of the walkers was requesting help as he had developed sudden pain in both knees having summited Scafell Pike. There had been no injury or fall. After a conversation with the Team Leader the casualty was able to self-rescue with the aid of the other members of his group. We are grateful to them all to have managed to do this and prevent a callout.

73. Whitehaven - Alert - 00:39 Wed 20th Jul 2022
A call was received from Cumbria Police to help with a search for a vulnerable person in Whitehaven. Jess, our search dog was agreed to be most effective way to cover the most ground quickly. However, before they were able to get boots and paws on the ground, happily the person was located, and they stood down and returned to bed.

74. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:19 Wed 20th Jul 2022
The team were called about a walker who had sustained a knee injury on the descent from Scafell Pike. The team deployed, with assistance from the Duddon and Furness team (again!), treated the injury and stretchered the walker back down the hill. The family then took him to hospital. Thank you to Duddon and Furness team for your help. We wish the walker a quick recovery.

75. Great Gable - Full Callout - 19:27 Thu 21st Jul 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained an ankle injury on the way down from Great Gable. There was no mobile signal from the walker's position, so the team deployed with limited information as to their position. Subsequently, a passing walker was able to give an accurate location to the police. On arrival, the walker was given pain relief, the injury was treated, and she was stretchered off the hill. The descent for the stretcher party from this location is not easy, and it required many team members to provide a roped "walking belay" from the rear. Once down safely in the valley, the casualty was taken to hospital by land ambulance. We hope she makes a speedy recovery. Our thanks yet again to Duddon and Furness team and to the farm to allow us access. We are grateful for the help.

76. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:33 Mon 25th Jul 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker whose footwear had unfortunately suffered a malfunction and they were attempting to descend from Scafell Pike barefoot. Thankfully, with some encouragement from the Team Leader they managed to repair the offending item sufficiently to make slow progress down by themselves, and the team were not needed to help.

77. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:07 Tue 26th Jul 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen and sustained a head injury close to the summit on the descent from Scafell Pike. The team quickly deployed, with a coastguard helicopter also requested. Rescue 199 from Prestwick was on scene first and the winchman was just helping the casualty into the helicopter as the first Wasdale team member arrived. The walker was then flown to hospital for further assessment and treatment. We wish her a quick recovery and our thanks once again to the crew of Rescue 199 for their support.

78. Broad Stand, Scafell - Full Callout - 18:10 Tue 26th Jul 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who was stuck on Broad Stand, the cliff just above Mickledore. The team were already on the hill for the previous incident and as that casualty was already on the way to hospital by air, the team were diverted to this incident. Some team members had to go back down to the vehicles for crag kit, then walked up to the top of Scafell with the necessary equipment. Rope systems were set up from above, to enable the walker to be safely lowered to terra firma. The walker was uninjured and then able to walk down.

79. Black Sail Pass - Full Callout - 00:36 Sat 30th Jul 2022
We were called by Cockermouth Team, who had been called by the police about a competitor in the Lakeland 100 race. The reports stated he had collapsed and was unresponsive, about a mile from Wasdale Head towards Black Sail. The team deployed and as a precautionary measure, talked to the race marshals at the Wasdale Head checkpoint. Thankfully, the runner was back at Wasdale Head having been helped off the hill by others. He was assessed by an ambulance crew and discharged, after which the team stood down.

80. Styhead Path, Great Gable - Alert - 15:56 Sat 30th Jul 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a group of three walkers who had got lost on Scafell Pike and consequently, walked a lot further than they had intended and were very tired. They were concerned they could not get back to their car at Seathwaite. The police left messages to encourage them to walk to Wasdale, that being the shortest option, which they did and arranged a taxi.

81. Silver How, Birker Fell - Alert - 19:00 Sat 30th Jul 2022
Cumbria Police notified us about a father and son who had strayed off the path in the mist on Silver How in Eskdale. The Team Leader was able to direct them back on the path using Phone find, and the walkers then managed to get themselves off the hill. The message that they were safely down came through just as a second team member was about to go and check the campsite, so he was stood down.

82. Lingmell Gill Path, Scafell Pike - Alert - 01:56 Tue 2nd Aug 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a group of 13 walkers who could not cross Lingmell Gill at the bottom of Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike, as it was in spate. It had been raining since 5pm the previous day. It was not possible to speak to the group and there was no response to text messages. A team member went to check car parks but was unable to get further than “Down in the Dale” bridge due to flooding. There had been no further calls to the police, although text messages advising them to get in touch that way had been received, so it was possible the group were moving. However, because of the very real risk of hypothermia, the Team Leader was about to call out the team when a message was received to say the group were safely down off the hill.

83. Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 18:34 Tue 2nd Aug 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a well-equipped family group of six walkers one of whom was struggling on the descent from Scafell Pike. A limited callout was made to go and assist them. In the meantime, they walked some of the way towards Lingmell Nose to keep warm and stopped at a prearranged spot. They waited for the arrival of the team in their bivvy tent. Lingmell Nose was the preferred route off as it avoids stream crossings, and the water levels were high. When the team arrived, the group were given spare clothing and sustenance and walked off.

84. Great Gable - Alert - 17:33 Fri 5th Aug 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who was overdue from a walk on Great Gable. His father had become concerned that he had not returned when expected. Happily, after a few phone calls, it was established that the father and son had somehow missed each other, and the son was off the hill safe and well. The team was stood down.

85. Scafell Pike - Alert - 03:04 Sat 6th Aug 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about two walkers who were overdue from a walk up Scafell Pike. It was not possible to contact them, but messages sent to a relative earlier had suggested various locations. Eventually they were able to make

phone contact and they were at Oliver Gill on the western flank of Scafell. They were given instructions to direct them back to Wasdale valley and got back safe and sound.

86. Scafell Pike - Alert - 02:20 Sun 7th Aug 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about 3 walkers who said they were lost on the descent from Scafell Pike. They did not respond to Phone find or text messages, presumably out of signal. The police then received a message to say they were by a bridge and had found a path so with after discussion with the police, the incident was closed.

87. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:03 Tue 9th Aug 2022
We were called by NWAS about a walker who appeared to have had a fit and a bang to the head as the result of falling. A Duddon and Furness MRT team member who was nearby attended, as did the team. The casualty was stretchered off the hill and taken to hospital by a family member. We wish her a swift recovery.

88. Brantrake, Eskdale - Full Callout - 17:23 Fri 12th Aug 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who was unwell. It was not possible to contact the party to find out any more information. As it was possible that the situation was urgent, and as all NWAS ambulances were fully committed, Coastguard helicopter R936 was scrambled from Caernarfon. The team attended the scene, and found, much to everyone's relief, that the casualty had managed to get back to the road. He was checked over by team casualty carers and taken to hospital as a precaution by a friend. Rescue 936 and the team then returned to their respective bases.

89. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:51 Thu 18th Aug 2022
A call was received from Cumbria Police to ask for our help with a walker who had sustained an ankle injury and was unable to walk further. The team were mobilised, and treatment provided before placing into a stretcher and transferring back down to Brackenclose. Her walking partner took her to hospital for further assessment. We wish her a swift recovery.

90. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 15:27 Thu 18th Aug 2022
Whilst the team were responding to Incident 89, a further alert was received from Cumbria Police. Two walkers had lost their way on the summit plateau in the mist and need assistance. The Team Leader used Phone Find to accurately locate them and they were directed back to the summit. They were then given further instruction onto the main path back down to Wasdale. As a precaution, four team members were temporarily re-tasked from the ongoing callout but were not needed once the walkers were successfully on the main tourist path in Hollowstones.

91. Wasdale - Full Callout - 14:52 Sat 20th Aug 2022
The team was alerted to an injured person who had taken a nasty fall on a path near to the Wasdale Youth Hostel, suffering a suspected dislocated shoulder and other arm injuries. Once on scene, the team medics began to assess and treat the casualty as the NWAS ambulance arrived. After some good joint agency working to provide strong pain relief and make the casualty more comfortable, he was transferred to the ambulance for onward transport to hospital. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

92. Great Gable - Alert - 15:03 Sat 20th Aug 2022
Just after incident 91 has been called in, a further call was received to alert us to a sole walker who was on Great Gable and had become disoriented in the mist. Fortunately, as the Team Leader was mobilising resources, the walker managed to relocate to a known location and subsequently made their own way off the fell.

93. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 00:51 Thu 25th Aug 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who had become lost and got wet because of falling into a bog. It was not possible to speak to him and because of concerns over hypothermia, (even in mid-summer), a small party deployed to go to his presumed location. Thankfully this turned out to be correct, the walker was ok, and the team accompanied him back down to the valley. We are also grateful to the camper who was awakened by the walker's whistles and came to help.

94. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 14:24 Tue 30th Aug 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police to a party of three people and a dog who together were unable to make further progress across the large boulder field on the Screes. The standard team response to this scenario was initiated, involving deploying the team boat, a transfer from the Screes and a drop off to the much friendlier lake shore on the other side of the lake.

95. Scafell Pike - Alert - 12:19 Sun 4th Sep 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police after two walkers became lost in misty conditions high on Scafell Pike. Fortunately, shortly afterwards they met other walkers who were able to escort them back to the main tourist path. Once they were back in the valley, they confirmed they were safely down, and the team was stood down.

96. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:56 Sun 4th Sep 2022

A call was received via the police from a member of the public who was several miles away. They had observed what they believed to be an emergency flare around the Lingmell Col area. Fortunately, after some enquiries by the Team Leader it was quickly established that this was a planned activity and not a call for help. A false alarm with good intent, and the team was stood down.

97. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 16:51 Tue 13th Sep 2022
We received a call from the police regarding a walker who had become unwell whilst crossing the Screes. As per callout 94, our boat was deployed as the safest and quickest rescue option for both the casualty and team members. The casualty was assessed and then transferred to safety on the opposite side of the lake.

98. Windy Gap, Great Gable - Alert - 23:55 Fri 16th Sep 2022
The team were alerted after a walker's companion failed to turn up at Honister YHA after a day's walking in Great Gable. Due to the route and that he was at Windy Gap when contact was last made the job was passed to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team. Happily, as they were deploying the missing walker turned up.

99. Kirk Fell Nose, Kirk Fell - Full Callout - 12:05 Sat 17th Sep 2022
We were alerted to a lone walker who had injured his ankle high on Kirk Fell nose and was struggling to make further progress. Due to the steep terrain, he called for help, and the team were called out. Once on scene, after a medical assessment and some support from team members, he was able to make slow progress off the fell, thus avoiding a stretcher carry on this occasion. We wish him a quick recovery.

100. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 17:41 Sun 18th Sep 2022
The team were alerted to help two walkers and their dog who were attempting to cross the Screes by the lakeshore of Wast Water. At the start of the last boulder field their dog became unwell and refused to move further. We were able to help by sending some team members by foot and launching our boat. We then carefully carried the very friendly pooch 'hand over hand' at times down the very slippery boulder field to the shore. The boat team then transferred the party to safety on the roadside of the lake for their onward journey and the team stood down. (Unfortunately, despite chasing the rainbow in a very picturesque setting, no pots of gold were found during this callout)

101. Great Gable - Limited Callout - 21:40 Sun 18th Sep 2022
The team were alerted by Cumbria Police about a lone walker who had become disoriented near to Great Gable summit after a very long day out on the hill. Unfortunately, on this occasion a Phone find, and direct contact was not possible, and so a small team was tasked to locate him. Once in the area, they were able to find him relatively easily and then escorted him back down to safety of the valley.

102. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 14:33 Mon 19th Sep 2022
In another Screes callout Cumbria Police alerted us to help an injured dog who was unable to carry on. The boat team responded again and was able to relocate the dog and their owners to much friendlier ground on the opposite side of the lake.

103. Quagrigg Moss - Alert - 18:47 Mon 19th Sep 2022
The team was alerted by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had become disoriented and needed assistance. The Team Leader was able to get an accurate location via Phone Find and give directions to the valley floor, after which they were able to navigate themselves off the fell.

104. Great Gable - Alert - 19:46 Wed 21st Sep 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had suffered an injury to his back whilst descending from Scafell Pike. However, as he was still mobile and heading towards Seathwaite and out of our 'patch' the alert was passed over to our friends at Keswick Mountain Rescue Team to monitor and the Wasdale team was stood down.

105. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:30 Fri 23rd Sep 2022
We were called about a walker who was reported to have collapsed close to the stream crossing on Brown Tongue. The team mobilised quickly down the valley to help. Fortunately, when we arrived, we found the walker descending slowly with help from his walking group. He had suffered a seizure and had several other injuries due to falling over when this had happened. The team Casualty Carers fully assessed his condition before helping him the short way off the fell. He was then handed over to an ambulance crew for further medical assessment at hospital. We wish him a swift recovery.

106. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 19:23 Sat 24th Sep 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about two walkers, one of whom had suffered a leg injury and could not walk. With no phone signal, her friend came down lower to make the call for help. The precise location of the casualty was not known but was anticipated to be relatively high towards the Corridor Route. As such helicopter assistance was requested from the Coastguard. They duly responded, as did Duddon and Furness MRT as we were slightly low on numbers for a long and difficult stretcher carry. However, the teams were pleased to locate the casualty a lot lower down than expected, after she

had managed to slide and shuffle down a considerable distance. This allowed R199 to be stood down. After medical assessment and splinting of the ankle, the teams then stretchered the casualty to Wasdale Head, where her friend took her to hospital. Our thanks to Rescue 199, Duddon and Furness MRT and the casualty for making our lives easier on this callout. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is back on the fell soon.

107. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:32 Sat 1st Oct 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a party of three who were unsure about getting off the hill safely. They were well equipped, carrying heavy rucksacks with camping equipment. The Team Leader was able to direct them to easier ground, where they were happy to pitch up and wait until morning to continue.

108. Sty Head - Alert - 21:10 Sat 8th Oct 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a party of two walkers, one of whom had lost an essential item of personal first aid. The team would have been able to supply this if necessary, so the walkers did not need to look for it. They were then able to continue their descent and got off the hill safely without team assistance.

109. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 21:37 Sat 8th Oct 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a lone walker who had become separated from his friends at the top of Scafell Pike. They had not been able to locate him on the descent or in the valley. Wasdale and Duddon and Furness teams searched overnight without success, and the search resumed in the morning, with more resources. We were joined by Duddon and Furness MRT again, Keswick MRT, Cockermouth MRT, and RAF Leeming, plus 2 search dogs. Coniston team were stood down before deployment. The walker was found in the early afternoon above Dropping Crag and sadly had not survived. He was brought back down to the valley where he was then cared for by the police. Very many thanks to all who helped. We offer our heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends.

110. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:11 Sat 15th Oct 2022
The team were called last Saturday about a male walker who was suffering from a sudden onset of chest pain. He was unable to continue due to the severity of the pain. A passing retired doctor was able to provide initial support and reassurance to the walker and his family. Due to the urgency, a team member who lives in the valley was dispatched direct, and a full team callout made. Helicopter support was requested by the Team Leader with Helimed 58 able to respond but Coastguard R199 delayed due to another tasking. On arrival, the advance team member was able to make a medical assessment, give some initial treatment and provide warmth with a team shelter. As the rest of the team arrived, additional medication and strong pain relief interventions were swiftly provided to make the casualty more comfortable. This enabled him to be moved into a casualty bag and onto the team stretcher for transfer off the hill. Helimed 58 support had arrived in the valley but were unable to get close to the scene due to the location and the difficult weather conditions. They landed in the valley bottom and provided medical advice via radio as they walked up the hill to meet the descending stretcher party. After the stretcher carry the walker was transferred into the helicopter for the onward journey to hospital. The team then de-briefed and stood down. Coastguard helicopter R199 was also stood down on the way 5 minutes from the scene. Many thanks to both helicopter crews, and especially to the retired doctor who provided support to the walker and us on this callout. We wish the walker all the best and hope he makes a speedy recovery.

111. Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:09 Sat 15th Oct 2022
The Team Leader was notified by Cumbria Police about a group of seven walkers who were overdue from their walk on Scafell Pike. As the call was made from the phone box at Seathwaite, our friends at Keswick MRT sent a small party to get further information and potentially initiate a search from the Borrowdale side. However, as they arrived to meet the informant, the missing walkers also turned up and both teams were stood down.

112. Langdale - Alert - 19:34 Sat 15th Oct 2022
The Team Leader was notified by Cumbria Police about a group of four walkers who were overdue from their walk. Fortunately, as further information was being gathered the group was in the Langdale valley as they intended, and the team stood down.

113. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:01 Sat 22nd Oct 2022
The Team Leader was notified by Cumbria Police about a walker who was overdue from their walk on Scafell Pike. The walker had started their route from Seathwaite so contact was made with Keswick MRT as a joint search may have been needed. However, as those discussions were starting the walker turned up and both teams stood down.

114. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:46 Sun 23rd Oct 2022
The team was called about a walker who was descending from Scafell Pike. He had slipped multiple times and had suffered several injuries including a painful back injury which rendered him unable to continue. The team was called out and once on scene performed a medical assessment and then treatment before carefully placing the walker in a full body splint and casualty bag. This allowed a more comfortable stretcher carry down to Brackenclose where a handover was made with the awaiting land ambulance for onward transport to hospital. We wish him a swift recovery. We would also like to thank the

kind people who gave the walker some food and drink, provided warmth with a survival shelter and stayed with him until we arrived.

115. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:20 Thu 27th Oct 2022
We were alerted about a party of eight walkers who had become benighted whilst trying to make their way back to Seathwaite. On this occasion it made most sense for our neighbours at Keswick MRT to handle the task as they were heading for Borrowdale. After a successful Phone find and discussion with the Wasdale Team Leader they sent a party to meet the walkers and escorted them safely back to their vehicles.

116. Broad Crag - Alert - 18:53 Sat 29th Oct 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about two walkers and their dog who were stuck in mist on top of Broad Crag. They were uninjured, well equipped with map, compass, torches, and camping gear, and with guidance from the team leader, were able to get themselves off the hill and back to Seathwaite.

117. Stand Crag, Great End - Alert - 18:09 Mon 31st Oct 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about five walkers who had got lost on the descent from Scafell Pike. They had intended to return to Seathwaite but some of the party felt unable to do that, so they were advised to descend to Wasdale Head and get a taxi, which they did with no further issues.

118. Whin Rigg - Full Callout - 12:41 Sat 12th Nov 2022
We were called by Cumbria Police about a walker who was unresponsive. The team was quickly deployed, as was Helimed 58 (Great North Air Ambulance). Rescue 936 (Coastguard helicopter) was also tasked but later stood down. Tragically, all the efforts of the walker's friends, passers-by, and those of the Helimed crew were unable to help and the walker did not survive. The team brought him back down to the valley, accompanied by his friends, where he was given over to the care of the police. Our thanks to all the other agencies involved, and especially to the people who stopped to help. We offer our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends.

119. Broad Crag Col, Scafell Pike – Limited Callout – Mon 14th Nov 2022
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had become disoriented in poor visibility whilst descending Scafell Pike. A Limited Callout was made, and with additional help from Phone Find they were located in the expected location at Broad Crag Col. After some food the walkers were escorted safely back to the Wasdale valley floor.

Incidents between the last AGM on 15 November 2021 and 31 December 2021
Number of '999' calls = 18 which includes 4 alerts

1. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 18:55 Mon 15th Nov 2021
Two walkers reported themselves lost and in potentially dangerous terrain after dark without the ability to either see or navigate themselves off the hill. Their self-reported location was confirmed to be incorrect after successful use of Phone Find placed them on the opposite side of Piers Gill. After eventually making contact via mobile a small team was deployed direct to their location and helped them get back down to the Wasdale valley safely. It was reported that they had entered the Piers Gill ravine, a main black spot for WMRT, however, after realising it was not right, they correctly retraced their steps to bring them back out of the danger area.

2. Wasdale Head - Alert - 21:52 Mon 15th Nov 2021
A family member of two walkers contacted the Police out of concern as they had received a SMS message detailing that the two walkers had become lost on their ascent of Scafell Pike from Seathwaite. After a period of investigation and a conversation with the family member it was confirmed that the two walkers had now reported themselves as back at their vehicle and were driving home. Further conversations with the two walkers confirmed that they had indeed been lost and had come off the hill into the wrong valley. A local farmer identified their mistake and directed them back over Sty Head Pass to Seathwaite. The message sent to the family was not to raise concern but to inform of their intention to be slightly overdue. No team members were deployed.

3. Upper Eskdale - Full Callout - 16:06 Sat 20th Nov 2021
A party of hill walkers in a remote area of Upper Eskdale reported that a member of their party was unable to proceed due to pain in both knees. Due to the initial availability being low and the possibility of being a protracted and difficult stretcher carry from the most remote part of WMRT's area of responsibility, both HM Coastguard and DFMRT support was requested. HM Coastguard Rescue 199 was immediately deployed from Prestwick and were able to be on scene within 40 minutes. The casualty party of three were then transferred to WMRT base allowing team members to return to their families and homes. Thank you again to the aircrew at HM Coastguard and DFMRT for all their support.

4. Dropping Crag, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 16:16 Sun 21st Nov 2021
Two hill walkers came into difficulty on technical ground having accidentally lost the path whilst ascending Scafell Pike via Broad Crag Col. An attempt was made to encourage the pair to move back to safer ground under their own steam. However, due to the decreasing temperature with the fading light a small team was deployed to the location. The two casualties were then warmed and fuelled before being escorted to safer easier ground and then back to the valley bottom. The air temperature on the hill tonight was at minus 1 with the wind chill dropping it to minus 9. Please recognise that the conditions are dramatically changing and very dangerous if not taken seriously. Please take your time to check the weather in advance and plan your day out appropriately to your capabilities. Further advice can be found at www.adventuresmart.uk.

5. Great Gable - Limited Callout - 15:04 Mon 22nd Nov 2021
This afternoon two walkers found themselves in difficult terrain having lost the descent path from Great Gable summit down to Beck Head. The Cockermouth Team Leader was initially tasked and after speaking to the lost persons managed to encourage them to self-rescue by directing them back to path. The task was then passed over to the Wasdale Team Leader who further encouraged and monitored the descent back into the Wasdale valley. Two team members were deployed with spare lights to intercept them on the way down if they were unable to proceed safely due to the fading light as sunset was at 1600 and they had only their phone lights to light their way. Thank you to Cockermouth MRT for making that initial contact and getting them moving asap. Winter is here, it is getting dark very early now and the summits are seeing temperatures as low as -10 degrees after dark. Please stay safe and enjoy the fells responsibly; see www.adventuresmart.uk for more information on how to safely enjoy your day on the hill.

6. Great Gable - Full Callout - 13:37 Fri 26th Nov 2021
A walker sustained an ankle injury on the summit of Great Gable. Due to the risk of team members being injured because of the high winds, a coastguard helicopter was requested. We are very thankful that they attended and took the casualty to hospital. Our team members did not need to go on the high fell and returned intact! The 2 friends of the casualty were taken to Borrowdale by helicopter and met by a Keswick team member, thank you.

7. Cumbria - Alert - 23:56 Fri 26th Nov 2021
Cumbria police declared a major incident. All the lake district mountain rescue teams were on alert, some teams have had multiple callouts in a short space of time. Had they been struggling for resources; the other teams would have stepped in to help. The “silver” alert is ongoing as the area is now receiving a significant amount of snowfall.

8. Eskdale - Alert - 18:06 Sat 27th Nov 2021
A call was received by the police about a group of 10 who had reportedly gone up Scafell or Scafell Pike and not been heard of after 13.00 hours. The original larger group had got split up the evening before, some ending up at Ambleside MRT base

because of the adverse weather, and they had become concerned about their friends. The Team Leader established that the group of 10 were safe at Eskdale YHA. Because of the storm, there was no electricity or wi-fi and the groups were unable to contact each other.

9. Stand Crag, Great End - Full Callout - 16:08 Mon 29th Nov 2021
Two walkers reported themselves lost somewhere on Scafell Pike. There was no other information, and it was not possible to contact them. Because of the weather, no knowledge of the missing people's clothing, experience, medical status and so on, a full team callout was initiated, and routes allocated to five different search parties. Sometime later, although it was still not possible to speak to them, the police managed to obtain Eastings and Northings, which we converted to a grid reference. This put the walkers on the top of Stand Crag near the Corridor Route. They were found, very cold and wet, but unhurt and were able to walk off the hill after rewarming.

10. Middleboot Knotts, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 15:32 Tue 30th Nov 2021
Two walkers found themselves lost whilst descending from the summit of Scafell Pike. Mobile phone reception was poor with only one of two mobiles working. However, a 999 call was able to be connected and initial contact was made by WMRT Team Leader. The Team Leader was able to determine their initial location from the 999 call and the pair were directed back to the Corridor route path at the head of Piers Gill, where they were then encouraged to continue up to Lingmell Col. Due to the subsequent lack of communications and the deteriorating weather conditions two small teams were deployed to intercept them on their descent. On arrival at Wasdale Head, lights were seen descending the North-West flanks of Lingmell, following the wall down towards Bracken Gill. Team members were able to meet up with these people and confirm they were the party in question and escort them safely back to the valley bottom. Over the past few nights, the country has experienced some difficult weather conditions which have contributed to people ending up in some extremely hazardous situations. Please remember to prepare correctly, stay safe and enjoy the fells responsibly; see www.adventuresmart.uk for more information on how to safely enjoy your day on the hill.

11. Broad Crag - Full Callout - 15:20 Fri 3rd Dec 2021
A walker came across two other walkers unable to continue as one had a leg problem. Initially, not enough team members were available for a stretcher carry, and the terrain is very difficult in all directions, so a helicopter was requested to assist. The plan was to lift team members with all the heavy carrying equipment up the hill as high as the cloud base would allow, but whilst the helicopter was on the way, the cloud base dropped at least another 200m. R936 attempted to lift some team members up to Sty Head but the cloud base was too low, so they were dropped back to Brackenclose before returning to Caernarfon. The team then set off on foot, together with seven Duddon and Furness team members. Once on scene, the casualty was assessed and was able to set off walking. The team took the long way round via Esk Hause and Sty Head as it was the easiest way off. Many thanks to R936 and Duddon and Furness MRT and to the walker who stayed with the casualty party for well over five hours before MRT were on scene. The casualty and friend would have been seriously wet and cold without his help.

12. Ennerdale - Alert - 13:06 Wed 8th Dec 2021
A call was received about a walker and dog stuck on steep ground. Once it was established that the caller was above Ennerdale Water, the incident was transferred to Cockermouth MRT.

13. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 17:11 Thu 16th Dec 2021
Two males reported themselves stuck and scared in a crag environment. A small team was dispatched to rescue them after phone find pinpointed their location. They were walked back to Wasdale where they made their own way back to Seathwaite by taxi.

14. Upper Eskdale - Full Callout - 01:19 Mon 27th Dec 2021
We were contacted by police when a friend of a lone walker said he had not heard from him after a walk on Scafell Pike. No messages had been delivered to the walker's phone and it was not possible to contact him. A search was initiated, with limited resources as many team members were unavailable. As the search progressed without success, more resources were called for, from further afield. A coastguard helicopter was about to depart from Humberside, having been waiting several hours for the weather to improve, and the cloud base to lift, when a message was received to say the walker had been found in the Upper Esk. Amazingly, he was able to walk off unaided, having spent the night out. Very many thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT, to R912 and the search dogs.

15. Gatherstone Beck, Black Sail Pass - Full Callout - 15:00 Wed 29th Dec 2021
The team were called about a walker who had sustained a knee injury on the descent from Black Sail Pass. The team attended, treated the casualty and stretchered her off to the valley. She was taken to hospital by ambulance. Here is a short video of the stretcher carry down.

16. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 20:43 Wed 29th Dec 2021
The team were called about 2 walkers, father, and son, who were overdue and not contactable. A search overnight involving 12 Wasdale, 9 Duddon and Furness and 2 Lake District search dogs in very poor conditions was unsuccessful,

some areas could not be searched because of the high river levels and adverse conditions. At 06.00 a silver incident was stood up and fresh resources from across the county were drafted in to go over the ground that had already been searched, in case the walkers were moving, and the search area was extended to cover more Eskdale routes, and the Borrowdale, Langdale and Mosedale routes. The walkers descended to Boot, Eskdale, having spent the night low down in comparative shelter away from the high fells thankfully, and without MR assistance. Wasdale MRT thanks all the other teams who helped on the ground or behind the scenes, plus the 6 dogs and handlers.

17. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 15:30 Thu 30th Dec 2021
The team was called for 2 walkers who had taken a wrong turn whilst descending Scafell Pike. Phone Find was used which placed the couple on the Corridor Route. Due to the failing light and poor weather conditions a small party was sent up to escort the pair off.

18. Middle Fell - Limited Callout - 16:00 Thu 30th Dec 2021
The team was called for two walkers who had become disorientated whilst descending Middle Fell. Phone Find was used which placed the couple a few hundred meters from the path. Due to the failing light and poor weather conditions a couple of team members were sent up to guide the pair off.

Callout and Training Attendance

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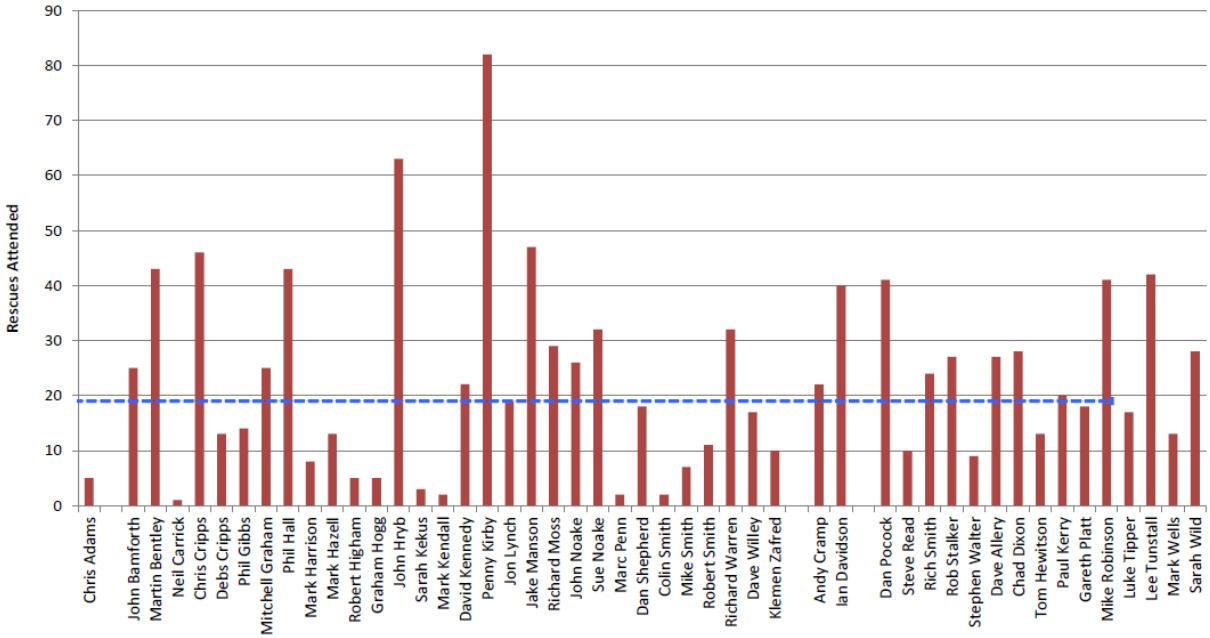

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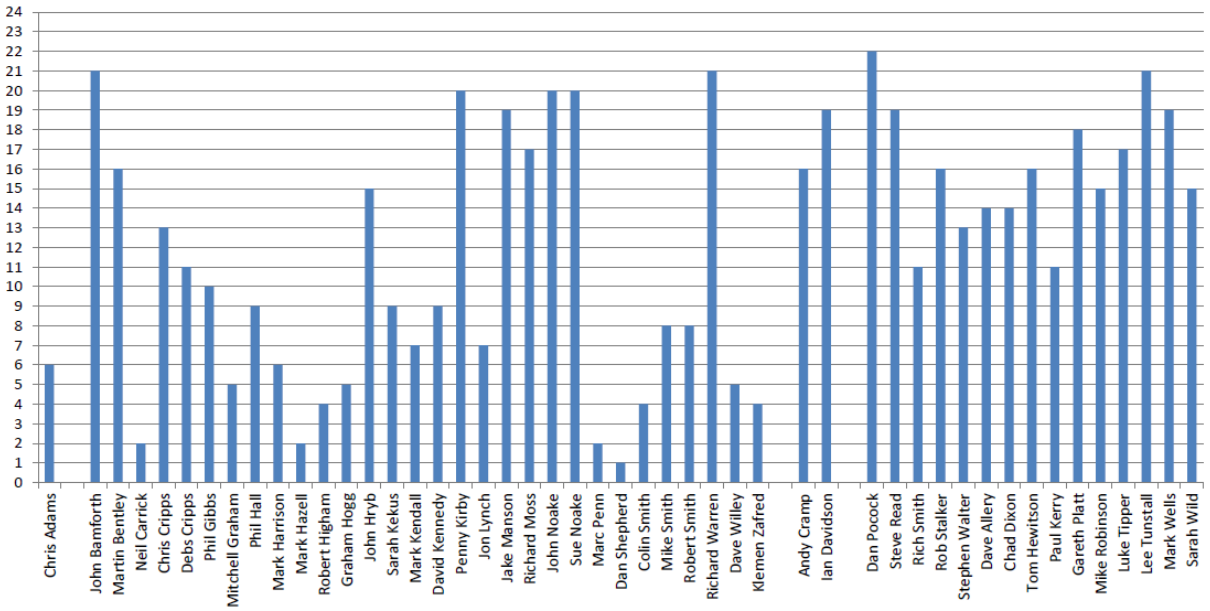

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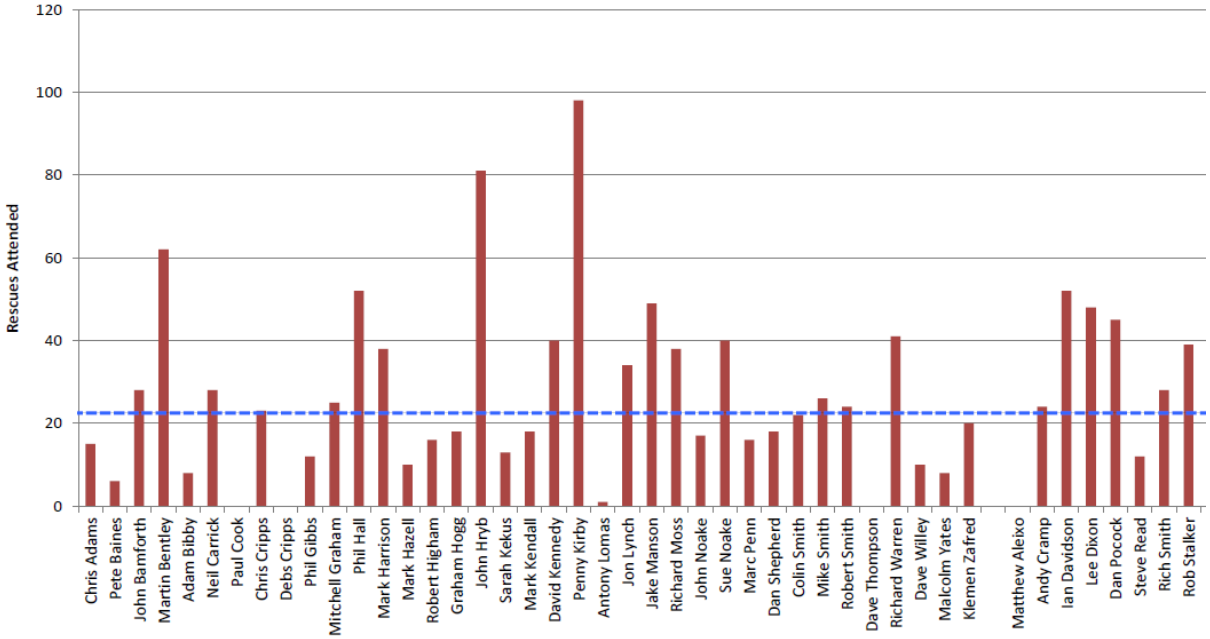

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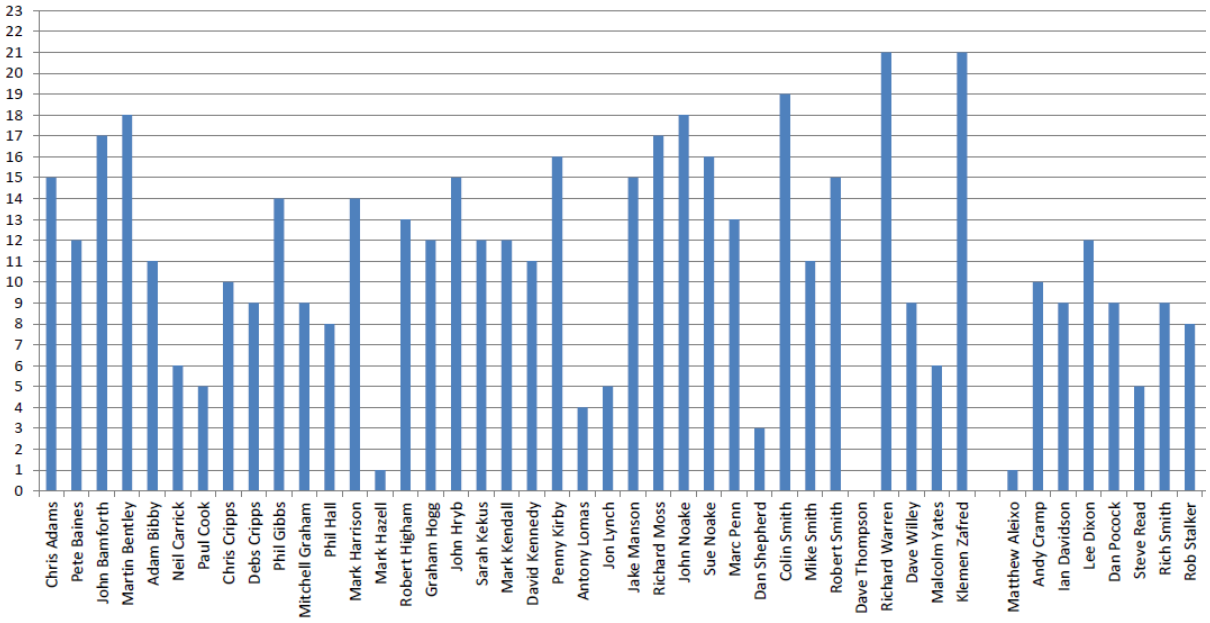

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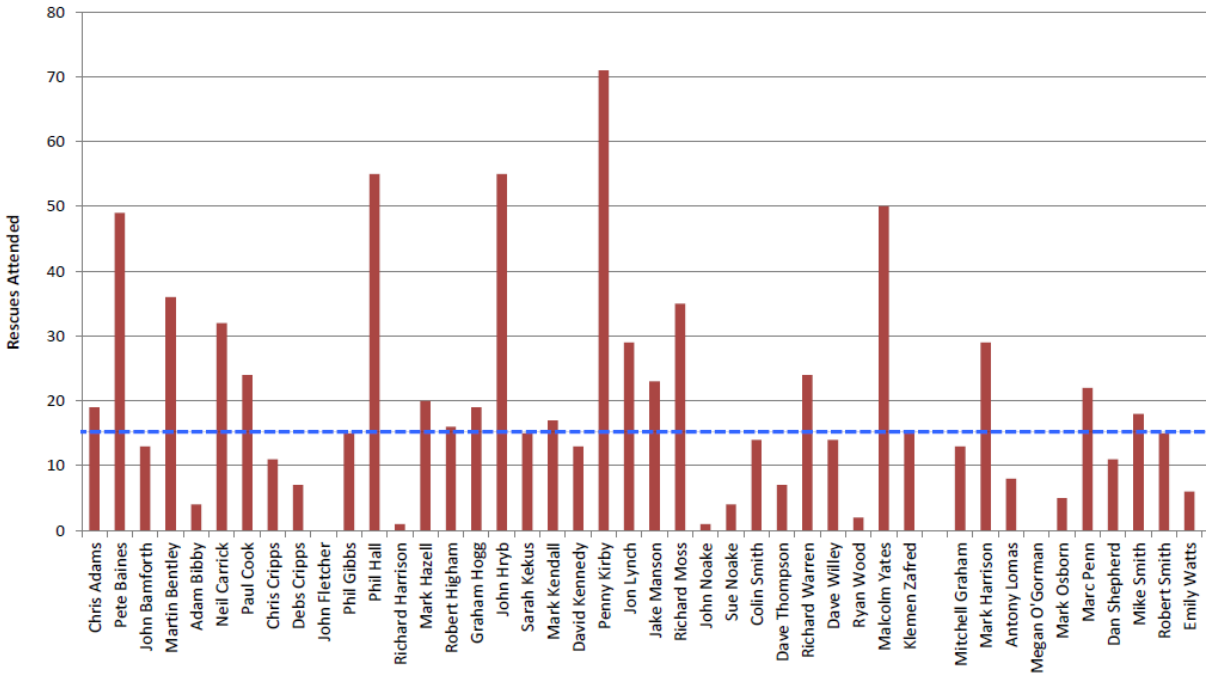

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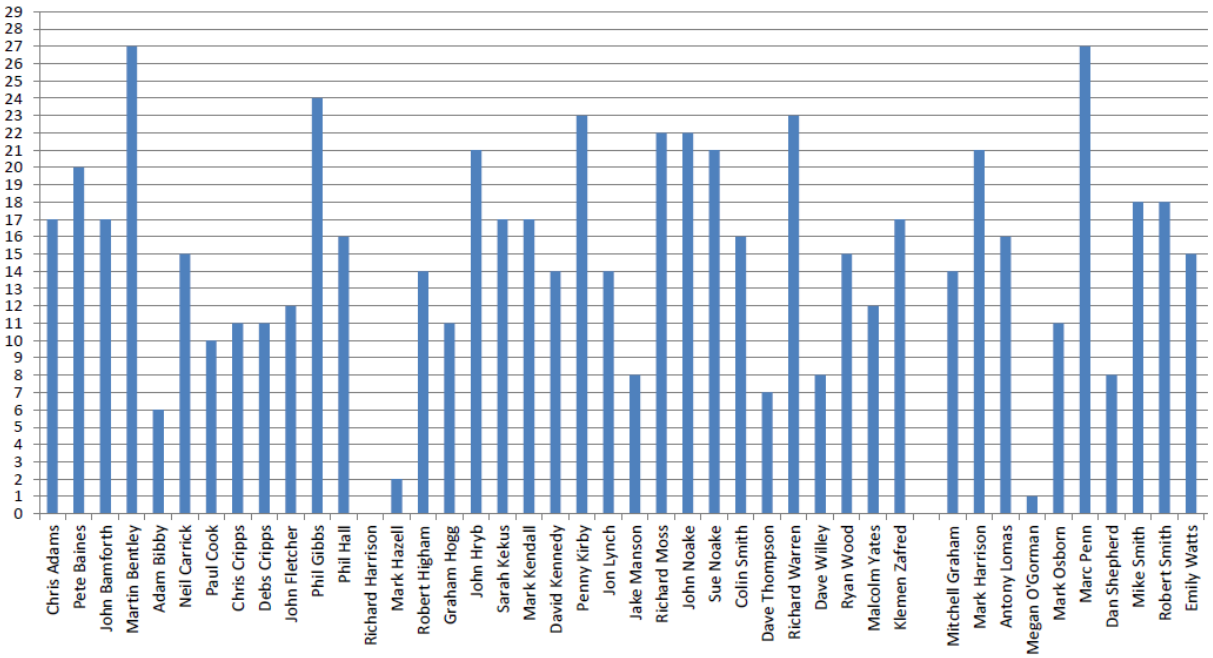

Training attendance 2020

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 30 September 2022

Charity number: 1170178

robinson+co

Chartered Accountants

Gosforth

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

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Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1170178
Business address	Wasdale Mountain Rescue Gosforth Seascale CA20 1BS
Trustees	J R Bamforth P Kirby P J Hall J Hryb M Penn M Smith C Cripps J Noake
Accountants	robinson+co The Old Forge Beck Place Gosforth Seascale CA20 1AT
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 3 Pow Street Workington CA14 3AH

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Report of the trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2022

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1170178, on 15 November 2016. The assets, liabilities and undertakings of the unincorporated charity Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team (Charity number 1020136) were transferred to the CIO on 30 September 2017, with the CIO then becoming operational from 1 October 2017.

Trustees

The aim is to maintain a trustee board with a range of skills which will be useful to the organisation. New trustees are taken through an induction procedure.

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustees consider the Committee as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects are:
To save life and alleviate distress primarily in upland or mountainous areas.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team provides a search and rescue service on the mountains and off road locations in the Wasdale and Eskdale valleys of West Cumbria and surrounding areas. The Team typically handles over 100 calls for assistance a year.

Further information can be found at www.wmrt.org.uk.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and performance

Achievements and performance are detailed in the Annual Report as presented at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 November 2022.

Financial review

At the balance sheet date the CIO held £1,267,697 on unrestricted funds (2021: £1,275,896) and £nil on restricted funds (2021: £nil), a satisfactory position.

A detailed review is provided in the Treasurer's Report within the Annual report as presented at the Annual General meeting held on 21 November 2022.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the CIO is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to these risks.

Plans for future periods

One of the team's ongoing challenges is recruitment of new members and considerable effort is being directed in this area.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

On behalf of the board

J R Bamforth
Trustee

6th June 2023

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team.

I report on the accounts of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team for the year ended 30 September 2022 set out on pages 5 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jason Spires

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Jason Spires FCA DChA

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6th June 2023

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income				
Voluntary income	2	98,133	98,133	109,231
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	-	-	12,000
Income from other trading activities:				
Activities for generating funds	4	423	423	1,719
Investment income	5	1,526	1,526	1,262
Total income		100,082	100,082	124,212
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	6	108,281	108,281	58,422
Total expenditure		108,281	108,281	58,422
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(8,199)	(8,199)	65,790
Total funds brought forward		1,275,896	1,275,896	1,210,106
Total funds carried forward		1,267,697	1,267,697	1,275,896

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Balance sheet
as at 30 September 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		765,700		773,903
Current assets					
Stocks		-		280	
Debtors	11	14,201		4,130	
Cash at bank and in hand		490,529		500,231	
		504,730		504,641	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,733)		(2,648)	
Net current assets			501,997		501,993
Net assets			1,267,697		1,275,896
Funds	13				
Unrestricted income funds			1,267,697		1,275,896
Total funds			1,267,697		1,275,896

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 6th June 2023 and signed on its behalf by

J. R. Bamforth

J R Bamforth
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Cash flow statement

for the year ended 30 September 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	15	3,365	75,930
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		1,526	1,262
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(14,593)	(10,030)
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		-	23,245
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(13,067)	14,477
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(9,702)	90,407
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		500,231	409,824
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		490,529	500,231

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are currently no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as income within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	Not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	10% straight line

Land and buildings are maintained to a high standard and have a high residual value and as such are not depreciated. The trustees have carried out an impairment review and are satisfied that there is no impairment to these assets.

1.4. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Donations	97,633	97,633	109,231
Legacies	500	500	-
	98,133	98,133	109,231

In 2021 all of the income from donations and legacies was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

3. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Grants	-	12,000
	-	12,000

In 2021 all the income from grants was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

4. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fundraising events	423	423	1,719
	423	423	1,719

In 2021 all of the income from activities for generating funds was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Bank interest receivable	1,526	1,526	1,262
	1,526	1,526	1,262

In 2021 all of the investment income was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

6. Costs of charitable activities - by fund type

	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Mountain Rescue	108,281	108,281	58,422
	108,281	108,281	58,422

In 2021 all of the costs of the charitable activities were attributable to unrestricted funds.

7. Costs of charitable activities - by activity

	Activities undertaken directly £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Mountain Rescue	108,281	108,281	58,422
	108,281	108,281	58,422

8. Analysis of support costs

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Legal and professional fees	-	557
	-	557

9. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2021	676,170	307,232	107,171	1,090,573
Additions	-	14,593	-	14,593
At 30 September 2022	676,170	321,825	107,171	1,105,166
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2021	-	222,023	94,647	316,670
Charge for the year	-	15,809	6,987	22,796
At 30 September 2022	-	237,832	101,634	339,466
Net book values				
At 30 September 2022	676,170	83,993	5,537	765,700
At 30 September 2021	676,170	85,209	12,524	773,903

11. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	14,201	4,130

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,733	2,648

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Fund balances at 30 September 2022 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	765,700	765,700
Current assets	504,730	504,730
Current liabilities	(2,733)	(2,733)
	1,267,697	1,267,697

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Fund balances at 30 September 2021 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	773,903	773,903
Current assets	504,641	504,641
Current liabilities	(2,648)	(2,648)
	1,275,896	1,275,896

14. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 October 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2022 £
General reserve	1,150,040	100,082	(108,281)	-	1,141,841
Vehicle reserve	105,856	-	-	-	105,856
Contingencies reserve	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
	1,275,896	100,082	(108,281)	-	1,267,697

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds - previous year

	At 1 October 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2021 £
General reserve	1,082,442	124,212	(58,442)	1,808	1,150,020
Vehicle reserve	87,664	-	-	18,192	105,856
Contingencies reserve	40,000	-	-	(20,000)	20,000
	1,210,106	124,212	(58,442)	-	1,275,876

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds can be used with the approval of the board of trustees to fund any expenditure which falls within the charity's.

The level of the general reserve should be at least the equivelant of two years annual income, the trustees are satified this has been met.

The trustees have designated £105,856 as a vehicle reserve, in order to provide ready cash for the replacement of the vehicles and boat when required. The reserve is maintained based on a conservative estimate of 15% of the replacement cost of each vehicle multiplied by the number of years service it has done, up to the full replacement cost.

The trustees have designated £20,000 as a contingencies reserve, in order to make provision for catastrophic mechanical failure of a vehicle estimated at £15,000 and for a catastrophic communications failure at £5,000.

15. Gross cash flows

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movements in funds	(8,199)	65,790
Deduct interest and dividend income shown in investing activities	(1,526)	(1,262)
Add back depreciation and profit/loss on disposal	22,796	15,051
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	280	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(10,071)	(3,716)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	85	67
	3,365	75,930

16. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	500,231	(9,702)	490,529
Net funds	500,231	(9,702)	490,529

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generating funds:				
Voluntary income				
Donations		97,633		109,231
Legacies		500		-
		98,133		109,231
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events		423		1,719
		423		1,719
Investment income				
Bank interest receivable		1,526		1,262
		1,526		1,262
Total income from generating funds		100,082		112,212
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Grants		-		12,000
		-		12,000
Total income		100,082		124,212

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2022

	2022		2021	
	£		£	
Charitable activities				
Mountain Rescue				
Activities undertaken directly				
Training costs	7,877		4,775	
Rates	1,684		1,473	
Electricity	1,545		1,534	
Maintenance	767		6,353	
Equipment	19,469		6,077	
Insurance	3,618		2,800	
Sundry headquarter expenses	5,942		4,580	
Vehicle running expenses	2,362		2,698	
Officers' expenses	1,260		450	
Marine insurance	826		811	
Telephone	2,570		2,477	
Printing and stationery	555		878	
(Profit)/loss on sale of asset	-		(7,509)	
Depreciation	22,796		22,560	
Sundry	5,679		1,806	
Boot allowance	334		505	
Clothing allowance	5,998		5,593	
Donations	25,000		-	
Other costs	(1)		4	
		108,281		57,865
Support costs				
Legal fees	-		557	
		-		557
Mountain Rescue total expenditure		108,281		58,422
Total charitable activity expenditure		108,281		58,422
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(8,199)		65,790

WASDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1170178

Accounts

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team Annual Report 2020/2021

Presented at the Annual General Meeting held on 15 November 2021

Team members and officials 2020/2021 as at the AGM

President and Vice-Presidents

President	Richard Longman
Vice-President	Dr Nigel Burton
Vice-President	Jos Naylor MBE
Vice-President	Maurice Pringle
Vice-President	Dr Adrian Simper OBE

Trustees

Chairman & Secretary	John Bamforth
Duty Team Leader & Fundraising Officer	Phil Hall
Duty Team Leader & Vehicles Officer	John Hryb
Duty Team Leader	Penny Kirby
Water Officer	Chris Adams
Training Officer	Klem Zafred

Co-Opted Officers

Communications & ICT Officer	Rob Higham
Equipment Officer	Mark Kendall
Medical Officer	Lucy Belson
Press Officer	Richard Warren
Treasurer	John Noake
Buildings Officer	Rob Smith

Membership as at the AGM

Full Team Members (31):

Chris Adams, Pete Baines, John Bamforth, Martin Bentley, Neil Carrick, Chris Cripps, Debs Cripps, Phil Gibbs, Mitchell Graham, Phil Hall, Mark Harrison, Mark Hazell, Robert Higham, Graham Hogg, John Hryb, Sarah Kekus, Mark Kendall, Dave Kennedy, Penny Kirby, Jon Lynch, Jake Manson, Richard Moss, John Noake, Sue Noake, Marc Penn, Dan Shephard, Colin Smith, Mike Smith, Rob Smith, Richard Warren, Klem Zafred

plus Jess the search dog

Associate Team Members – Probationers (7):

Andy Cramp, Ian Davidson, Lee Dixon, Dan Pocock, Steve Read, Rich Smith, Rob Stalker

Associate Team Members – Support (9):

Paul Barratt, Lucy Belson, Tim Brooks, Anne Guest, Jen Hellier, Tariq Kureshi, Stephanie Maffia, Dave Thompson, Emily Watts

Honorary Life Team Members (26):

Joe Arthy, Dave Barras, Bob Bennett, Howard Christie, Lord Cunningham, Dave Fryer, Jenny Green, Roger Green, Karen Greene, Mike Greene MBE, Pete Holburt, Keith Hudson, Richard Longman, Joe Moody, Will Mullineux, Guy Newbold, Ken Owens, Bill Pattison MBE, Dave Polhill, Maurice Pringle, Brian Smith, Gordon Starkie, Keith Thompson, Nick West, Royanne Wilding, Martin Young

Agenda

1. Chairman's opening remarks

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held on 16 November 2020

3. Presentation of the 2021 Annual Reports by Officers including the 2020/21 Accounts

4. Election of the Trustees being: -

   - Chairman
   - Up to 4 Team Leaders
   - Up to a total of 9 trustees, including Chairman and Team Leaders

   The following nominations for trustees were received by the deadline: -

   Chairman

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
John Bamforth	Richard Warren	Penny Kirby

   Duty Team Leader

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
Chris Cripps	Penny Kirby	Phil Hall
Phil Hall	Chris Cripps	Colin Smith
John Hryb	John Bamforth	Richard Moss
Penny Kirby	Colin Smith	John Bamforth

   Trustees

Name	Proposer	Seconded by
Marc Penn	Penny Kirby	John Hryb
Mike Smith	Mark Harrison	Neil Carrick
John Noake	John Bamforth	Penny Kirby

   Appointment of officers

5. Motions for debate and proposed constitutional changes – None have been received

6. Appointment of Auditors (with a proposal to retain Robinson & Co)

7. Any other business

Chairman's Report

The year in summary

To say that this has been a challenging year in our team and in the wider mountain rescue community is perhaps an understatement. The pandemic has changed the way we communicate and operate as a rescue organisation but the tragic accident involving Chris Lewis has been at the forefront of all our minds since the Red Screes callout on 6 February 2021. In writing this report my thoughts continue to return to Chris's recovery and the difficulties for his family and our colleagues in Patterdale MRT.

The number of callouts this year is looking like it will get close to the record of 2017 when there were 140 '999' calls. The main thing to note is that 100 of these calls have been since the beginning of June and with lockdown measures easing, this has placed very significant demands on the team, not only in terms of workload but also with other aspects such as wearing of PPE and dealing with the difficulties that staycation has brought. Aside from that, training and communication has been made more difficult by lockdown and social distancing.

Notwithstanding that the team has persevered and responded magnificently through all of this, and yes there have been some difficulties but hats off to everyone who has made it just work!

Members

Our base continues to evolve and this year again we have had enquiries from other teams on its design ethos and concept. Quite rightly we are all very proud of our new base; it has taken a significant amount of effort and funding over many years to make the concept a reality. Sadly, this year, the base project lead and latterly building officer, Martin Young has decided to stand down. Thanks must go to him for his significant efforts over the past 5 years or so on this major project.

Sadly too, we heard this year that honorary member Edwin Hammond had passed away. Older members will remember Edwin as Team President and a good friend to the Team as owner of Wasdale Head Inn, famous for his exceptional Team dinners and 24-hour snacks after rescues. Our thoughts are with Caroline and his family.

Not so very long ago, the RESCUE 2020 report that was commissioned by the region, identified the area of recruitment as an important area to continue to address. In Wasdale's patch, particularly because of the high average age of the team, the relatively sparse local population and the gradual decline of the large employers in the area, the team chose a few years ago to focus its efforts on this important area. The six probationers who comprised the 2020 intake became full members this year, so congratulations are due to them. There are seven probationers in the 2021 intake, with another intake of ten probationers who have applied for 2022. Thanks to all those involved in this important area for the team's future.

This year has seen a significant milestone with John Noake achieving 50 years of service in the Wasdale team. This is a huge achievement and congratulations must go to him for his efforts over that time. Next year will see Sue Noake reach that milestone too and both have said that they would like to celebrate the event jointly next summer.

Collaboration

Another theme from the RESCUE 2020 report was collaboration and this year has been no exception. We have operated successfully with several other Lakes teams this year and the fact that we have a Lakes-wide roaming digital radio infrastructure has enabled that to happen. We have relied on

Duddon & Furness MRT many times for support and thanks must go to them for their valuable assistance. We have also taken advantage of joint training opportunities that have been organised regionally as well as benefitting from the regular financial distributions from LDSAMRA. Our working relationships with the aircrews of HM Coastguard and the air ambulances, as well as Cumbria Police, NWAS and other services are important: SARCALL is part of the glue that helps us all work collaboratively and this continues to evolve at a pace. As we look forward, further collaboration seems to be part of the future.

Thanks

Julie Yates was elected to the chair role at the last AGM, and I would like to thank her for her efforts in the first half of the year and the handover support that she gave me.

Income and expenditure have been carefully managed and controlled over the year and thanks must go to those involved in our team's financial governance. We are fortunate to have a healthy bank account with at least two years' worth of operating expenditure as reserves in addition to earmarked reserves for future vehicle replacement. Thanks must go to those of you who have helped to bring in the much-needed funds: this includes attending functions and events throughout the year to gain and receive these funds.

I would like to thank our elected and co-opted officers who have worked extremely hard to maintain our effectiveness as a team during another very busy year of training, rescues, and those extra activities which to many go unseen such as packing vehicles and kit ready for the next rescue. Thanks must also go to those who have helped with replacing gear, maintaining the base and its equipment and many other tasks that often go unnoticed.

Finally, thanks must also go to the members of the team for their commitment, contribution, and support over the past twelve months. The support from families and friends, who often must pick up the pieces when team incidents happen, is invaluable: please pass on our thanks.

John Bamforth

Chairman

Secretary's Report

Julie Yates was secretary for most of the first half of the year with assistance from Sarah Kekus and Graham Hogg so thanks must go to them for helping to carry out the role.

Team membership stands at 31 full team members and 7 probationers, compared to 30 and 10 respectively last year. Additionally, we have a growing group of associate members in supporting roles: sadly Julie Yates and Alison Higham have stood down and thanks are due for their good work. We welcome Paul Barratt, Anne Guest, Jen Hellier and Tariq Qureshi as new associate members in supporting roles.

The website has been kept up to date and thanks to all involved in doing this. It is another one of those many jobs "behind the scenes" that needs to be done. It is perhaps underestimated in today's world of instant information, but it has a great deal of value. Many people who do not use social

media revert to the website to find out about what is happening including past members, past casualties, the media, and those wishing to leave a donation or a legacy. We have had many people contact us about a variety of things and it remains a worthy public face of the team available at all times of the day.

Finally, many thanks to Graham Hogg for taking the minutes at most meetings during the year.

John Bamforth

Secretary

Duty Team Leaders' Report

Eighteen months in and we are still responding to the fallout of a global pandemic. A massive amount of work has been done both within the team and across the region, providing early vaccinations for members and regular testing. Thank you to our Medical Officer Lucy Belson who has worked tirelessly during this period to keep this team safe and operational. However, you, the members should also recognise your own contribution and commitment during this period, with the wearing of PPE and social distancing; thank you for your patience and support.

At the time of writing this report, over a 12-month period this team had effectively dealt with 118 callouts, 85 of which led to the team being deployed. Whilst the Leadership will try to talk potential lost persons off the hill, we often do have to deploy, which has led you to investing more than fifteen thousand hours of your time.

There has been strong regular attendance on the Wednesday night wanders providing opportunities for members who are longer in the tooth to impart their experience and knowledge to the new, whilst building stronger working relationships. Friday nights have also seen the introduction of a social get together where again members can share their experiences and knowledge whilst having a cup of tea or on some occasions a cold beer. Thank you to those regular attenders that have made both events successful.

As per usual we have had great support from Duddon & Furness MRT, who have responded to our aid on 20 occasions this year. We have a great understanding with them, and they recognise that there is always the possibility that they may be turned around at any moment, sometimes right at the foot of the mountain. DFMRT's members respond from as far away as Barrow, yet they are still prepared to come based on the philosophy of "just in case"; so many thanks to them and for their commitment to us.

On behalf of the Team the Wasdale Leadership would also like to give thanks to our colleagues across the region, especially Keswick, Langdale & Ambleside, and Cockermouth MR Teams who, as per DFMRT, are always ready to put a team together in support at a moment's notice, whatever the time of day or however poor the conditions. We would also like to include the RAF MR Teams who always let us know when they are within the locality and are always happy to support.

We have worked closely again with the police, NWAS, HM Coastguard, and the Great North Air Ambulance who, on several occasions over the past twelve months, have responded upon request and provided vital support in the best interest of both the casualty and our members, with Rescue 199 dealing with a particularly difficult and traumatic situation on the crags of Scafell.

Within our own communities it is always important to recognise the essential relationship we maintain with the farming communities, the National Trust, and local businesses, especially the Wasdale Head Inn who have provided a safe warm haven for casualties and stranded aircrew alike during poor conditions.

We continue to benefit from our relationships with the regional body Lake District Search & Mountain Rescue Association (LDSAMRA), and our national body, Mountain Rescue England & Wales (MREW). We receive financial help from LDSAMRA, through charitable donations, and benefits in kind from MREW. Both bodies also provide access to training courses, negotiate at local and government level on numerous issues and provide mutual support.

The Lake District teams were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service last year, the equivalent of an MBE. Due to the pandemic, it was only formally presented in September this year at Cumbria Police headquarters, to LDSAMRA representatives.

We continue to have a high profile locally, largely driven by the unprecedented number of visitors and callouts we have had and are proud of our reputation. We anticipated donations would be significantly affected because of the pandemic, fortunately we have not been too badly affected.

Earlier this year, another Lake District Team was affected by a tragic accident, the effects of which are still being felt. Our hearts to go out to all those touched by this.

We are continuously looking to ensure we have resilience in all areas, we now aim to divide up areas of responsibility so that they are more manageable, whilst having one person to co-ordinate a particular area, and to build in knowledge and expertise for the future.

To this end, we are, and have been for the last 2 years, recruiting a larger number of probationers than we have in the past. Of course, their training and participation has been adversely affected by the pandemic, but they are proving to be an invaluable part of the team. Another cohort will be starting with us in the New Year.

We have said goodbye to some team members and associate members over the last year and wish to thank them for their time and commitment while with us, we wish you well.

It just remains to say an enormous thankyou to all the team members who have given so much over the last year, both in terms of time on callouts, on training and on the myriad tasks that need attention. Huge thanks are also due to our associate members who also put in a lot of time and effort "behind the scenes", and to the families and friends who support us in doing what we do.

Thank you

Penny Kirby, John Hryb & Phil Hall

Duty Team Leaders

Medical Report

A challenging and exciting year

Covid 19

The team continued to use PPE and adhere to guidelines on infection control. In March we learned how to do Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) and have submitted weekly reports to LDSAMRA and Cumbria County Council since then. Little did we know then they would become a way of life in 2021.

Casualties

Sadly, the team attended 3 fatalities, 1 from cardiac arrest and 2 from traumatic injuries. Of the 120 call outs over the last year, there were over 50 casualties, up from 29 last year. Once again, the most common injury has been to the lower limb (specifically ankle)

Training

In the spring we were delighted to offer Outdoor First Aid (OFA) courses, run by Mike Smith, which enabled 21 team members to successfully certify. This brings our total to 26 of OFA qualified or equivalent within the team.

We have been fortunate to have a variety of medical and paramedical staff involved with our training. The monthly medical training has included splinting, hypothermia, basic life support and number of sessions on the primary survey. Training is interactive with plenty of time to put theory into practice. The sessions are well attended and lively!

Casualty Care

We ran our first Casualty Care course at the new base in May and have a total of 9 Certified Casualty carers. However, this number is soon to rise with a further 9 members on the next cohort who will be taking their exams in January 2022. We have incorporated additional skills into the training, and these will continue to be added and developed in the future. We look forward to next year and will run more First Aid and casualty care courses. We have also purchased additional medical equipment including 2 new defibrillators and 4 glucometers.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team continues therefore to provide highly trained team members who can offer the medical support that maybe needed during rescues.

A huge thank you to Dr Tariq Qureshi who has joined the team as associate member and is the medical lead on Casualty Care. Also, a big thanks to Dr Alistair Fale for lots of additional training and Dr C Heasman for her support plus medical staff from West Cumberland Hospital. Paul Barratt has continued to manage the weekly LFT reporting and Mike Smith for bringing his First Aid expertise. Thanks to everyone who has supported our medical efforts, too many to mention, but a heartfelt thanks to all.

Lucy Belson

Medical officer

Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the year to 30 September 2021 have been separately provided and thanks must go to Emma Woodend and Jason Spires of Robinson & Co. for preparing them in time for this AGM.

Financial highlights

The highlights of the year from a financial point of view are as follows: -

- The net income for 2021 was £58,422 and this compares to the 2020 figure of £114,457.
- Donations in 2021 were £109,231 compared to £58,152 in 2020 and there were no legacies in 2021 compared to £83,988 in 2020.
- Net assets have increased from £1,210,106 to £1,275,896 of which cash at bank is £500,231 compared to £409,824 in 2020.
- The General Reserves have increased from £1,082,442 to £1,150,040.
- Ignoring the profit on sale of the old boat of £7,509, the cost of running the team for the year (including depreciation) was £65,931, which compares to £72,619 in 2020 ignoring the one-off donation of £15,000.

Summary

For the past few years, we have said to the public that it costs approximately £70,000 to run the team each year and this remains the challenge for next year's fundraising. The team's finances are in a healthy position and another challenge for next year's trustees is how to invest the team's assets in the medium to longer term.

John Noake

Treasurer

Fundraising Report

The fundraising team operates based on a fundraising strategy that was developed just over three years ago. The team is comprised of both team members and people external to the team. Traditionally routes of funding have been collecting tins, shows and flag days. All of these have been frustrated by the pandemic. Despite this, there have been several successful activities during the year that include: -

1. New supporter products on the team website and Facebook using the team PayPal account.
2. Being successful in being nominated as a good cause for the Co-op local community fund.
3. Flag day on 19 December 2020 raised over £1,000
4. A sponsor has come forward potentially to cover the cost of a lowering area/first aid kit.
5. Receiving and acknowledging many donations including the fantastic ongoing fundraising work of the Brown family and friends in memory of Chris Brown throughout the year, and the kind £4,000 donation of four siblings on behalf of their father James Mallin in October.

Thanks to all who have helped in this important area.

Phil Hall

Fundraising Officer

Vehicles Report

I took over as Vehicles Officer after the previous Officer left the Team; thank you to Malcolm Yates for his contribution, maintaining his high clean standards has been a challenge.

The Team continues to effectively operate with the support of three motor vehicles:

Mobile 1, our Toyota Hilux, which continues to be our first of two-quick deployment, emergency response vehicles tending to be the first one off the pad in the event of any callout.

Mobile 2, our Landrover Defender, the second of our two quick deployment vehicles, still providing the Team with its iconic MR look and often seen at fundraising or charity events, or anywhere that we wish to make a presence and boost the Teams profile.

Mobile 3, our Ford Transit Custom, the third motor vehicle in the fleet which provides the opportunity to ferry larger number of members around at once, whilst also being used for team members to attend venues further afield i.e., ferrying equipment around and attending training.

The vehicles continue to be regularly maintained and any emergency repairs are quickly and efficiently dealt with.

A big thank you to all who use the vehicles, keeping them clean and quickly reporting any issues. An extra mention to Jake Manson and Dan Shephard who have provided support when needed in keeping these vehicles on the road and ready to respond.

The vehicles continue to operate affectively, without causing us too many problems and so expect to see them still operating as our workhorses for the immediate future.

John Hryb

Vehicles Officer

Water Report

Currently we have 8 full qualified technicians 1 recently expired awaiting a refresher course. 1 full team member and 3 probationers have been booked on the initial course but unfortunately this has been postponed a couple of times due to water levels. The refresher course held in June at Pinkston white water course jointly with Duddon and Furness MRT included rescue from vehicle's, this was a different course to the usual refresher but enjoyed by all that attended. All other training was held in the south lakes.

A new spread sheet is on SharePoint to track CPD.

Spending on Swift Water has been minimal this year with only the part share of the Pinkston course and accommodation.

A big thank you to Klem for helping and sorting training dates and to those who attended or attempted to attend but couldn't attend due to water levels.

Chris Adams

Water Officer

Communications & ICT Report

As the Communications & ICT Officer for 2021 I have been responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of WMRTs radio communication and ICT infrastructure. This year the focus has been on maintaining the existing system and improving issues which have arisen, and which are described further below.

Roaming Issues

The DMR infrastructure established in Wasdale and throughout the LDSAMRA teams relies on installed repeater sites across our patch to provide coverage. Handsets are supposed to look for the repeater site with the highest signal strength and connect to that site. However, this relies on all the sites 'beaconing' at the same time so that the handsets can compare signal strengths.

To ensure all sites 'beacon' at the same time we installed a GPS receiver at each repeater site in 2020. This allows the repeaters to all receive 'GPS time' and beacon in sync. This year we have been monitoring the system and there appears to be an improvement in radios roaming to the most appropriate repeater site, rather than holding on to a less desirable site. This is an improvement and should have improved the end user experience.

Wasdale Head Lightning Surge

In September 2021 (just over a year from the last lightning event which damaged Longlands Base equipment) the communications equipment at Wasdale Head was damaged by a lightning surge. The radio repeater suffered damage and had to be taken out of service for repair resulting in reduced radio coverage in that area. A spare repeater purchased by LDSAMRA for this scenario was installed in its place and is currently in service while we await a possible repair or replacement from the supplier, Simoco.

Thanks to LDSAMRA for the purchase of 3 spare repeaters for use by any team in the lakes for exactly this reason. This avoids individual teams, such as Wasdale, having to hold a spare of an item of equipment which is both critical to our operations and relatively expensive.

Longlands Internet Resilience

Following on from last year's lightning surge at Longlands Base we commissioned our ICT supplier, Connexions, to improve our internet resilience by providing an automatic failover 4G internet connection. We also removed some single points of failure within the IT equipment and set up on the shelf configured spares for any key components which can be used to fix any immediate issues after an event. This solution has now been implemented and ensures we will be able to continue to operate immediately after a future event.

Remote Microphone Covers

We received feedback from team members of poor radio communications during wet weather due to our remote microphones becoming waterlogged. As a solution to this remote microphone covers were purchased for every team member to keep the worst of the weather out.

Tasks for the Next Year

As ever there are many tasks/projects for the next Communications & ICT Officer to consider implementing. Some of the key ones are as follows:

- Upgrade our repeater sites so that all have higher gain antennas to improve coverage and resilience in our radio links.
- UPS battery replacement programme.

I have enjoyed the role of Communications & ICT Officer, but I would also like to thank Jon Lynch who has worked alongside me throughout the year in maintaining and improving the communications capability.

Robert Higham

Communications & ICT Officer

Buildings Report

Each month has seen the generator tested on load, bugs added to the septic tank, the fire alarm call points tested, emergency lighting tested plus several other checks to keep our building safe and healthy. Some of the other events during the year were: -

- Four defective emergency light units had their batteries changed and an emergency exit sign on the landing was replaced, because it had failed.
- In March the team carried out a tender exercise for grounds maintenance and as a result changed the service provider.
- There was a planned power outage in March as Electricity North West were working on the infrastructure. The generator ran throughout the outage, and all went well.
- The cattle grid was replaced by the landlord due to corrosion.
- In July the team paid for a new control unit for the garage doors as we had damaged the original.

An enormous thankyou to Martin Young for all his efforts and handing over to me, plus thanks to all who have helped with the building.

Rob Smith

Buildings Officer

Equipment Report

Team Equipment

In December 2020 the Team invested in 20 new heard torches and 15 new search lights from Fenix. These were purchased to replace aging torches that were unreliable in operation. Additionally, future maintenance costs for the new torches will be significantly lower. In total about £4500 was spent on the new setup which has been widely welcomed by Team Members with plenty of positive feedback on both types of torches.

In September 2021 the long-awaited merino base layers final arrived from Helly Hansen. These have now been issued to most Team Members, with a small number of base layers on back order. With the delivery of these items the Personal Issue Strategy introduced in 2019 has now been completed, with all Team Member fully kitted out – hurrah!

The final "major" purchase of the year has been a new Universal Stretcher Wheel from Lyon Equipment – intended to replace the Team's old wheel. With increasing use on callouts and the massive advantage these bring it is critical that the Team carries out training in due course on how to assemble and use the new wheel.

Maintenance & Upkeep

The Team now has over 1,000 items of technical equipment in operation which is logged, inspected, and maintained in in line with best practice guidance – this ranges from every single carabiner in the Team and PPE kits through to the stretchers, ropes, and avalanche transceivers. Consequently, a significant amount of time is now needed to complete both post-use checks and periodic thorough inspections, and logging these inspections was become difficult. In October we therefore decided to invest in D4H Technologies Equipment Management software to simplify this – already resulting in better record keeping and a more in-depth knowledge of the Teams assets (our technical equipment now totals approximately £60,000). The next stage of this improved process is to train up more Team Members to be able to complete thorough inspections and equipment management, thereby reducing the significant load on a small number of people.

Thorough examinations of Personal Issue Crag Kit have been completed in May and October of 2021, while thorough examinations of Rope Rescue Kit were carried out in April and are currently ongoing with their latest.

In May 2021 it became apparent that 3 of the Teams 5 Bell Stretchers had missed or were about to miss their 5-yearly service and load test at Lyon Equipment. These have now been serviced thanks to Lyon Equipment with the other 2 Bell Stretchers due for service in 2022. All stretcher service dates are now logged and monitored on D4H.

This is my third year as Equipment Officer and one in which I have been relatively distant from the Team due to COVID-induced work commitments. Thanks to those that have assisted over the past 12 months with everything equipment. However, I have continued to enjoy tinkering and will happily continue this into the future.

Mark Kendall

Equipment Officer

Press Officer Report

Dealing with the media over recent years brings a variety of challenges ranging from being proactive, raising the profile of the team to being defensive ready to respond and avoiding reputational damage. Fortunately, the former is where our main energy as a team is directed. Reputational damage can arise, not because we have done anything wrong but because of a less than helpful media organisation selecting sound bites or part of a press statement or word to create a more sensational but damaging headline. The safest approach is always to take great care when speaking to the media and do live interviews whenever possible to avoid being misquoted.

2021 has been a very mixed year, responding to the requests from our team leaders to reporting on rescues and responding to specific media enquiries. 'Close Calls On Camera' was a great opportunity where we reconstructed the Screes path injury and the transportation across Wastwater in the team boat. We also have 'Scafell Pike with Simon Reeves' documentary. This is about to be shown and features Penny Kirby as one of our team leaders. The Simon Reeve's interview of the summit of the Pike was timely interrupted by a '999' call for an incident on Broad Crag and indeed caught on camera.

Our team leaders have all appeared in TV interviews throughout the year. They came over well and add 'operational realism' to interviews that a press officer sometimes cannot deliver. Not an easy task for the team leaders but always well executed so thank you. Also, a big thanks to my team colleagues who has helped with the photographs, the videos and indeed the reconstructions. It all makes the job of a press officer so much easier to do.

Richard Warren, Press Officer

Boat Officer Report

This has been a relatively busy year on the lake with half a dozen incidents calling for boat assistance. These include a serious and well publicised leg injury in the summer, a night-time rescue in October, as well as an interesting first – retrieval of casualties on bicycles from the Screes. There have also been a couple of further training exercises carried out, with the principal aim of ensuring all team drivers are familiar with the new boat achieved.

In general, the first full season for the new boat has been successful. While there are still occasional observations about the lack of entertainment value when compared to the previous floating asset, there seems to be a consensus that Martin Willey 2 is performing well. The drop-down bow is proving useful in combination with the shallow draught, capacity is adequate and critically, there have been no issues with deployment and retrieval at the pumphouse. Furthermore, two members of Patterdale team who came to visit and test the boat in October seemed impressed.

Going forward, there are still a couple of details to sort out with the boat to optimise it, such as getting proprietary paddles, fixing a radio holder and placement of fire extinguishers. Training in the coming year will get broader; after strict focusing on familiarisation this year we should go back to brushing up on specialist skills – man overboard, retrieval from water, command & control, and local landing sites knowledge.

Klemen Zafred, Boat Officer

Training Officer Report

2021 was challenging from training perspective, mainly impacted by restrictions early in the year adding to disruption from last year, which left a sizeable training gap. Need to close that gap also had to be finely balanced with training needs of the new probationary intake to equip them with necessary hill going skills.

This was made easier with the split core and specialist training nights twice a month, which is now a well-established and valued routine. Specialist sessions have been pushed in the direction of smaller groups without a formal lead, aided by the existing standardised cue cards to cover specific competencies. Such approach is perhaps not yet fully embedded but enables better allocation of training time and resources. It will also be made easier and more effective once the use of training app becomes more prevalent, more on which below.

When training eventually returned to normal, some concerns and risks remained with regards to virus transmission and impact on operational capability. That was greatly alleviated by the LFT programme set up by LDSAMRA and our Medical Officer, along with some precautions taken at sessions – working outdoors in small groups, using own vehicles to travel, and distancing where practicable.

A session in January sought input and pointers from the team, which informed the training structure for the year. While only doing online training for a period of time and callouts on Mondays complicated matters slightly, the programme was still followed, and competencies covered to a reasonable degree.

Internal training

Core sessions covered all the required topics, with emphasis on crag skills during the summer months as a recognised deficiency area. Early in the year we also had two interesting sessions on Off Road driving and Fatality protocol, which probably would not have happened in normal circumstances. Specialist sessions were used for more training on core skills where required, along with advanced crag skills, swift water, boat, vehicles, and equipment.

We also managed to run 3 full day training sessions, first one of which was winter training in Wasdale. Next up was a black spot familiarisation session in Piers Ghyll, which also served as the final assessment day for 2020 probationary intake. Lastly, a full day session in the Summer was also the 3-month assessment day for new probationers, after which they joined the team on the hill.

External training

Most of the external courses were cancelled last year but did start returning to normal this year. Five team members were able to complete their Swift Water Refresher and one member also attended new Lyon Rope Rescue Operator/Instructor course, both organised by LDSAMRA. Several members are booked onto the Initial SRT course, which has been cancelled twice already this autumn – first due to too little and then too much water.

Struggles with securing helicopter training sessions have always been present, but certainly made worse during pandemic. No live training has been held since early 2020 and there is none on the horizon either. The team has been good at maintaining 1A online training up to date and complementing it with opportunities to work with helicopters on callouts.

WMRT training app

The Training app has been available and set up in the background for a while, but not yet implemented. I got it up and running to a degree, but the process will take time. From a training perspective, it is relatively complex to use and get the best out of but has clear benefits. The main one of those is keeping detailed records in one place, including attendance as well as the competencies that each session covered.

Diligent use by everyone in the team will also give us a real-time picture of where everyone stands in terms of skills. Gap analysis of this data will enable targeted training for everyone to reach the desired level, which can be catered for during specialist training sessions.

Most of this year's sessions are up to date within the app with personnel assigned appropriately but personal training logs only partially closed out. This coupled with the fact that no earlier training is recorded means that it might take a while before the full team skills picture becomes credible, but the concept certainly looks promising.

The Future

Next year will be busy from training perspective again, with plenty of catching up still to do. One thing worth thinking about would doing some basic crag training at the base during winter to break off the long pause between outdoor exercises, which would hopefully allow us to get up to speed quicker come springtime. After cancellation last year, team winter training is again booked for last weekend of February in Corran (thanks to Susan), which will hopefully go ahead with no issues.

Training with other teams, agencies and external providers has stopped early in the pandemic and not picked back up yet. That is an important area to work on in the coming year, especially training with neighbouring teams that we are likely to mix with on callouts (DFMRT, CMRT).

There seems to be more certainty around the external courses, which are slowly returning to the usual frequency. We have secured spaces for winter and avalanche awareness courses at Glenmore lodge in February 2022, initial SRT courses and Lyon rope rescue courses so far.

At the end I would like to thank everyone who helped delivering the sessions and made realisation of the training plan possible during what has been a rather busy year.

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Training Officer

Incidents

These incidents have been kindly reproduced from the Team website (http://www.wmrt.org.uk) and represent events up to an including Sunday 14 November. It should be noted that the reporting date for the team is that of calendar years. Incidents between the last AGM on 16 November 2020 and 31 December 2020 are reported separately later.

Number of '999' calls for the calendar year to date = 121 which includes 81 with the team on the fell and 40 alerts, where the incident was reported in as a '999' but there was no need for any significant team involvement and therefore not formally logged as an incident - this is where, for example, the Team Leader talks them off the mountain with minimal team member involvement or missing persons turn up before the team is fully mobilised. Since the last AGM there have been 131 incidents of which 87 were callouts and 44 were alerts

1. Wilton - Limited Callout - 01:01 Fri 1st Jan 2021
The team leader was notified by the ambulance service of an ambulance stuck on ice in Wilton. The crew were unable to drive up hill. A 4x4 vehicle was dispatched with two team members to drive the paramedics to the property. Two more team members were instructed to wait at home in case their assistance was required. The casualty was dealt with and the paramedics were returned to the ambulance.

2. Dent Fell - Alert - 18:51 Fri 1st Jan 2021
There was a possible callout on Dent Fell area but after some enquiries there was not enough solid evidence to justify a deployment of resources and the team was stood down.

3. Frizington - Limited Callout - 13:46 Mon 4th Jan 2021
An NWAS request for assistance was made to help an Ambulance crew transfer a Lady with a broken leg 400m across a heavily iced field. Due to the current weather conditions and the concern for possible issues with hypothermia the Duty Team Leader immediately arranged for a small team and our land rover defender to go direct to the reported location. Due to the state of the field, the team decided to move the lady by stretcher. So after warmly packaging the lady into one of our casualty bags both Team Members and the Ambulance Crew managed to relocate the lady to the waiting ambulance.

4. Hardknott Pass - Limited Callout - 14:10 Mon 4th Jan 2021
The team were called by the police after a driver reported himself stuck on Hardknott Pass. He was not injured. Because there would have been a long wait for a recovery vehicle, and the weather was very cold, a small group of team members were asked to attend, taking extra warm clothing with them. They stayed on scene until the recovery vehicle arrived.

5. Scafell Pike - Alert - 14:59 Tue 19th Jan 2021
We were called by the police about 2 walkers who reported themselves lost in the snow, they thought near the summit of Scafell Pike. Text Messages were sent, but it wasn't possible to speak to them until some time later, by which time they had found a path and were making their way off the hill. 1 team member went in search of the car to leave a message asking them to get in touch when they were down, which they did. They managed to get themselves off the hill without the team having to deploy.

6. Ponsonby - Alert - 15:34 Sun 24th Jan 2021
A flare was spotted over the Ponsonby area by members of the public and reported to the police. After the team leader made some enquiries the incident reported was known to be innocent and not meant as a distress signal. The team was then stood down without any deployment.

7. Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:42 Sat 20th Feb 2021
A report came in that people were lost on Scafell Pike. The team leader called the missing persons but the calls were not answered phones. A note was placed on their vehicle at The Green, Wasdale Head, by another team member. The team leader then managed to ascertain later that the missing persons had safely returned to their vehicle and the team was stood down.

8. Cross Walls, Wastwater - Full Callout - 15:58 Sat 3rd Apr 2021
The team leader was alerted by North West Ambulance Service that a lady had taken a fall and sustained a suspected broken leg by Wastwater lake The team was quickly dispatched to assist the ambulance crew to carry the lady up a short piece of tricky land, then into the ambulance. We hope the lady makes a speedy recovery.

9. Esk Hause - Alert - 19:54 Wed 14th Apr 2021

A call came in from a lost person on the South flank of Esk Hause. The team leader successfully managed to talk the person down.

10. Fell End, Eskdale - Full Callout - 13:37 Thu 15th Apr 2021
Cumbria Police alerted the Team Leader of a gentleman with a suspected broken ankle on steep ground above the Eskdale Outward Bound centre. The team was quickly dispatched to the scene where the patient was given pain relief, splinted and carried down by stretcher to an ambulance. We would like to wish the gentleman a speedy recovery.

11. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 19:13 Fri 16th Apr 2021
Cumbria Police alerted the Team Leader about a party of 3 lost. After a bit of research and the use of Phone Find it was established that they were on the bad step on the Corridor Route after summitting Scafell Pike, they were trying to get back to Seathwaite. Another group passing by met up with them, the team leader established that they were competent to escort the lost party back. A call was received later that night to confirm they were safely off the hill.

12. Kirkfell - Limited Callout - 18:40 Sat 24th Apr 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police following reports of a dog barking and whining for some time. We decided to investigate because, as well as a dog possibly in distress, there may have been someone injured nearby. A few team members attended and met a member of the public who had located and retrieved the dog, which had apparently been missing for a couple of days. There was no sign of anyone injured thankfully.

13. Napes, Great Gable - Full Callout - 19:21 Sun 25th Apr 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police to say 2 walkers had become stuck on their descent from Great Gable. Because of the location, a full team callout was initiated as roped access and egress may have been necessary. While the team were en route, a message was received to say that a walker, who fortuitously had the summer Mountain Leader qualification, had come across them and was prepared to stay with them for a while. Later another message was received to say they would move across the scree slope they were on to a footpath which meant that the rescue was straightforward, necessitating only a (steep) walk back down to the valley.

14. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 20:36 Sun 25th Apr 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police to say 2 walkers had become lost on their descent from Scafell Pike and light was fading. Phonefind put them at the Corridor Route/Greta Gill junction, a group of team members who had originally been on their way to the previous incident on Great Gable, went to this location and escorted them back to Wasdale, where they took a taxi back to Seathwaite.

15. Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:00 Thu 29th Apr 2021
The team received an alert for lost walkers on Scafell Pike. The Duty Team Leader made some calls and established that the walkers were indeed safe and well and off the hill.

16. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 11:55 Wed 5th May 2021
The team leader was alerted by Cumbria police of a lady with a reported broken leg/ankle on the lakeside screes footpath by Wastwater. A spotter was sent to the roadside to try and pin point the location with binoculars and the team boat was launched to find the casualty. Once the team medics were on scene there were concerns about other serious injuries so the air ambulance was called for. The casualty was stabilised, given pain relief, packaged onto a stretcher and moved by boat to the other side of the lake where the air ambulance took the lady to hospital. We wish the lady a speedy recovery.

17. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:22 Sat 8th May 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police who had received an alert from a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon). The location seemed to be near Mickledore but initially there was little more information on the nature of the incident. It was not possible to talk to the informant. Subsequent text messages suggested that the casualty was uninjured but may have been severely hypothermic. A full team callout was initiated. The casualty was on Mickledore, and was being well looked after by some passers by. After more food and rewarming, the casualty was able to walk off with assistance. Our thanks to the RAF mountain rescue team who were on their way to help, but were stood down as the casualty was able to walk.

18. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Alert - 03:46 Sun 16th May 2021
Cumbria police alerted the team leader of a group of four people attempting the three peaks challenge, they had become lost when descending Scafell Pike. An initial phone find located the group by Piers Gill, a notorious accident black spot. After numerous telephone conversations with the group and 12x subsequent phone find location indicators the lost people were guided safely off the mountain without having to call out the rest of the team. A great example of technology working in our favour.

19. Overbeck, Wasdale - Full Callout - 15:27 Wed 19th May 2021
The team were called out to a male who was reported by another walker to be sitting on the path on the slopes of Yewbarrow. It was reported the gentleman could not walk as he was exhausted and both ankles were sore. 16 Wasdale

team members were deployed along with 8 of our colleagues from Duddon MRT. The medics stabilised the casualty who was then carried by stretcher to Overbeck car park where an ambulance took him to hospital for further medical care. We hope the gentleman makes a speedy recovery. Thanks to our friends from Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team for their continued help and assistance.

20. Upper Eskdale - Limited Callout - 19:40 Tue 25th May 2021
We were contacted by Langdale Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team (LAMRT) team leader to assist them locating 2 lost people in Upper Eskdale. A small team were deployed in Eskdale to meet with Langdale team members at the last known location. The Langdale team arrived first and escorted the people back to their valley. Wasdale were stood down when close to the location.

21. Great Gable - Full Callout - 10:59 Tue 1st Jun 2021
Just before 11pm we received a message from Cumbria Police about a gentleman reported to have hurt his ankle and having difficulty getting down from Great Gable. He was with his 14 year old son, his wife having gone ahead to raise the call for help. A full team call out was initiated, however as team members were mobilising we received an update to let us know that the gentleman had made it safely down. The team were then stood down.

22. Wastwater - Full Callout - 15:16 Wed 2nd Jun 2021
Cumbria police alerted the team of 2x people on Wastwater who had fallen off their canoe into the water. They were shouting for help, this was reported to the police by a walker descending Scafell Pike. As the team were gathering at base to get the rescue boat deployed the team leader was notified by the police that the people were safely out of the water. The team were stood down.

23. Egremont - Full Callout - 11:36 Sat 5th Jun 2021
North West Ambulance service contacted the team to help with the recovery of a young man who had sadly passed away in the Egremont area. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the young man.

24. Beck Head, Great Gable - Full Callout - 14:31 Sun 6th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police about a lady who had injured her ankle on the descent from Great Gable. The team were mobilised and together with assistance from Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team, the lady was treated and stretchered off the hill, to be met by a land ambulance in the valley bottom. The team would like to wish the lady a speedy recovery. Our thanks to Duddon and Furness team on what was a difficult carry on bad ground, and in hot and sticky conditions.

25. Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:56 Sat 12th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police about a man who had failed to return from his walk on Scafell Pike, having split up from the rest of his party. While the Team Leader was gathering information, the man turned up safe and well at the car park.

26. Horn Crag, Upper Eskdale - Alert - 12:38 Mon 14th Jun 2021
A call came in from the police about a gentleman lost when descending Scafell Pike. Using phone find the location came back as just below Horn crag, Eskdale. The team leader made contact with the person and talked him off the fell in the direction of Burnmore Tarn. On his way to the tarn he bumped into another walking group. They kindly pointed him on the right track using their map and compass ! The gent was using his phone to navigate but lost this tool as he lost phone signal. We come across this kind of scenario all too often, always a good idea to have a back up plan- map and compass, and know how to use them.

27. Scafell Pike - Alert - 17:56 Tue 15th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police about 2 walkers who had reported themselves lost, possibly on the descent from Scafell Pike but this was not certain from the information they had given to the police. It was not possible to speak to them either by phone or text and the phonefind was unsuccessful, so there was no way of knowing even which fell they were on. A team member went to car parks to look for the car which was not there, so it was assumed they had got down and left the valley. However, it was another 3 hours before contact could be established to confirm this.

28. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:12 Thu 17th Jun 2021
The team were called to a young man with a reported dislocated knee. When we arrived on scene the casualty had managed to re set the knee himself. Pain relief was given and the gent was stretchered off the hill where he was advised to make his own way to hospital(partner driving) to get things checked over.

29. Scafell Pike - Alert - 23:17 Fri 18th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police regarding lights on the fell, thought to be signalling SOS. After investigation, they were deemed to be lights from walkers on a sponsored charity event, so the team was not deployed.

30. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:43 Sat 19th Jun 2021

A call came in about a gentleman with a medical condition near to Lingmel Col. The team leader immediately called for Air Ambulance support as well as back up from Duddon MRT. The casualty was airlifted to a waiting land ambulance and transferred to hospital. The rest of his family were escorted off the mountain by team members. We hope the gentleman recovers well. A big thanks to the air ambulance and Duddon MRT for their assistance.

31. Mitredale - Full Callout - 15:20 Tue 22nd Jun 2021
North West Ambulance Service called the team out to a lady with a suspected broken ankle in Miterdale Forest. Once on scene the team medics administered pain relief and then splinted the ankle. She was then stretchered back to her car. Her family then drove her to the hospital to get further treatment.

32. Broad Crag - Full Callout - 18:51 Tue 22nd Jun 2021
A call came in to the team leader of a male with a knee injury on Broad Crag. Because of the unknown nature of the injury, stretched team resources after the previous job, a helicopter was called for. More Duddon team members kindly responded to assist. A team member already on Scafell Pike summit was diverted to the scene to give a situation report and guide the coastguard helicopter in. Once on board the aircraft the casualty was flown to the Keswick MRT area and transferred to their team. A big thank you to Duddon MRT, Keswick MRT and Rescue 199 (coastguard helicopter).

33. Stanley Ghyll, Eskdale - Full Callout - 14:50 Fri 25th Jun 2021
A call came in of a male with various injuries who had crashed off his mountain bike near Stanley Gill. Once on scene the man was given pain relief and transferred by stretcher to the waiting ambulance for further medical care.

34. Scafell Pike – Full Callout - 16:08 Fri 25th Jun 2021
As we were still dealing with the Stanley Gill incident, another call came in about a male lost on Scafell Pike summit. His map had blown away in the wind. More Duddon team members kindly responded to this as well as some diverting from the Eskdale job. The gentleman was exhausted and frightened. He was escorted from the summit by Duddon MRT. A huge thanks to them for helping us out at such a busy time.

35. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 07:46 Sat 26th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police about a male who had a head injury. The informant was at Mickledore but due to poor phone signal, the casualty location and severity of the injury was unknown. Accidents in this area are often serious. It was not possible to talk to the informant, so a full callout was initiated and a coastguard helicopter with winching capability requested. Although the helicopter would not have been able to reach the casualty site because of cloud, the crew would have been able to give team members a lift up the hill as far as possible. This would have helped a great deal if a lot of heavy crag equipment was needed. As the team were mobilising and the helicopter was en route, a call came in to say the team was no longer needed, so all assets were stood down. Our thanks to the helicopter crew for their assistance.

36. Cam Spout, Scafell - Full Callout - 17:30 Sat 26th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police about a male who had fallen at Cam Spout waterfall in Eskdale, sustaining serious injuries. A coastguard helicopter was requested immediately and an air ambulance also attended. The casualty was treated at the scene and taken to hospital by helicopter. The team escorted members of the casualty's party back to their vehicles. Our thanks to the helicopter crews for their assistance.

37. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:36 Sun 27th Jun 2021
In the first of three incidents in quick succession, we were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen on the way down from Scafell Pike and sustained a wrist injury, plus cuts and bruises. The casualty was treated at the scene and taken to hospital by helicopter. Team members walked down with the other family member. Our thanks to the helicopter crew and Duddon and Furness team for their assistance.

38. Eskdale - Alert - 16:10 Sun 27th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria police about a parascender who appeared to be in difficulties in Eskdale. Enquiries revealed that there was an organised event taking place and some participants may have been performing acrobatics. All were accounted for, safe and well, so no further action was taken.

39. Hollow Gill, Scafell - Full Callout - 17:07 Sun 27th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had fallen on the way down from Scafell and sustained an ankle injury. Some team members who had just started the walk up to incident no. 36 were diverted to this incident. The casualty's father had carried him a long way to avoid calling out the team – thankyou! The casualty was met near Hollow Gill and stretchered the short distance back to Brackenclose. The family was able to take him to the hospital in their own transport.

40. Great Gable - Full Callout - 16:45 Mon 28th Jun 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who had gone astray on their descent from Great Gable and become stuck on dangerous ground. The team was mobilised including the team drone and operator. The drone was used to help

locate the walkers and guide the team to a suitable position. Once this was done a rope system was set up from above. A single rescuer was lowered down the gully to one of the walkers, who was then equipped with a harness and helmet, attached to the rope and both lowered to safer ground, the process being repeated for the second walker. That party then made their way off the fell, while the belaying party above stripped out the belays and made their way off the hill with that equipment plus the 250m of rope that had been used. Once back at base the equipment was checked and replenished and then the team gratefully consumed a large quantity of pizza which has been ordered by the Team Leader.

41. Sty Head - Alert - 07:57 Tue 29th Jun 2021
The Team Leader was alerted about a male with an ankle injury near the stretcher box at Sty Head tarn. Once the location was confirmed the job was handed over to Keswick MRT who kindly took control of the incident. They called in helicopter support and the casualty was flown to the hospital for treatment. Thanks to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team and Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team, as well as Coastguard R199 for helping us out during such a busy period.

42. Hardknott Pass - Full Callout - 14:16 Tue 29th Jun 2021
The team was called out by the ambulance service to assist with a gentleman with a back injury on Hardknott Pass. Team members assisted by putting the casualty onto a stretcher and into one of our own vehicles. The gentleman was then transferred to the ambulance at the bottom of the pass for transport to the hospital.

43. Boat How - Full Callout - 17:22 Tue 29th Jun 2021
The team was alerted of a group of 24 teenagers and two adults lost near Boat How. Contact with the group was not possible and the initial location from the phone signal was inconclusive. Later in the evening, another call came in about six of the same group who were still on the mountain. Cockermouth MRT was alerted as the situation developed. The team started to search the route up to Beck Head and Duddon and Furness MRT and the Coastguard were called for assistance. The group was found safe and well by team members near Beck Head. At this point, the Duddon team and the helicopter were stood down and the group was escorted off the fell to Wasdale Head. A big thanks to all other MR teams involved and Rescue 936 for their assistance.

44. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:10 Thu 1st Jul 2021
A call came in about a lady with a broken arm close to the summit of Scafell Pike. Because of the location of the casualty and fatigue of team members after so many jobs the Coastguard helicopter assisted as well as Duddon MRT. The lady was airlifted to hospital for further treatment. We wish her a speedy recovery. Thanks to Rescue 199 and Duddon MRT- again !

45. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 19:31 Mon 5th Jul 2021
We were alerted by North West Ambulance Service about a male who was struggling to walk because of a severe cramp. He was able to make slow progress with frequent rests and was concerned about getting off the hill before nightfall. The team who were already crag training in Eskdale were mobilised and met the walker partway down the Brown Tongue path. After some food and water, he was able to walk down.

46. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:49 Wed 7th Jul 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a male who was struggling to walk because of an ankle injury. It was not thought to be fractured and after some pain relief, he was able to walk down with assistance from his family. Thanks once again to Duddon and Furness team for their assistance.

47. Bigrigg - Full Callout - 11:16 Sun 11th Jul 2021
We were alerted by North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had fainted and needed transporting from a field to the roadside. In the event, the team were not needed as the casualty was at the roadside when the team arrived.

48. Lingmell Nose - Full Callout - 18:57 Tue 13th Jul 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who was experiencing chest pains and struggling to breathe normally. He was treated at the scene and stretchered of to a waiting ambulance.

49. Scar Lathing, Upper Eskdale - Full Callout - 00:43 Thu 15th Jul 2021
A call came in from Cumbria Police about a male feeling unwell near Scar Lathing, upper Eskdale. Because of the nature of the medical condition, remote location and low number of available team members the Coastguard helicopter Rescue 936 kindly assisted, a big thanks for this! This saved us having to call other teams out at such a busy time. The gent was found by Jess and her handler as the helicopter arrived in the area. After a medical assessment by the aircraft Paramedic the casualty was flown to the bottom of Hardknott Pass to be taken to hospital by his friends. We hope the gent has a speedy recovery.

50. Yewbarrow - Full Callout - 10:50 Sun 18th Jul 2021
Cumbria Police alerted the Team Leader of 2 people that had taken a 20 metre fall off the Stirrup Crag area of Yewbarrow. This was reported to the police by two different passing walkers. Because of the known severity of the terrain and reported possible serious injuries the Coastguard helicopter, which has winching capabilities, was requested. Two Air Ambulances

were scrambled as well because of the number of casualties. The teams made their way, on foot as quickly as possible, to the casualty site. On arrival, the helicopter doctors and paramedics had stabilised the two casualties as much as possible. The team prepared the area for the arrival of Rescue 199 (Coastguard) which winched the two people up and transferred them to the hospital for further treatment. We hope the gent and lady have a speedy recovery. This was fantastic multi-agency working, especially between the three helicopter crews. Thanks to them all for responding quickly.

51. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 20:05 Wed 21st Jul 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who reported an ankle injury. He was given pain relief and helped to walk down as the injury was not thought to be a fracture.

52. Great Gable - Full Callout - 00:37 Sun 25th Jul 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 3 walkers who were stuck on bad ground on their descent from Great Gable. "Phonefind" put their location in or near Great Hell Gate but erring on the side of caution, extra resources were called for in case it turned out to be a crag rescue. The walkers were able to walk off with assistance. Many thanks to the RAF and Duddon and Furness for their assistance.

53. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 15:38 Thu 29th Jul 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police to say shouts for help were reported by some walkers on the Hollowstones section of the Scafell Pike path. The shouts appeared to come from the Scafell side of the hill. Two team members were deployed to do a hasty search, but before they started, a message was received to say the party who had been shouting had been located safe and well. They had lost the path in the mist. Thank you to the fellow walkers who went to look for them and made sure they were safe.

54. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 22:45 Sat 31st Jul 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who had got lost near the summit of Scafell Pike. The Team Leader was able to pinpoint their location using Phonefind and advised them to walk back up to the top in the hope of meeting other walkers who could help them down. Fortunately, this turned out to be the case and they arrived back in the valley around 0440 the following morning. As requested, they let the police know they were off the hill safe and well.

55. Broad Crag - Full Callout - 15:26 Sun 1st Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained a knee injury on Broad Crag, (Scafell Pike). As a stretcher carry from there is particularly long, potentially dangerous, and difficult in any direction, air assistance was requested. The casualty was airlifted to hospital by Helimed 08 as team members were starting to arrive on scene. Thank you again to Duddon and Furness and Helimed 08 for your assistance.

56. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 17:01 Mon 2nd Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained a knee injury on the lakeshore path on Wastwater. The team had already planned a training exercise that evening using the boat in that area, and practicing extrication on the steep boulder fields. The couple had been advised by more than one group that it was a suitable cycling route – we would disagree! – see photos. However, the injury was not sustained whilst cycling. The casualty was treated and transported across the lake by boat to a waiting ambulance.

57. Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:04 Tue 3rd Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained an ankle injury on Scafell Pike. A Wasdale MRT Team Leader had come across the casualty on their descent. The casualty was treated at the scene and stretchered down to Brackenclose to be taken to hospital by ambulance. We hope the casualty has a speedy recovery.

58. Pikes Crag, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:51 Wed 4th Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had attempted to take a more direct route up Scafell Pike via Pikes Crag and became stuck on steep ground. He was unhurt. Helicopter assistance was requested to help lift up a crag team and a large amount of heavy equipment, as a full crag rescue might have been needed. 4 Duddon and Furness and 2 Wasdale team members were lifted up with R199 with the equipment. Other members made their way to the bottom of the crag, also with a large amount of equipment, to act as spotters and a receiving party. Fortunately, a Duddon and Furness team member who was lowered down to the casualty was able to equip him with a harness and helmet, before being assisted back up relatively easily to the top of the crag. We all walked back down and were met by members of both teams who further assisted with carrying the equipment back down to the vehicles. Thank you to Duddon and Furness and R199 for making a busy week a lot easier!

59. Scafell - Full Callout - 17:24 Sun 8th Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who were unsure of the way off Scafell and one had a sore ankle. Initially, 2 team members were asked to deploy with warm clothing and a bivvy shelter as it was stated that the person with the sore ankle could walk down. Also the description of the location did not tally with the phone-find. Subsequent

information received then stated that the person could not walk down so a full team call out was initiated. However, the walkers did manage to get themselves down and were met near Brackenclose by team members.

60. Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:45 Sun 8th Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 5 walkers who were lost on Scafell Pike, one had cramp and was unable to walk. They had a tent which they rested in for a couple of hours and were then able to make their way back to Borrowdale with guidance from the Team Leader.

61. Wastwater - Full Callout - 14:10 Thu 12th Aug 2021
The Team Leader was alerted by Cumbria Police of two swimmers in Wast Water struggling in the water. As the team was being mobilised the police reported that all was well and the swimmers had made it safely back to shore. A good outcome.

62. Fell End, Eskdale - Alert - 22:29 Thu 12th Aug 2021
A call came in from the police about reported torch lights above Fisherground campsite, Eskdale. After some investigation by the Team Leader it was quickly established that all was well. The torch lights were from a group of three people making their way back to the campsite off the fell above. A well intentioned call from a concerned camper.

63. Muncaster Fell - Full Callout - 16:00 Tue 17th Aug 2021
We were tasked by North West Ambulance Service to attend to a lady with a lower leg injury. The team medics stabilised the casualty, gave pain relief and with the rest of the team, stretchered her to a waiting air ambulance. She was flown to hospital for further treatment. Thanks to Helimed 58 for their assistance. We hope the lady has a speedy recovery.

64. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 17:40 Thu 19th Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who appeared to have had a type of seizure on the way down from Scafell Pike. When the team arrived, he was given food and fluid. After assessment by the team medics, he was able to walk the short distance to the car park, with assistance from family and team members. We were met by an ambulance and he was taken to hospital.

65. Broad Crag Col, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 19:11 Sat 21st Aug 2021
The team were alerted by Cumbria Police about a group of 8 who were lost when descending Scafell Pike. After several conversations with the group the Team Leader gave a bearing for them to follow and sent a small team to intercept them. This decision was mainly taken because of the high water levels up the valley due to so much rain. The conditions were very challenging. The group were located and then escorted back to their cars at the bottom of Hardknott Pass.

66. Broad Stand, Scafell - Full Callout - 20:28 Sat 21st Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who were cragfast. A passer-by had raised the alarm having heard shouts, but because of the lack of visibility in the mist, the location was uncertain. There was also a report of an ankle injury. Two team members were asked to go to Mickledore to try and make contact and the remaining team members started the ascent up to the top of Scafell with a large amount of ropes and crag gear, plus personal safety equipment. 10 Duddon and Furness team members attended, they split into 2 groups, 1 party taking more equipment and first aid up to the top of the crag and the others taking more ropes, the stretcher, casualty bag, vacuum mattress, wheel and frame up to Mickledore, ready to receive the casualties. Rope systems were set up at the top of the crag to safeguard the rescuers. The party were on Broad Stand – definitely not the way off! – and one of our accident black spots - they were located and reached with difficulty. The casualty with the injured ankle was assessed and they were then lowered down to Mickledore on ropes. The casualty with the ankle injury tried walking but a stretcher carry proved quicker. All were off the hill by 08.42 on 22nd, then team members drove back to their respective bases, then home, a 10am finish for some. Huge thanks to Duddon and Furness team for their assistance in miserable conditions.

67. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 14:13 Wed 25th Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a lady who had slipped and was unable to bear weight due to a painful ankle injury. On reaching the scene, the Team Casualty Carers gave pain relief before applying a vacuum splint. She was then transported by team stretcher to Brackenclose where members of her walking party were able to transport her to further care. We wish the lady a swift recovery.

68. Stony Tarn, Eskdale - Full Callout - 13:59 Fri 27th Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained a back injury after a slip. Given the potential for a serious injury and the fact that it would have been an uncomfortable stretcher carry over awkward ground, air support was requested. Helimed 58 air ambulance attended and took the casualty down to the valley, the team walked down with the other family members. Many thanks to GNAAS for their assistance. We hope the walker has a speedy recovery.

69. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:15 Sat 28th Aug 2021
We were alerted by North West Ambulance Service regarding a 10-year-old boy who had unfortunately lost his footing, flipped over, and then bumped his head whilst on the main tourist path. Any head injury is potentially serious so air assets

were quickly called to effect a swift evacuation. Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199 from Prestwick and Helimed 58 responded. Team members packaged the casualty into a vacuum mattress and stretcher before working with the Coastguard helicopter winch-man to prepare for the winch. Once winched into the helicopter the casualty was flown to hospital. Many thanks to R199 and H58 for attending and also to the large number of people who waited patiently whilst the helicopter operations took place. Video of helicopter operations We wish the young man a quick recovery and hope to see him and his family back on the fells soon.

70. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 20:30 Sat 28th Aug 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had had a fit on the descent from Scafell Pike. On arrival on scene, team members administered first aid and stretchered him off the hill to a waiting ambulance. He was then taken to hospital.

71. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:23 Fri 3rd Sep 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police of a gentleman who had taken a small fall on the Corridor Route when descending Scafell Pike. He had a nasty head injury and suspected dislocated knee, this initial medical information was reported to the team leader by a passing doctor. Because of the nature of injuries, location and time of day a Coastguard helicopter was requested. Rescue 199 from Prestwick kindly attended and winched the casualty on board and off to Carlisle hospital for further treatment. Thanks to Rescue 199 for their assistance, we hope the gentleman makes a speedy recovery.

72. Skew Gill, Great End - Alert - 17:20 Sat 4th Sep 2021
A call came in of a gentleman with head and leg injuries after a fall on the Corridor Route (again). He was in a group of eight. After several phone conversations with the Team Leader the group took it upon themselves to walk off towards Stockley Bridge. The casualty was advised to make their own way to hospital to get checked over once safely off the hill. The group kindly informed the Team Leader when they were back at their car.

73. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:05 Mon 6th Sep 2021
We were alerted by North West Ambulance Service about a walker who had taken a 10ft fall and had significant bleeding from a head injury. In view of this, air support was requested and Helimed 58 attended. However, the casualty site was in cloud so the aircraft could not land nearby. The casualty was treated at the scene. Eventually, with low cloud still posing problems, and with the casualty able to walk off with assistance, the helimed stood down and the casualty was helped off the hill.

74. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:37 Mon 6th Sep 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who were lost on Scafell Pike. The Team Leader was able to talk them off the hill without calling the team out.

75. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 02:16 Sat 11th Sep 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who had got split up from the rest of the party in wet, misty conditions near the top of Scafell Pike. They failed to return to the valley. It was not possible to speak to them, so a search was initiated due to concerns over the health of one of the walkers. “Phonefind” gave us a location at 07.45, team members were nearby and found the walkers tired, cold and wet but otherwise OK. They managed to walk off back to Brackenclose. Many thanks to RAF Leeming for their assistance.

76. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:43 Tue 14th Sep 2021
Two walkers were reported as lost on Scafell Pike. The team leader contacted them and the walkers reported that they had met some other walkers and were being guided down by them. The team was stood down.

77. Wastwater Screes - Alert - 11:46 Wed 15th Sep 2021
The team was contacted by Cumbria Police following reports of shouts for help possibly above Wastwater screes. The team leader made some enquiries to obtain more information. The team was later stood down: a well intentioned false alarm.

78. Uldale - Full Callout - 14:02 Wed 15th Sep 2021
The team was contacted about a student on a school walk, with a medical condition in Uldale, close to Dent fell. The North West Air Ambulance was in attendance and gave appropriate medical care. The team carried the casualty a short distance to the helicopter prior to being flown to hospital. Thanks again to our colleagues in NWAA!

79. Brown Tongue, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 20:45 Wed 15th Sep 2021
In the third call of the day, we were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who were struggling to complete the descent from Scafell Pike due to exhaustion and twisted ankles. After pain relief and some sustenance they were able to walk off slowly.

80. Scafell Pike - Alert - 14:19 Sat 18th Sep 2021

The team was alerted to a person suffering cramp on the Scafell Pike path. The team leader contacted the person and they managed to make their own way of the hill.

81. Woolworth Boulder, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:35 Sun 19th Sep 2021
The team was called out to an ankle injury between the Woolworth boulder and Mickledore. Medical treatment was given and the casualty was stretchered down Brown Tongue and then Lingmell Nose. The casualty was later taken by ambulance to hospital.

82. Wasdale Head - Alert - 12:38 Tue 21st Sep 2021
The team received a call that a person was suffering an epileptic fit at Wasdale Head, and that team resources were possibly required. After some enquiries, the team leader was advised that the casualty was safely off the hill and in an ambulance. The team was stood down.

83. Wastwater Screes - Full Callout - 18:38 Tue 21st Sep 2021
A call was received that a party of four was on the Wastwater screes path and that one person had a medical condition that required treatment. The team was deployed along the path on foot and across the lake at Cross Walls. The boat was launched and the crew picked up the party to transfer them to Cross Walls, prior to medical treatment.

84. Middle Fell - Limited Callout - 21:23 Wed 22nd Sep 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police regarding two walkers and a dog lost on Middle Fell. They had missed the path in failing light and got into difficult ground. They were found by search dog Jess. A painful ascent (due to gorse!) was then made up to easier ground, before walking off the hill.

85. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Alert - 10:55 Sun 26th Sep 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about two walkers lost on Scafell Pike, one possibly with a medical problem. It was not possible to make contact. When text messages were eventually received, the lost people phoned to say they had met up with others and were walking down, so no action required.

86. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:00 Sun 26th Sep 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 8 walkers lost near the top of Scafell Pike. Whilst gathering information, it transpired they had met up with others and were walking down, so no action required.

87. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:07 Sun 26th Sep 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 6 walkers lost near the top of Scafell Pike, one with cramp. Whilst gathering information, it transpired they had met up with a local walker and were walking down, so no further action was required from the team.

88. Beck Head, Great Gable – Full Callout - 16:00 Wed 29th Sep 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker who had sustained a leg injury on the Beck Head path on Great Gable. It was not possible to speak to either the informant or the casualty as a storm earlier in the week damaged much of the communications infrastructure in the valley. The team mobilised and met the casualty in the fields at the bottom of Gavel Neese, having hobbled off the hill. He was assessed, given pain relief and met by friends at the farm. Thanks to Duddon and Furness team for their assistance. We wish the walker a swift recovery.

89. Blea Tarn, Eskdale - Alert - 17:18 Fri 1st Oct 2021
The Team Leader was alerted about a lost male who was descending Scafell Pike. The Phonefind put him close to Blea Tarn in Eskdale. After several chats on the phone it was possible to 'talk and walk' him off without having to mobilise the team. This was good news as quite a lot of team members were at the base having a BBQ at the time!

90. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:55 Sat 2nd Oct 2021
Saturday 2nd October brought extreme weather conditions and a spate of rescues for Wasdale MRT supported by Duddon and Furness MRT and Coastguard helicopter Rescue 199. A total of five callouts were taken by the Team Leader from Cumbria Police in a matter of hours, the first at 1255 and then a further four between 1554 and 1715 that afternoon. Cumbria Police alerted the team of a female with a reported broken wrist, sustained in a fall whilst descending Scafell Pike. The team were mobilised and the lady was intercepted by two team members close to Burnthwaite Farm, Wasdale. She was escorted to the road where she made her own way to hospital with her friend.

91. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Alert - 15:54 Sat 2nd Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police regarding a walker who had split up from his family near the summit of Scafell Pike and failed to make it back to Wasdale valley. The police received a further message a little after 5pm to say he was safe and at the Woolpack Inn in Eskdale.

92. Whin Rigg - Full Callout - 16:30 Sat 2nd Oct 2021

We were alerted by Cumbria Police about two walkers who were cragfast on steep dangerous ground on Whin Rigg. They had tried to avoid a loose section on the lakeshore path, and ended up ascending to within 70m of the top of the hill. Team members tried to gain access from above but it was considered too dangerous due to the loose terrain, so they walked round and down to the lake shore and ascended from there. They were joined by Duddon and Furness MRT team members with more ropes and crag kit. Once on scene, the casualties were roped up and a little progress was made. However, once again, it was considered too risky because of the danger of falling rocks and boulders, so a helicopter with winching capability was requested. Fortuitously the cloud and rain which had been around for most of the day lifted enough to allow the helicopter to fly. The two walkers were winched, but the crew then stated it was too dangerous for the helicopter to lift team members due to the proximity of a buttress, loose ground and wind conditions. So they departed and team members retraced their steps down the hill. Very many thanks to both Duddon and Furness MRT and Rescue 199 for their help in a very challenging situation.https://en-gb.facebook.com/WasdaleMRT/videos/246747034089162/

93. Styhead Path, Great Gable - Full Callout - 16:40 Sat 2nd Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police regarding three walkers plus a dog who reported themselves lost and cragfast on their descent from Scafell Pike. It was not possible to get a location from "phonefind" but the eastings and northings from the 999 call put the party on the edge of Piers Gill. Team members made their way with ropes and crag kit to this location up and over Lingmell Col, avoiding river crossings, as the rivers were impassable due to the torrential rain. The team were unable to find anybody. They searched down as far as the Greta Gill/Piers Gill junction with no success. Greta Gill was impassable so they retraced their steps back over Lingmell Col. At this point, phonefind worked and put the party below the Sty Head path near Toad How. Duddon and Furness team members went to their location, warmed them up and walked them down.

94. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 17:15 Sat 2nd Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about two walkers who were lost on Scafell Pike. It was not possible to make contact with them. Team members who were on the hill on the Piers Gill incident were asked to keep a look out for them. Some time later, a call was picked up by a police force outside Cumbria and the eastings and northings from the 999 call put the walkers on Mickledore. Two team members were diverted from the Piers Gill incident when it became apparent that the lost group from that incident were not in fact in the area, and the two walkers were found unhurt at Mickledore. They were warmed up and walked down. They had descended into Eskdale, tried to walk out but were stopped by high water levels at a river junction, so had to walk back.

95. Ulverston - Limited Callout - 14:10 Mon 4th Oct 2021
The team's search dog Jess and handler were requested to support Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team in a search for a missing person in the Ulverston area last week. On this occasion nothing was found.

96. Dunnerdale, Ulverston - Limited Callout - 10:00 Tue 5th Oct 2021
The following day the areas were extended and searched by a number of Lake District MR teams. Wasdale team were tasked to search two areas close to to Turner Hall Farm in Dunnerdale. Shortly after completing the first area, the good news was received that the missing person had been located in the Langdale valley, and the team were stood down. Thanks to Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team for the pies that were gratefully consumed back at their base.

97. Red Gill, Scafell - Full Callout - 11:45 Wed 6th Oct 2021
The team responded to two separate serious incidents and tragically they both happened on Wednesday 6th October. Our thoughts remain with the family and friends of the two walkers who sadly lost their lives and also to the members of the public that were involved. This is the first of those incidents.

98. Middle Fell - Alert - 12:37 Wed 6th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a dog which appeared to be in distress on Middle Fell. The caller was concerned that the dog's owner may have fallen and injured themselves. They were not able to see anyone. After enquiries, it was thought to be a hound dog from the local hound trail group which had been in the area at the time. False alarm with good intent.

99. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:36 Wed 6th Oct 2021
The team responded to two separate serious incidents and tragically they both happened on Wednesday 6th October. Our thoughts remain with the family and friends of the two walkers who sadly lost their lives and also to the members of the public that were involved. This is the second of those incidents. Our thanks to Duddon and Furness MRT and to Keswick MRT who responded throughout this period with additional team members and to the Cockermouth MRT who also offered their support. Thanks also to the Great North Air Ambulance crew, the North West Ambulance Service and the two Coastguard Search and Rescue helicopters from Caernarfon and Prestwick.

100. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:35 Sat 9th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who were lost on Scafell Pike. Phonefind put them at the top of Piers Gill. They were talked off the hill by the Team Leader without the team having to deploy.

101. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 20:20 Wed 13th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who were struggling to make progress whilst descending due to a sole of a boot becoming partially detached, plus nightfall arriving. As they were intending to walk down towards Borrowdale, Keswick Mountain Rescue Team kindly agreed to send a small group to meet them with a change of footwear, warm clothing and some food. Our thanks to them for their help.

102. Ennerdale - Alert - 19:26 Thu 14th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a lone walker needing help to navigate down from the summit of Red Pike. The Team Leader made some enquiries, after which it was established that he was located on the Ennerdale Red Pike, not the Wasdale one! The callout was then handed over to Cockermouth MRT.

103. Great Gable - Alert - 19:44 Fri 15th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker in the valley who had seen flashing lights on Great Gable, it was not known if someone had fallen as a light appeared to have fallen some distance. One team member went to investigate. The lights appeared to be moving up, then later descending towards Beck Head. The party were later met in the valley to check they were the same party who had been climbing on the Napes. When this was established, the incident was closed. Concluded to be a false alarm with good intent.

104. Broad Crag Col, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:23 Sat 16th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker with an ankle injury close to Broad Crag Col. A stretcher carry from there involves a difficult descent down loose scree and boulders and then an arduous carry up and over Lingmell Col before it is possible to descend to Wasdale. Support from RAF Leeming who were in the area was thus requested. Also a Coastguard helicopter was requested to help lift team members up the hill as far as the low cloud would allow. Amazingly, all the rescuers were dropped near the head of Piers Gill, just below cloud level, which saved time and a huge amount of effort for the team. The helicopter then left to refuel, whilst the team walked up the remainder of the way to the casualty. After pain relief and splinting of the injury, the casualty was stretchered down to the spot where team members had been dropped off. The cloud stayed high enough to allow the helicopter to return and pick up the casualty for onward travel to hospital. Most of the team then descended to Wasdale, 3 RAF members descended to Borrowdale with the casualty's friends. Huge thanks to the RAF team and to R936 for their help.

105. Lingmell Col, Scafell Pike - Alert - 17:27 Sat 16th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who reported themselves lost on the descent from Scafell Pike. Phonefind put them just above the wall at Lingmell Col. They were given directions to get back to the Hollowstones path and then made their own way off the hill.

106. Little Narrowcove, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 17:38 Sun 17th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about 2 walkers who had reported themselves lost on the descent from Scafell Pike. The weather had been poor all day and the river levels were high. Cloud base was low. It was not possible to make contact with the walkers, but eventually a subsequent call to the police gave latitude and longitude which put them in Little Narrowcove. A small group of team members set off from Eskdale to this location. In the meantime, the Team Leader received a message from a relative who had in turn had an emergency message from the walkers to say they had moved to try and get a phone signal, unsuccessfully. This meant the team were no longer going to a known location but were faced with a search in very poor visibility, with very limited resources. They split at the bottom of Little Narrowcove with three going up to the original location and one staying at the bottom, in case the walkers turned up there. Visibility was down to 50 metres at best. It was also not known if the pair had torches (they didn't). Fortunately they were found unhurt close to the original location and were walked down, and then got a taxi back to Wasdale.

107. Great End - Limited Callout - 16:27 Mon 18th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about two walkers who had reported themselves lost near the summit of Great End. They were given directions and managed to walk most of the way down before they were met by team members and Dog Jess, with torches. They were accompanied the rest of the way back to Wasdale Head.

108. Gavel Neese, Great Gable - Full Callout - 17:40 Mon 18th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a solo walker in considerable pain and struggling to walk, some distance from Burnthwaite Farm. A member of the public carried her to the farm. Team members returning from the previous incident called in to the farm where he was being cared for and awaiting an ambulance and offered pain relief.

109. Scafell Pike Summit, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 16:16 Mon 25th Oct 2021
We were alerted by Cumbria Police about a walker with a medical issue. GNAAS attended and the casualty was able to walk down with assistance, with the crew and team members. Keswick MRT were able to locate the car at Seathwaite and ask the driver to drive round to Brackenclose to pick the party up. Thanks very much to both for the assistance.

110. Wasdale Head - Limited Callout - 19:00 Mon 25th Oct 2021
A call came in from an unknown caller concerning a car at Wasdale Head. After investigation, this turned out to be a well-intentioned false alarm.

111. Egremont - Alert - 10:00 Thu 28th Oct 2021
Further to the previous incident, the region established a silver command incident response and Wasdale Swift Water Technicians were alerted to standby in case incidents escalated.

112. Scafell Pike - Alert - 11:59 Thu 28th Oct 2021
Flooding risks were identified within the Wasdale MRT area of responsibility and Swift Water Technicians were alerted to deal with potential incidents.

113. Corney Fell - Full Callout - 18:40 Sat 30th Oct 2021
The team was called out to assist Duddon & Furness MRT in their search for a vulnerable missing person. The person was found by a search dog not long after deployment. A good outcome.

114. Calf Cove, Great End - Alert - 16:37 Sun 31st Oct 2021
We were alerted by a passing walker of whistle sounds coming from the calf Cove area. As this was not in our patch it was passed onto Keswick MRT who kindly resolved the situation.

115. Lingmell - Alert - 17:20 Sun 31st Oct 2021
As the previous job was being passed over a second alert came in for a group of four lost when descending Scafell Pike. After many attempts the team leader pinpointed their location using phone find. They were then given a bearing to walk off Lingmell safely and talked down. A good use of technology to prevent calling the whole team out.

116. Slight Side, Scafell - Limited Callout - 19:37 Wed 3rd Nov 2021
The team was alerted to some lost people thought to be in Eskdale. A limited number of team members were sent to escort them down.

117. Hollowstones, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 12:31 Thu 4th Nov 2021
The team was called to a person with an ankle injury just above Hollowstones area. After the injury was treated, the team stretchered the casualty down to Brackenclose.

118. Piers Gill, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 19:04 Fri 5th Nov 2021
A report came in for lost walkers near Piers Gill. The Duty Team Leader attempted to talk the party off the hill and then deployed a few team members to escort the party down.

119. Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:41 Thu 11th Nov 2021
An alert was received for two lost persons descending Scafell Pike, reported by a family member. They ended up safe and well at Taw House nearly two hours later. Thanks to Keswick MRT who assisted with the job by sending one of their team members to Seathwaite to check their car over. A good outcome all round.

120. Mickledore, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 13:59 Fri 12th Nov 2021
A call came in for two overdue walkers on Scafell Pike who had set off from Wasdale Head, with information that the walkers had been near a stretcher box. A limited call out was initiated to first check the Sty Head stretcher box and the route to Sty Head and then the route to Mickledore. In the early evening, the callout was escalated to a full callout with teams to check four routes into Eskdale. As teams were starting their routes in Eskdale, the pair of walkers were happily found safe and well inside Mickledore stretcher box.

121. Great Gable - Alert - 11:47 Sun 14th Nov 2021
Some team members were attending the remembrance service on the summit of Great Gable when a member of the public began suffering with cramp. The team members along with RAF MRT members helped walk the casualty off the mountain.

Incidents between the last AGM on 16 November 2020 and 31 December 2020
Number of '999' calls = 10 which includes 4 alerts

1. Scafell Pike - Alert - 17:19 Sun 22nd Nov 2020
A gentlemen reported the Police that two of his party had failed to return from their walk up onto Scafell Pike. Cumbria Police immediately passed this onto the Duty Team Leader. After a short period of investigation the original informant reported that the rest of his party had returned back to the valley floor safe and sound. No deployment of team members was needed.

2. Upper Eskdale - Alert - 14:37 Wed 25th Nov 2020
A party of three reported themselves to Cumbria Police that they were lost whilst out walking in the Upper Eskdale area. Cumbria Police immediately passed this onto the Duty Team Leader who the investigated this incident further. Whilst the Team Leader was carrying out his initial investigation the party of three were able to relocate themselves, most probably due to a break in the low cloud and continue their journey safely. No deployment of team members was needed.

3. Middleboot Knotts, Scafell Pike - Full Callout - 15:59 Fri 4th Dec 2020
Two walkers who had climbed Scafell Pike became disorientated in the foul weather and then found themselves in difficult ground around the Piers Gill area. The couple were able to provide enough information to the Police in order to confirm their location, the Team Leader was able to make contact with them and establish that they were well equipped, he reassured them that help was on its way and that they should stay put and try to keep themselves as warm as possible. When team members arrived on scene the couple were found huddled up together in a survival bag keeping each other warm and conserving energy. Team members provided additional warm clothing and high calorie food before escorting the couple back to the valley floor, conditions were quickly deteriorating and the temperature was already significantly below zero due to the altitude and wind chill. The Winter is truly here now and Hypothermia is a killer, carrying the right equipment for every eventuality can be the difference between life and death. Information on what you should be carrying and planning in advance of a day out on the hills during Winter time can be found on https://www.adventuresmart.uk/.

4. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 15:54 Tue 8th Dec 2020
Team leader contacted via Cumbria Police after receiving a 999 call from a group of three walkers who were attempting to walk up Scafell Pike. The group were making their way up the Corridor Route from Wasdale and it is believed they reached the "bad step" at Greta Gill. Realising that they had started their walk a little late in the day and that they were going to be out on the mountain during the hours of darkness they made the sensible decision to turn back and attempt to retrace their steps. Given that the 999 call was lost mid-call and the Team Leader could not establish a PhoneFind location or contact any of the group, it was decided to issue a Limited Team Callout to begin a sweep of the area the group were last believed to be. As the first team members were arriving in the valley and beginning to make progress, the group were located at Burnthwaite Farm. All were safe and well.

5. Scafell Pike - Limited Callout - 16:35 Fri 11th Dec 2020
The team were called by a relative of one of 2 walkers who had not made contact as expected and there was concern for their safety. Initially it was thought they had torches, but it was subsequently established that this was not the case and they were relying on light from their phones, which were quickly running out of battery. Team members were asked to try and locate them, with additional lighting. As their location was unknown, parties were to cover the likely descent routes. They were met well down the hill, safe and well.

6. Scafell Pike - Alert - 18:39 Fri 11th Dec 2020
While the first of the evening's responses was just getting under way, a second call came in for a group of 3 walkers who had set off to walk up Scafell Pike from Seathwaite. There was also a suggestion they may have changed their plans. It was not possible to talk to the informant and glean any more information. The team leader talked to the Keswick team leader to discuss options as a search would have involved at least Wasdale and Keswick teams, possibly more. Thankfully the police were finally able to make contact with both the informant and the overdue walkers, who were off the hill.

7. Lingmell Beck - Full Callout - 17:23 Fri 18th Dec 2020
2 walkers called for help after becoming stuck by Lingmell beck crossing in the dark, frightened by the noise and look of the water. The team were mobilised in case the water was too dangerous to cross. Swift-water kit was taken as a precaution but not needed. Two team members went in advance of the main party with a bivvy shelter and warm clothing. The water was ok to cross and the walkers were walked off the hill with the rest of the team.

8. Green Hole, Upper Eskdale - Limited Callout - 13:19 Sat 19th Dec 2020
2 people reported themselves lost in the Green Hole area of upper Eskdale. They were advised by the team leader to follow the river out of the valley. Phone communication was lost so a small team were mobilised to meet them coming out. 1 team member met them at Brotherilkeld farm to confirm they were ok, the team were then stood down.

9. Burnmoor Tarn - Limited Callout - 15:29 Sat 19th Dec 2020

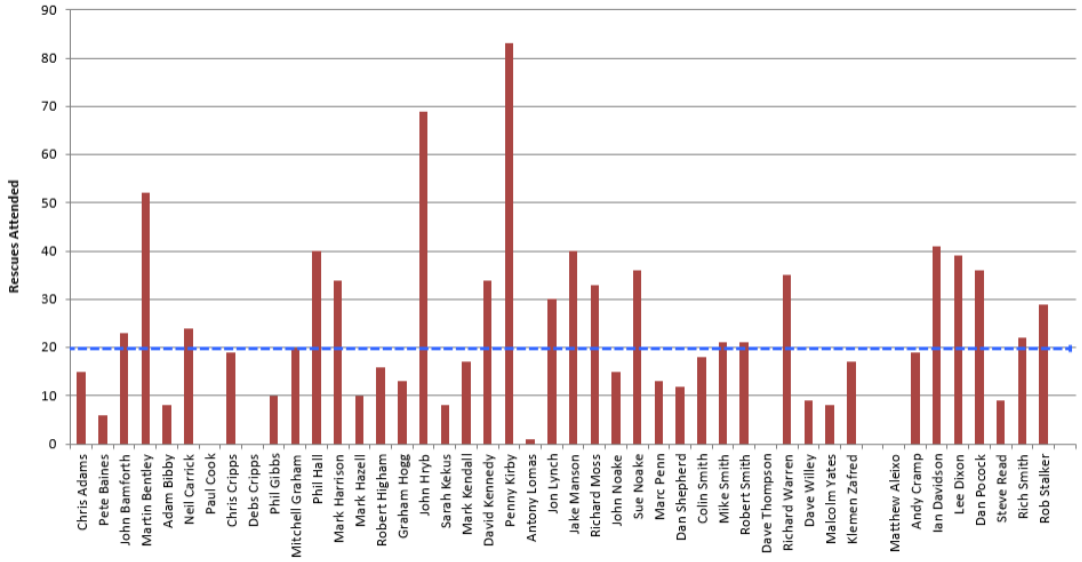
2 walkers reported themselves lost descending Scafell Pike, they were well equipped and had head torches. A small team, together with Jess the search dog were mobilised to find them. One of the lost walkers had taken a photo from their location. Their father sent the team leader the photo that confirmed they were near Burnmoor Tarn. The lost walkers were found by Jess near to Brackenclose and were then met by the other team members.

10. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:04 Thu 24th Dec 2020
The team leader was contacted by Cumbria police about a young man missing, last seen on the Corridor route at 1400. He was walking back from the summit of Scafell Pike with his father when they separated because they were walking at different paces. The father reported his son missing when he arrived at Wasdale Head. One team member was tasked to go to Wasdale Head to speak to the father and try to gain more information as the team was put on stand by. Fortunately the son turned up at their car and the team leader was notified. The team were stood down, no doubt happy with the result for the young man and their own sanity on Christmas Eve !

Callout and Training Attendance

The following two tables are taken from the Attendance Excel file on the base operator's PC. Please note that all figures are from January 1st to November 12th 2021.

WMRT Callout Attendance 2021



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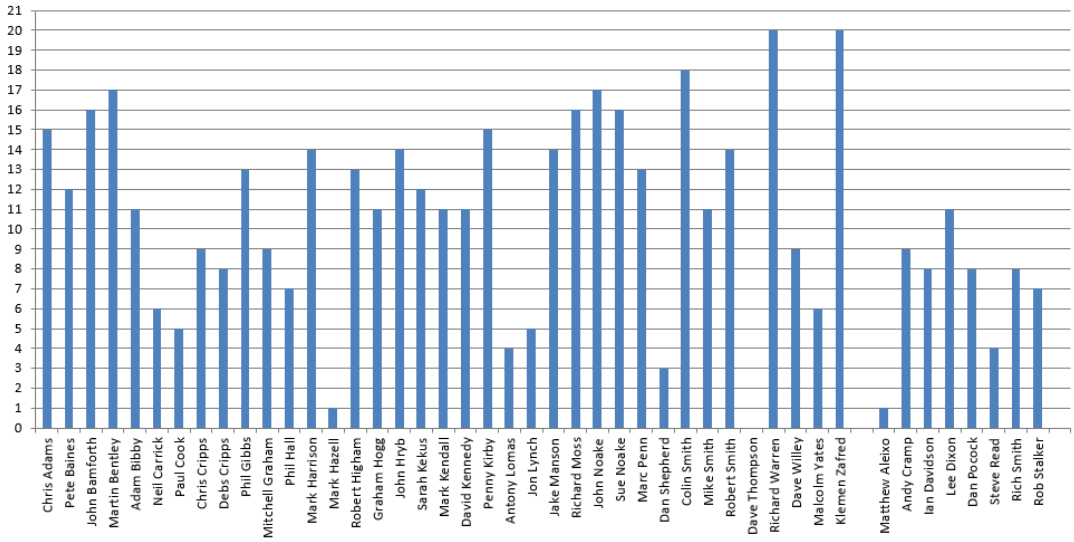

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 30 September 2021

Charity number: 1170178

robinson+co

Chartered Accountants

Gosforth

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

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Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1170178
Business address	Wasdale Mountain Rescue Gosforth Seascale CA20 1BS
Trustees	J R Bamforth P Kirby P J Hall K Zafred C Adams J Hryb
Accountants	robinson+co The Old Forge Beck Place Gosforth Seascale CA20 1AT
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 69 Lowther Street Whitehaven CA28 7AD

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Report of the trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1170178, on 15 November 2016. The assets, liabilities and undertakings of the unincorporated charity Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team (Charity number 1020136) were transferred to the CIO on 30 September 2017, with the CIO then becoming operational from 1 October 2017.

Trustees

The aim is to maintain a trustee board with a range of skills which will be useful to the organisation. New trustees are taken through an induction procedure.

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustees consider the Committee as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects are:
To save life and alleviate distress primarily in upland or mountainous areas.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team provides a search and rescue service on the mountains and off road locations in the Wasdale and Eskdale valleys of West Cumbria and surrounding areas. The Team typically handles over 100 calls for assistance a year.

Further information can be found at www.wmrt.org.uk.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and performance

Achievements and performance are detailed in the Annual Report as presented at the Annual General Meeting held on 15 November 2021.

Financial review

At the balance sheet date the CIO held £1,275,896 on unrestricted funds (2020: £1,210,106) and £nil on restricted funds (2020: £nil), a satisfactory position.

A detailed review is provided in the Treasurer's Report within the Annual report as presented at the Annual General meeting held on 15 November 2021.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the CIO is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to these risks.

Plans for future periods

One of the team's ongoing challenges is recruitment of new members and considerable effort is being directed in this area.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

On behalf of the board

J R Bamforth
Trustee

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team.

I report on the accounts of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team for the year ended 30 September 2021 set out on pages 5 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Jason Spires FCA DChA

Independent examiner
robinson+co Chartered Accountants
The Old Forge
Beck Place
Gosforth, Seascale
CA20 1AT

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income				
Voluntary income	2	109,231	109,231	142,140
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	12,000	12,000	54,635
Income from other trading activities:				
Activities for generating funds	4	1,719	1,719	2,490
Investment income	5	1,262	1,262	2,811
Total income		124,212	124,212	202,076
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	6	58,422	58,422	87,619
Total expenditure		58,422	58,422	87,619
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		65,790	65,790	114,457
Total funds brought forward		1,210,106	1,210,106	1,095,649
Total funds carried forward		1,275,896	1,275,896	1,210,106

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Balance sheet
as at 30 September 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		773,903		802,169
Current assets					
Stocks		280		280	
Debtors	11	4,130		414	
Cash at bank and in hand		500,231		409,824	
		504,641		410,518	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,648)		(2,581)	
Net current assets			501,993		407,937
Net assets			1,275,896		1,210,106
Funds	13				
Unrestricted income funds			1,275,896		1,210,106
Total funds			1,275,896		1,210,106

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on and signed on its behalf by

J R Bamforth
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Cash flow statement

for the year ended 30 September 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	16	75,930	140,990
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		1,262	2,811
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(10,030)	(60,440)
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		23,245	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		14,477	(57,629)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		90,407	83,361
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		409,824	326,463
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		500,231	409,824

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are currently no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as income within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	Not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	10% straight line

Land and buildings are maintained to a high standard and have a high residual value and as such are not depreciated. The trustees have carried out an impairment review and are satisfied that there is no impairment to these assets.

1.4. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Donations	109,231	109,231	58,152
Legacies	-	-	83,988
	109,231	109,231	142,140

In 2020 all of the income from donations and legacies was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

3. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Grants	12,000	12,000	54,635
	12,000	12,000	54,635

In 2020 £9,130 of income from charitable activities was atributable to restricted income funds and £45,505 was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

4. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fundraising events	1,719	1,719	2,490
	1,719	1,719	2,490

In 2020 all of the income from activities for generating funds was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Bank interest receivable	1,262	1,262	2,811
	1,262	1,262	2,811

In 2020 all of the investment income was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

6. Costs of charitable activities - by fund type

	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Mountain Rescue	58,422	58,422	87,619
	58,422	58,422	87,619

In 2020 all of the costs of the charitable activities were attributable to unrestricted funds.

7. Costs of charitable activities - by activity

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Mountain Rescue	57,865	557	58,422	87,619
	57,865	557	58,422	87,619

8. Analysis of support costs

	Mountain Rescue £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Legal and professional fees	557	557	-
	557	557	-

9. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2020	676,170	328,675	107,171	1,112,016
Additions	-	10,030	-	10,030
Disposals	-	(31,473)	-	(31,473)
At 30 September 2021	676,170	307,232	107,171	1,090,573
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2020	-	222,183	87,664	309,847
Charge for the year	-	15,577	6,983	22,560
On disposals	-	(15,737)	-	(15,737)
At 30 September 2021	-	222,023	94,647	316,670
Net book values				
At 30 September 2021	676,170	85,209	12,524	773,903
At 30 September 2020	676,170	106,492	19,507	802,169

11. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	4,130	414

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,648	2,165
Accruals and deferred income	-	416
	2,648	2,581

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Fund balances at 30 September 2021 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	773,903	773,903
Current assets	504,641	504,641
Current liabilities	(2,648)	(2,648)
	1,275,896	1,275,896

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Fund balances at 30 September 2020 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	802,169	802,169
Current assets	410,518	410,518
Current liabilities	(2,581)	(2,581)
	1,210,106	1,210,106

14. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 October 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2021 £
General reserve	1,082,442	124,212	(58,422)	1,808	1,150,040
Vehicle reserve	87,664	-	-	18,192	105,856
Contingencies reserve	40,000	-	-	(20,000)	20,000
	1,210,106	124,212	(58,422)	-	1,275,896

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds - previous year

	At 1 October 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2020 £
General reserve	964,073	192,946	(87,619)	13,042	1,082,442
Vehicle reserve	91,576	-	-	(3,912)	87,664
Contingencies reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
	1,095,649	192,946	(87,619)	9,130	1,210,106

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds can be used with the approval of the board of trustees to fund any expenditure which falls within the charity's.

The level of the general reserve should be at least the equivelant of two years annual income, the trustees are satified this has been met.

The trustees have designated £105,856 as a vehicle reserve, in order to provide ready cash for the replacement of the vehicles and boat when required. The reserve is maintained based on a conservative estimate of 15% of the replacement cost of each vehicle multiplied by the number of years service it has done, up to the full replacement cost.

The trustees have designated £20,000 as a contingencies reserve, in order to make provision for catastrophic mechanical failure of a vehicle estimated at £15,000 and for a catastrophic communications failure at £5,000.

15. Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	At 1 October 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2021 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

Analysis of movements in restricted funds - previous year

	At 1 October 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2020 £
Cumbria County Council	-	9,130	(9,130)	-
	-	9,130	(9,130)	-

Purposes of restricted funds

In 2020 the charity received a grant from Cumbria County Council for a new car park, the funds were fully utilised during the year ended 30 September 2020. As restrictions on the income had been met, the funds were transferred to unrestricted funds.

There are no movements on restricted funds in the year ended 30 September 2021.

16. Gross cash flows

	2021 £	2020 £
Net movements in funds	65,790	114,457
Deduct interest and dividend income shown in investing activities	(1,262)	(2,811)
Add back depreciation and profit/loss on disposal	15,051	26,998
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(3,716)	3,015
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	67	(669)
	75,930	140,990

17. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	409,824	90,407	500,231
Net funds	409,824	90,407	500,231

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generating funds:				
Voluntary income				
Donations		109,231		58,152
Legacies		-		83,988
		109,231		142,140
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events		1,719		2,490
		1,719		2,490
Investment income				
Bank interest receivable		1,262		2,811
		1,262		2,811
Total income from generating funds		112,212		147,441
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Grants		12,000		54,635
		12,000		54,635
Total income		124,212		202,076

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2021

	2021		2020
	£		£
Charitable activities			
Mountain Rescue			
Activities undertaken directly			
Training costs	4,775	2,347	
Rates	1,473	1,528	
Electricity	1,534	1,625	
Maintenance	6,353	3,924	
Equipment	6,077	11,462	
Insurance	2,800	3,778	
Sundry headquarter expenses	4,580	5,393	
Vehicle running expenses	2,698	6,610	
Officers' expenses	450	347	
Marine insurance	811	854	
Telephone	2,477	2,412	
Printing and stationery	878	1,385	
(Profit)/loss on sale of asset	(7,509)	-	
Depreciation	22,560	26,998	
Sundry	1,806	1,852	
Boot allowance	505	992	
Clothing allowance	5,593	1,110	
Donations	-	15,000	
Other costs	4	2	
	57,865		87,619
Support costs			
Legal fees	557	-	
	557		-
Mountain Rescue total expenditure	58,422		87,619
Total charitable activity expenditure	58,422		87,619
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	65,790		114,457

WASDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1170178

Accounts

WASDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16TH NOVEMBER 2020

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Our Team mission

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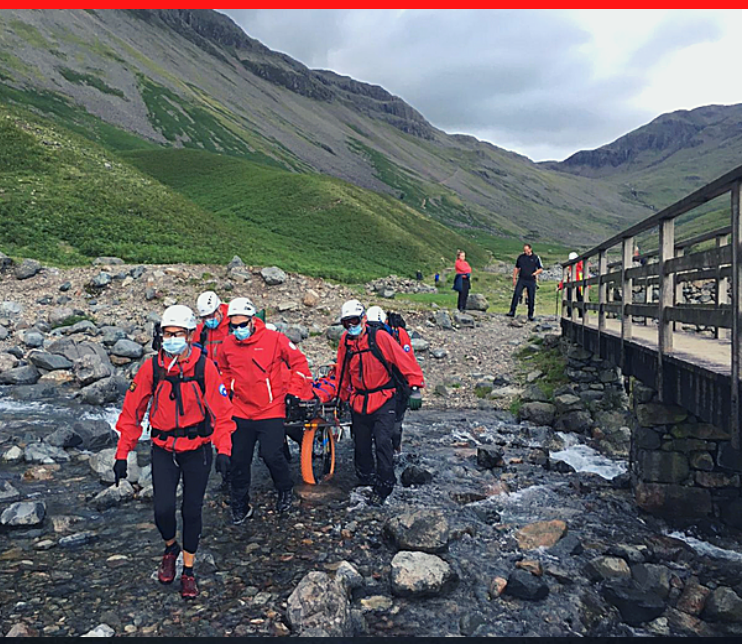

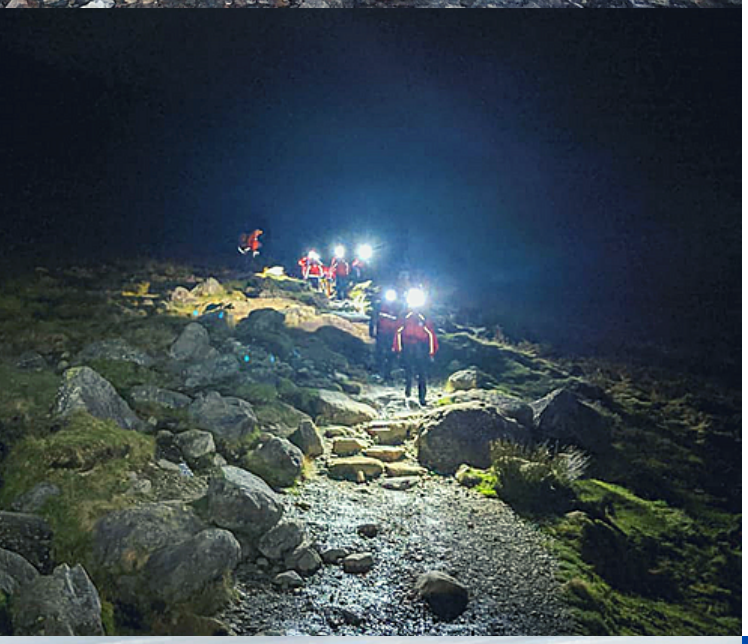

92 INCIDENTS IN 2019

82 INCIDENTS IN 2020 (SO FAR)

30 FULL TEAM MEMBERS

42 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

£114K OPERATING SURPLUS

3,035 RESCUER HOURS SO FAR IN 2020

Our Team Values

Proud to be professional volunteers, working as a team to help others

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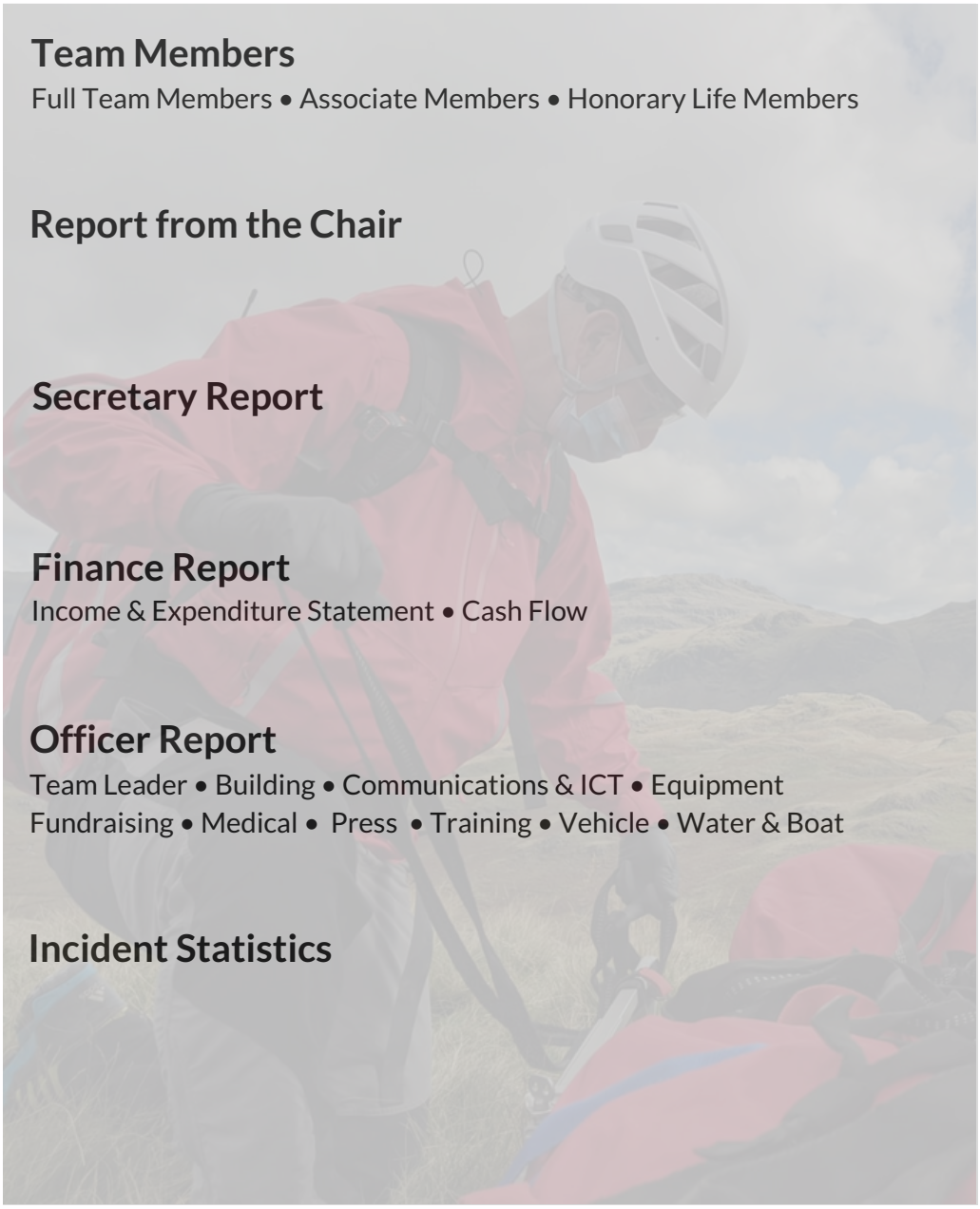


TEAM MEMBERS

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

ELECTED COMMITTEE

JULIE YATES
CHAIR & FUNDRAISING OFFICER

MARTIN BENTLEY
SECRETARY

PENNY KIRBY
DUTY TEAM LEADER & TRAINING OFFICER

PETE BAINES
DUTY TEAM LEADER

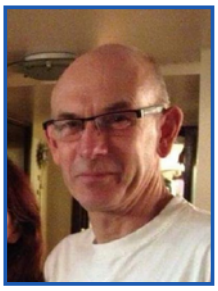
JOHN HRYB
DUTY TEAM LEADER

SARAH KEKUS
MEDICAL OFFICER

ROB HIGHAM
COMMUNICATIONS & ICT OFFICER

MARK KENDALL
EQUIPMENT OFFICER

CO-OPTED COMMITTEE



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TREASURER

MALCOLM YATES
VEHICLE OFFICER

PHIL HALL
DUTY TEAM LEADER

KLEM ZAFRED
WATER & BOAT OFFICER

RICHARD WARREN
PRESS OFFICER

President & vice presidents

President : Richard Longman

Vice Presidents : Dr Nigel Burton, Joss Naylor MBE, Maurice Pringle, Dr Adrian Simper OBE

TEAM MEMBERS

30 FULL TEAM MEMBERS & 1 SEARCH DOG

Chris Adams

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John Bamforth

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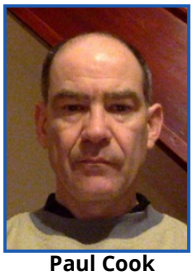
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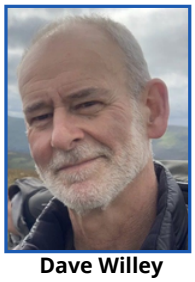
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TEAM MEMBERS

ASSOCIATE TEAM MEMBERS

10 PROBATIONERS

Adam Bibby

Mitchell Graham

Mark Harrison

Anthony Lomas

Mark Osborn

Marc Penn

Dan Shephard

Mike Smith

Robert Smith

Emily Watts

4 SUPPORT MEMBERS

Lucy Belson

Alison Higham

Stephanie Maffia

Julie Yates

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Joe Arthy
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Brian Smith
Gordon Starkie
Keith Thompson
Nick West
Royanne Wilding
Martin Young

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Having supported the team as Vice Chair for most of the year, I was elected as Chair at an EGM on 7th September. This took place following the resignation of our previous Chairman Nick West.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Nick for his leadership of the team for the majority of this year.

Our team Mission, Values and Aims remain unchanged and continue to provide the framework for us to operate through.

Further progress has been made this year delivering our 5 aims

Professional People

Following a focused recruitment strategy we welcomed 8 new probationers to the team at the start of 2020. Their training plans were disrupted and extended due to Covid-19, however, they have been actively taking part in call-outs and all of them are progressing well.
Consistent with previous years we have seen some member turnover and our on-going commitment to probationers is vital to ensure we maintain our capability.

We also welcomed a couple more team supporters in the year.

Further work has progressed on the Competency Management system and we hope to have this completed soon.

We continued with weekly team training through the year, having to adapt to online training during lockdown. We completed Winter Training in Scotland in January and a couple of Helicopter sessions with the Coastguard.

Quality resources, equipment & base

At the start of this financial year we completed the work on the car park at the base, this significantly improved the aesthetics of the site and formally closed off the build project with Copeland Community Fund, Our thanks once again to CCF for supporting the build of our new base.

As our Land Rover Defender was due for replacement, we reviewed our replacement policy and decided to undertake a refurbishment programme in order to extend its life for another 5 years. As well as carrying out essential maintenance on the vehicle we upgraded the livery and included a dedication to Chris Brown. Our thanks again to the Brown family for the fundraising they have done in Chris's memory.

In January we were awarded a grant from the Department of Transport's Rescue Boat Fund, this covered 80% of the cost of a new, smaller boat that better fits our requirements. We took delivery of this in September.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Good Governance

We have continued to run with Monthly Trustee Boards as well as Monthly Operations Meetings. These had to move to virtual team meetings from March, but have worked well.

We initiated a work stream to develop a Members Handbook, whilst some progress was made on this, it will become a focus area for us next year.

A further workstream started to on the development of an Attendance & Contribution Matrix, this work will be completed in the coming year.

A proposal was presented in July for a constitutional change, this proposed moving to a Single Team Leader and considering a reduction in the number of Trustees. Whilst this was debated in both a Trustee Meeting and an Operations Meeting, it was not progressed. We remain committed to continuously reviewing our structures and processes to ensure these are always fit for purpose.

Strong reputation & profile

Communications and engagement remains a high priority focus for us, this is both internal and external.

Work has started on developing our communications and engagement strategy and will continue.

At the end of the year we gathered feedback from all team members on what is working and what needs to improve. This is consistent with exercises completed in previous years. The output from this has been shared with the team and will form the basis for our workplan for the coming year. This did validate that the workstreams currently underway are the right ones.

Additionally we need to bring higher focus to values and ways of working and this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis once the new board of Trustees are in place.

Financial Stability

We started the year with a detailed budget and have maintained a high level of focus on our financial forecast through the year. This became essential during Q2 when our donation income was significantly impacted by Covid-19. We have maintained tight control of spend during a period of uncertainty, but ended the year with a very healthy surplus and a strong cash reserve. This was helped considerably by a number of Grants and 2 legacies.

Our Byelaws require us to hold a general reserve that should be the equivalent of 2 years annual income, We also have a designated vehicle replacement fund and a contingency reserve, these total £235,828, as follows:-

- 2 Years cash donations £108,164
- Vehicle replacement fund £ 87,664
- Contingencies reserve £40,000

A fundraising team was established and the focus has been on on-line sales which have been successful, the team have a lot of ideas being developed for the coming year.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

In June this year we were delighted to be awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK and is the equivalent of an MBE for an organisation. We received this award as one of the 12 teams in LDSMARA.

Congratulations to all team members on this much deserved award.

LONG SERVICE AWARD

Huge congratulations to Pete Baines who has completed 40 years service with the team. Pete joined the team in February 1980 and is currently an elected Trustee and a Duty Team Leader. This is a fabulous achievement and we all thank Pete for his outstanding contribution to the team.

JESS

At the beginning of October 2019, Jess became a fully graded search dog. Congratulations to her dedicated handler Penny Kirby

PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

The start of a new year is a good time to take stock of where we are, and agree our priorities are for the coming year. Following the AGM we will have a new team of Trustees and I am really keen that we start work immediately on our agenda. The recent team feedback was an extremely important process for us and the output of this will form the basis for our workplan. Its reassuring that the work we have already started on the 5 aims workstreams is aligned with the themes arising from the team feedback, so we will be re-energising these, additionally we will increase our focus on governance and ways of working.

The current Trustees have already agreed that training and recruitment are 2 key focus areas for us, It is imperative that we keep our skills up to date, with an immediate priority to get our Cas Carers through the up-coming exams in the new year. Penny is already developing the training plan for 2021 starting with a winter skills course in February. Recruitment is rapidly becoming a priority for our team, at the time of writing this report we have 30 Full Team members, a reduction of 4 in the last year, and not all of these are fell going! It is therefore imperative that we not only continuously develop our current team members, but that we have plans in place to ensure we have the appropriate number of team members for the future. We are confident that the majority of this years probationers will become Full Team members in the new year, importantly, work has already started planning for a new intake in early 2021.

It looks like we will continue to be operating in a virtual world for many months, it feels like we have adapted to this and it is now the norm, however, we do have some work to do on how we work together, creating an open, collabortive environment where we can all thrive.

THANK YOU

I would like pass on my thanks to all our team members, their families, friends and employers, and also to our many supporters, we would not be able to do what we do without your ongoing hard work, dedication and commitment.

JULIE YATES
CHAIR

SECRETARY REPORT

Covid precautions have significantly changed how the Team meets and operates, these largely stopped face to face meetings and moved these online. Whilst for some, these have worked well, for others they have been a considerable inconvenience, inhibiting discussion and increasing stress and frustration. It seems unlikely that we will be able to move away from virtual meetings in the near future, so IT systems, access and training in these may become more important.

MARTIN BENTLEY
SECRETARY

Team Members should be aware that there is a whole filing system of documents on Office 365 as well as the Outlook email system. If you need advice on this topic please contact someone who understands it, e.g. Rob Higham, Jon Lynch etc. There is also the Moodle system which covers all the medical info, Sarah Kekus is a good contact for this area.

The Team has now applied to join the MREW CIO, our application is being considered.

Thanks are due to Graham Hogg who has taken the minutes at most of the Operations and Trustees meetings, it is much appreciated.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP	2019	2020	
FULL TEAM MEMBERS	**34**	**30**	**- 4**
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS			
Probationary team members	**2**	**10**	**+8**
Support team members	**3**	**4**	**+1**
Honorary life members	**28**	**28**	**-**

Full team membership has reduced by 4 over the last year.
Tim Brooks, Malcolm McFall, Richard Harrison and John Fletcher have all left the team, we thank each of these for their service over the years, Adam Bibby has re-joined the team as a Probationary Member.
Congratulations to Malcolm Yates who became a Full Team Member in December 2019, Malcolm is also Vehicle Officer.

We welcomed 8 new probationers to the team in January this year, their training is progressing well.
Ryan Wood's work in recruiting such promising probationers is really appreciated.
Meghan O'Gorman left the team this year.

Support Team members increased by 1 overall, we welcomed Lucy Belson and Stephanie Maffia to the team, Malcolm Yates moved from being a support member to a full team member.

FINANCE REPORT

AN EXCELLENT YEAR FOR BOTH PROFIT & CASH

Financial Headlines for 2019/20

£202K
2019/20 income

£114K
2019/20 profit

£410K
Year end cash balance

2019/20 turned out much better than expected. We started the year with a budget in deficit and quickly took control of this by managing spend extremely well.

Early in the year we approved 2 items of one off spend, these being for Medical Equipment costing £4,269 (AutoPulse batteries and new CPR training mannequin's) and a further £4,475 to refurbish Mobile 2.

At the start of the Pandemic and the subsequent lock-down we saw a sharp decline in donations and expenditure was tightened further to only essential spend. We applied for and were successful in securing 2 Covid-19 related grants totalling £10.5k.

As our fundraising plans were put on hold we focused on Merchandise Sales through social media, these were extremely successful and items had to be re-stocked several times.

Things really started to pick up in Q4, as the number of call-outs increased we saw donations likewise increase, with some large donations directly related to incidents (including Daisy). We also saw a big increase in donations through Just Giving Fundraisers and promoted these through Fundraiser Focus stories on Facebook.

We were also very fortunate to receive £15k for a share of a legacy to LDSAMRA and a large legacy of £84k.

In recognition of the fantastic on-going support we receive from our neighbouring team, we made a donation of £15k to Duddon & Furness MRT, thanks again to the whole team.

In terms of capital expenditure, we were able to complete the work on the car park, this cost £43k offset by a grant from Copeland Community Fund of £9k. We were also successful in our application to the Department of Transport for a new boat, costing £20k offset by a grant of £18k.

Cash balance at the end of the year was £410k - a very healthy closing position.

Thank you to all Officers for managing spend so well throughout the year and to our amazing supporters who have raised money for our team. Thanks also to John Noake for your on-going commitment to the team as Treasurer and to Robinson & Co for their independent review and preparation of our accounts.

JULIE YATES

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

£

Income	2020	2019
Donation & Merchandise sales	54,692	57,511
LDSAMRA	20,000	5,000
Grants	37,635	
Legacy	83,988	
Other income	3,961	1,554
Total Income	**202,076**	**64,065**

Expenditure		
Cash spend	(45,621)	(57,739)
Depreciation	(26,998)	(23,319)
Donation	(15,000)	(10,000)
Loss on sale of Mill Forge	-	(11,590)
Total Expenditure	**(87,619)**	**(102,648)**
Operating /Profit/(Loss)	**114,457**	**(38,583)**

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

At the end of September 2020 we have a healthy cash balance of £409.8k

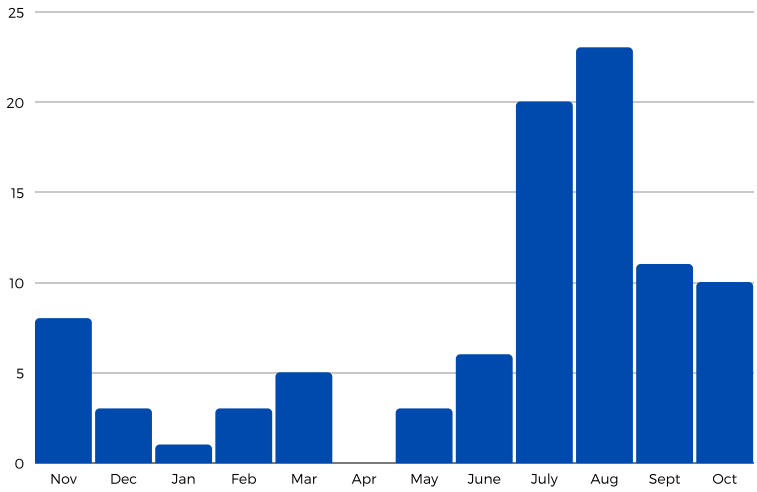
£	2020	2019
Opening Balance	326,463	298,039
Cash operating (Loss)/Profit	141,455	55,974
Capital expenditure	(60,440)	(38,473)
Working capital movement	2,346	10,923
Closing Balance	**409,824**	**326,463**

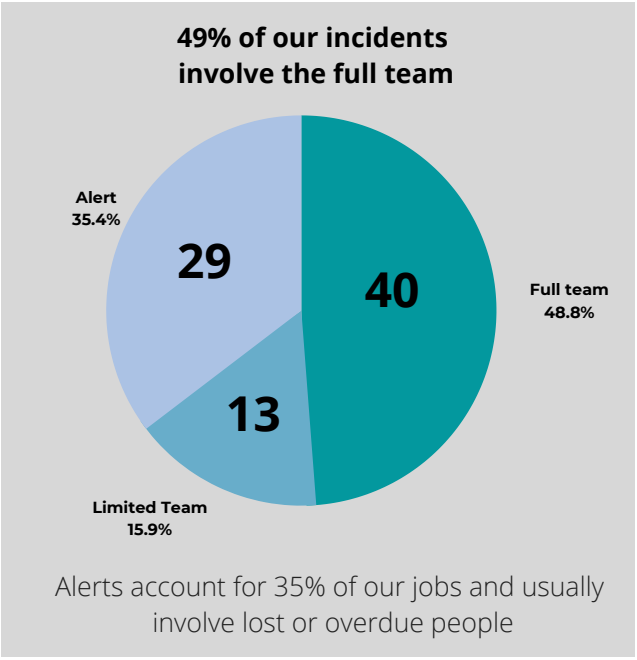
NOTES

Cash operating (Loss)/Profit is after adjusting for non cash items (Depreciation)
Capital expenditure in 2019 relates to the new base (both building & fixtures)
Capital expenditure in 2020 includes £17k for the new boat and £43k for the car park
Working capital movement primarily relates to VAT and was higher in 2019 due to catch up on reclaims

TEAM LEADER REPORT

AFTER A QUIET START TO THE YEAR WE HAD A VERY BUSY SUMMER FOR CALL OUTS





First and foremost, the Team Leaders would like to thank everyone for their ongoing commitment and professionalism in what has turned out to be a year with unique challenges.

What started off as an uneventful year, with another quiet winter period, soon became one of the strangest years in the team's history once COVID-19 reared its ugly head in March. 2020 started almost immediately with an alert for two overdue walkers who had been walking in the Pillar area, this then gave way to a very quiet January which was broken by Storm Dennis where our base was used as Silver Command and manned by both WMRT and DFMRT members. March dealt us a handful of callouts but then due to the UK going into lockdown the fells went quiet.

The Pandemic changed the way we operate as a team, we moved into a virtual world, making use of online tools for meetings and training, and putting new procedures in place to protect the team.

Once restrictions were eased, callouts started to increase, it was almost a relief to get out there and try out the new ways of working. One of the very first callouts was an easy ambulance assist with a short stretcher carry across a flat field, but in full sunshine on a hot day. It was immediately obvious that full PPE, as recommended, was going to be a challenge. However, the team quickly adapted and learned how best to cope with it and now, it seems like second nature to don the gear and get on with the job.

As travel and overnight stay rules changed in July, we started seeing a new type of visitor to the lakes and a huge increase in calls for help. We dealt with 20 callouts in July and a further 23 in August. It became the norm that our visitors had little or no experience of the mountains and were often ill equipped.

Through all the extra work brought on by the virus, we have still managed to cope with our usual incidents of lower leg injuries, crag-fast climbers and, unfortunately, two fatal heart attacks that are never easy to deal with no matter how experienced you are.

TEAM LEADER REPORT

82 INCIDENTS SO FAR IN 2020

3,035 RESCUER HOURS SO FAR IN 2020

Thanks to Duddon & Furness MRT

This year our neighbouring team have assisted on 16 incidents involving 497 man hours

Duddon & Furness MRT have assisted us on numerous jobs, especially during the busy summer months. We have a great understanding and working relationship with them and they recognise the pressures that having England's highest mountain on our doorstep brings.

We have also had numerous interactions with Cockermouth, Keswick, Langdale & Ambleside and RAF Leeming MR teams. We would like to extend our thanks to these team who are always willing to provide support when needed.

We continue to work closely with the Coastguard and GNAAS crews, our working relationship with them is as strong as it has ever been. They have gone that extra mile for us on many occasions. The same can also be said for Cumbria Police and the North West Ambulance Service. It is always reassuring and comforting for us to know that we have this good understanding with the above agencies, which has been particularly welcome during this exceptional COVID year.

We are fortunate to have a cohort of probationers who are proving a real asset to the team and we look forward to them becoming full members in due course. Not only have they had to maintain their interest during lockdown and learn a host of new skills, they have had to get to know their fellow team members via virtual meetings and being hidden behind masks and visors, without the usual opportunities to socialize in the pub. They now aim to complete their probationary period early next year instead of December this year. So, a huge thank you to them for their efforts and commitment.

Richard Warren and Pete Baines continue their drone training, Richard was finally able to put our new drone to good use, notably on the Scafell Crag rescue. Search Dog Jess had considerable success finding casualties in her first year as a graded dog.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

We, together with the other Lake District teams, were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award that can be given to voluntary groups and is richly deserved. The nomination came from Cumbria Police and is a mark of the esteem in which they hold us. There is no other organisation or body who can do what we do.

Finally, a huge thanks to all our families and friends whose support and understanding makes it possible for us to be mountain rescue team members.

PETE BAINES

PHIL HALL

JOHN HRYB

PENNY KIRBY

BUILDING OFFICER REPORT

THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF CONTINUED CONSOLIDATION, BOTH OPERATIONALLY AND FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BUILDING.

A raft of maintenance contracts are still in place, these keep the building in good order and enables team members time to be spend on more important issues, rescues and training.

Obviously, there is a significant cost associated with this, but we have a duty to maintain the asset in the "as delivered" status. The grounds have become more mature and looking attractive. Importantly it is providing a warm, dry and convivial environment in which to work from.

Two new maintenance suppliers have been identified and provided good service to date, relating to the heat pump & electrical services.

The big expensive issue this year have been "infant mortality" of garage door components. There is still one outstanding issue; a control panel has been impacted, to be changed at next service. Hopefully, this will be the end of the issues.

The car park and lane enhancement work has been completed; this is significant as the aesthetics of the site have been considerably enhanced & maintenance of the old "loose" finish negated.

The total cost of this was £43,380.
We received a grant of £9,130 from Copeland Community Fund towards this.

This now formally closes the Building project

FOCUS AREAS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Keep the building tidy and clean, down to all team members.
- Ensure we store in the building what is relevant and necessary only, dispose of what is not.
- Continue monitoring the maintenance contracts, delivery, quality & cost.
- Undertake some internal painting; areas are showing signs of wear and tear.
- New cattle grid to be installed at the site entrance.
- Minimise energy consumption, save money and reduces carbon foot print.

MARTIN YOUNG
BUILDING OFFICER

COMMUNICATIONS & ICT OFFICER REPORT

As the Communications & ICT Officer for 2020 I have been responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of WMRTs radio communication and ICT infrastructure. In 2018 the team installed the new Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) infrastructure for Wasdale and in 2019 we improved our coverage further to include a new repeater site in Eskdale. This year the focus has been on maintaining the existing system and improving issues such as roaming.

ROAMING ISSUES

The DMR infrastructure established in Wasdale and throughout the LDSAMRA teams relies on installed repeater sites across our patch to provide coverage. Handsets are supposed to look for the repeater site with the highest signal strength and connect to that site. However, this relies on all of the sites 'beaconing' at the same time so that the handsets can compare signal strengths. To ensure all sites 'beacon' at the same time Simoco have this year fixed an issue in their repeater software and we have installed a GPS receiver at each repeater site. This allows the repeaters to all receive 'GPS time' and beacon in sync. Hopefully we will now see an improvement in the performance of the handsets when roaming.

Thanks are due to the LDSAMRA Communications Group for working with Simoco to identify the software issue and to Paul Makinson (Duddon and Furness MRT) for building the GPS Receivers at a significantly reduced cost compared to buying from the manufacturer.

BASE LIGHTNING STRIKE AND RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENTS

In August 2020 communications equipment at our base, Longlands Rescue Post, was damaged by a lightning surge. The main internet router at the base was damaged and rendered inoperable. Whilst the damage was thankfully limited to one component it nevertheless resulted in the building losing its internet and phone connection which is vital for running the control room during a rescue and prevents our radio communications infrastructure working properly.

Work was quickly actioned with our ICT provider, Connexions Group Ltd, who immediately deployed an engineer to replace the damaged equipment and get us up and running again in less than 24 hours.

Work has since turned to improving our resilience to such incidents and we are currently looking to remove/mitigate the single point of failure and improve the resilience of our connection to the internet.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS & ONLINE VOTING

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the way the team holds meetings and training events. One of the major changes is the move to online meetings / training sessions where possible which is very different to our normal model of face to face events. The ICT Group assisted the team in transitioning to this by advising team members how to set up Microsoft Teams on their personal devices and providing guidance where required.
We have also assisted in implementing the online voting process for this years AGM to enable this important event to go ahead remotely.

TASKS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

As ever there are many tasks/projects for the next Communications & ICT Officer to consider implementing. Some of the key ones are as follows:·

- Improve Longlands Rescue Post internet resilience and remove/mitigate any single point of failure.·
- Purchase of Remote Microphone covers and further Radio covers is required to improve the quality of voice communications in wet weather
- Upgrade our repeater sites so that all have higher gain antennas to improve coverage
- UPS battery replacement programme.

I have enjoyed the role of Communications & ICT Officer, but I would also like to thank Jon Lynch who has worked alongside me throughout the year in maintaining and improving the communications capability.

ROB HIGHAM
COMMUNICATIONS & ICT OFFICER

EQUIPMENT OFFICER REPORT

THIS IS MY SECOND YEAR AS EQUIPMENT OFFICER WHICH, IN ITSELF, HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD YEAR

MARK KENDALL
EQUIPMENT OFFICER

MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP

Reduced access to base and limited team numbers outside of training and callouts, has resulted in a delays to thorough examinations carried out on Team Equipment. Whilst we are not legally obliged as a Team to carry out these checks, we are morally responsible for the safety of our Team members and casualties – thankfully there has been little stress on our technical equipment over the past twelve months.

However, as a collective the Team has been very good at completing post-use checks of our crag equipment following both technical callouts and crag training. This has resulted in a small number of items being quarantined which will need replacing shortly to maintain our resilience. The plan is to complete thorough inspections of all our equipment following October half term, leaving the Team in its best position before winter and the next summer season.

September's training session also allowed those that attended to complete thorough inspections of their peer's personal crag equipment, capturing approximately 75% of Team Members. Thankfully this year's inspections highlighted no major concerns and very little equipment had to be retired, unlike last year. As a result, spends on personal crag equipment have, this year, been minimal.

Yet again none of this would have been completed without the continual help and expertise of Chris Adams – thanks again for badgering me!

TEAM EQUIPMENT

To date no new items of kit have been supplied to Team Members in 2020. However, in keeping with the 2019 Personal Equipment Strategy it would be prudent to supply everybody with a winter style long sleeve base layer over the next month or two prior to the winter season, and to mitigate a build-up of costs in future years.

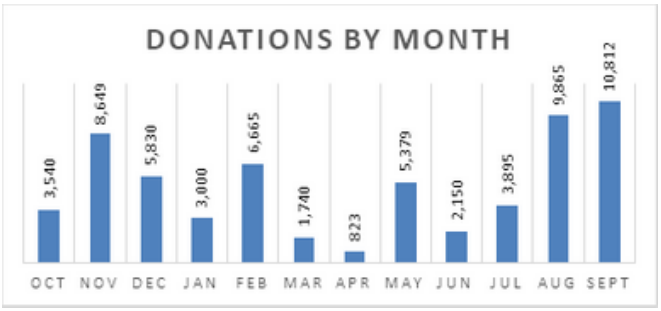
As seems to happen every few years MREW bulk purchased both Paramo windproof jackets and Mountain Equipment belay jackets. Given that our stocks were low, and we have a healthy intake of Probationary Members it was decided to replenish our stocks of both of these items – accounting for some general wear and tear over the next few years.

Work is currently being undertaken to review search lighting due the forthcoming costs of repair and maintenance on the current Petzl head lamps and Exposure search lights. Initial impressions of Fenix's offerings are positive with much reduced overall costs, but further testing needs to be carried out before we commit to spending.

I feel that as a Team we remain in a strong position in terms of equipment and in general our equipment is well maintained. However, with COVID unlikely to disappear any time soon we need to maintain extra vigilance in correctly drying kit rather than simply quarantining it in the wet room. A new rope washer has been rigged in the back shelter to aid with rope cleaning.

Whilst I have chosen not to stand as a Trustee for the coming year due to work commitments, I would like to continue either in the role or in supporting the future Equipment Officer.

As a bit of a kit geek I quite enjoy it !



FUNDRAISING OFFICER REPORT

I was delighted to take over the role of Fundraising Officer at the start of the year, we had a great start with lots of exciting events planned, however, lockdown curtailed our plans and all external events, including our public base opening were cancelled. We saw a big drop in donations in March & April and had to readjust our plans. We started to promote merchandise through Facebook in May and sales really took off, with our Supporter Bundle selling well.

In the final 2 months of the year our donations were helped considerably by the rescue of Daisy, 2 large donations from people we helped to rescue, John Fletcher's Joss Naylor challenge and the McCreedy children's 42 days of summer challenge.

JUST GIVING FUNDRAISERS

We have had 12 fundraisers set up for the team this year, these have generated £14.7k of income. We would like to thank the following individuals for supporting the team through these fundraisers.

- James, Phoebe & Ethan McCreedy
- John Fletcher
- Lindsay Buck
- Jon Ryley
- Gaynor Prior
- Dave Bullocks
- Kacy Mason
- Leanne Ritchie
- Mabel & Amy
- Gill McKay
- Warren Laccohee
- Wilmslow Running Festival

Following the rescue of Daisy, the St. Bernard in July we received a huge amount of media interest, with the story being shared all over the world, in the weeks that followed we received £4.3k of donations directly linked to this rescue.

We have a number of regular supporters who make a monthly donation to the team, once again we would like to thank all of these individuals for their ongoing support.

As a result of COVID-19 we applied for and were successful in receiving 2 grants totalling £10.5k. in addition, we received £1k from Sellafield as a contribution to medical equipment funding.

I would like to thank the members of the Fundraising team for all their energy and passion and look forward to another successful year.

JULIE YATES
FUNDRAISING OFFICER

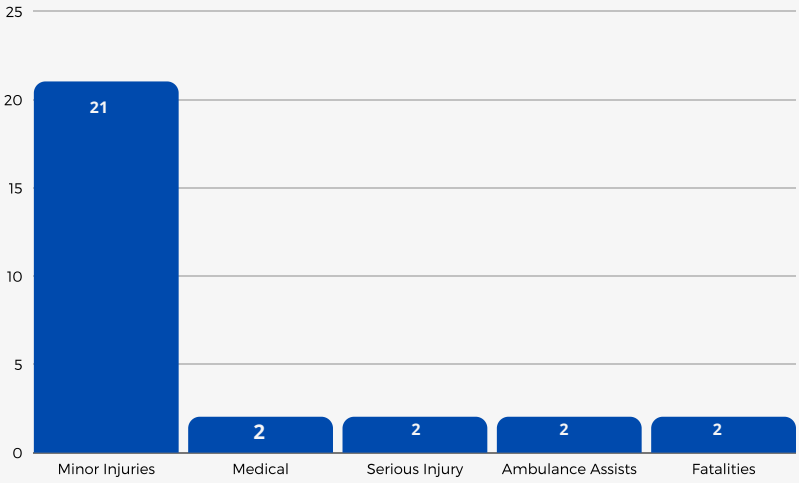
MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT

A CHALLENGING YEAR IN WHICH WE HAVE HAD TO ADAPT TO FAST CHANGING EXPECTATIONS AND NEW WAYS OF WORKING

We had a relatively quiet winter season and then everything stopped in the spring. During lockdown everyone was trained in the new PPE protocols. The aim is to reduce the risk for team members, of contracting COVID-19. We had two online sessions in preparation for face to face scenarios and throughout the Summer we have updated guidelines and repeatedly reinforced the donning and doffing routines. The MREW moodle site remains the best source of information and video tutorials - It is regularly updated.

Casualties

In 2020 we have attended 29 Casualties
The most common injury was to the lower leg.
We attended 2 fatalities both due to Cardiac Arrests



We have now purchased new BLS training equipment. The new technology now available can help increase the level of effectiveness of CPR for all team members. Our thanks go to Lucy Belson for delivering our CPR and BLS training.

Casualty Care Certificate

We were gearing up for our Casualty Care exam with 11 members preparing to renew their Certificate. Everyone passed the theory paper but the onset of Coronavirus put a stop to the practical exam. The certificates have been extended until February 28th 2021. This means there will be 2 cohorts to undertake the Casualty Care Certificate in early 2021. We have continued to train monthly throughout 2020.

From November there will be an extra weekly session for those undertaking the Casualty Care certificate. A team of Doctors / paramedics are being sought to support the training with a weekend refresher being planned for mid-January and an exam in mid-February. Thanks go to Dr John Ferris for his ongoing support.

SARAH KEKUS
MEDICAL OFFICER

Thanks go out to Drs. Mike and Karen Greene for their support this year and the invaluable training they have given us over many years. We are indebted to them for their selfless support and major contributions to the advancement and quality of casualty care in Mountain rescue.

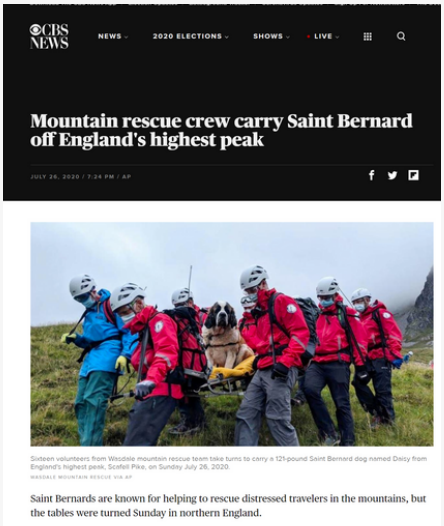
I would also like to extend my thanks to Dr Emily Watts for preparing and delivering training sessions and for her continuing support. Our thanks also go to the SAR - H teams and air ambulance support and to all those who have treated casualties and led training and participated in skill development events this year.

PRESS OFFICER REPORT

Being a team member of one of the busiest teams in the country with the highest mountain in England in its patch has its drawbacks when the pager goes off for yet another lost group but as a press officer there are benefits of being a busy team. It does mean that we do have a special relationship with the press who are always wanting a story, many times asking for an exclusive. The real value to us is of course that when we want to use of the media to get our safety messages across or to ask for support with fundraising for a particular project they are more often than not, willing to oblige.

Having said that, 2020 has been a dreadful year that no one will forget and educating the 'new visitors' to our area of operation through press releases has been a real challenge. Whether writing or being interviewed about the voluntary nature of mountain rescue, the risk to our team members from being exposed to Covid 19, the risk of having to self isolate the team, the rigid procedures for personal protective equipment (PPE) or even the additional cost that we have to incur for the PPE, hand sanitising and equipment decontamination, keeping that good relationship with the media has been essential.

As I write this report In late October the numbers of incidents have reduced and the press officer's job has gone very quiet but at any time the call from the team leader to get that urgent press release out as soon as possible Is just lurking in the background. Thanks to my team colleagues for those great and dramatic photographs that really do make the job of a press officer that little bit easier



Following the teams rescue of Daisy in July, we had a lot of media coverage all over the world. Several team members took part in live TV interviews. We saw a significant increase in our donations in response to this.

RICHARD WARREN
PRESS OFFICER

The National Trust recording a podcast in February at the Base before setting off to walk from Wasdale Head to Boot in Eskdale via Burnmoor Tarn

TRAINING OFFICER REPORT

A BUSY TRAINING YEAR DESPITE COVID RESTRICTIONS

This is the first year where we have had weekly evening training and a varied programme has been covered, despite the cessation of activities due to the pandemic.

When training did restart, we had to change our practices to keep us, our families, friends and colleagues safe. We restarted training in accordance with MREW guidelines, with the permission of Cumbria Police as training was essential and classed as work. This has meant working in smaller, socially-distanced groups, travelling to and from practices in smaller groups in the team vehicles, or in private cars, and wearing the correct PPE, which has proved a challenge in warm weather.

We have had 1 session per month allocated to medical training, 2 sessions per month divided between what we term "core skills" and "specialist" and the remaining session usually taken up by an operations meeting to review and learn from the sessions and callouts. This year we have delivered the following training:-

- We ran a weekend in Scotland practising winter skills (despite the lack of snow) and we hope to run a similar course next February.
- Initially after lockdown, we held various training sessions online, including changes to working practices because of Covid-19, weather forecasting, awareness of COMRU and water awareness.
- LDSAMRA offered sessions on Dignity in Dementia and Disaster Victim Identification.
- Once we were able to get back to outdoor training, we ran a number of crag and steep ground sessions, stretcher handling and boat training.
- There had been some helicopter training before lockdown, but nothing since then and there is unlikely to be any before next year.
- Also since lockdown ended, there have been many opportunities to get out during the light evenings and explore areas of our "patch" which members may not normally visit.
- Some training sessions have been specifically for probationers. Recently they had a successful hill day planning and executing a rescue themselves.
- SWT - Some training sessions were planned for the later part of this year but they have been cancelled. The kit has been sorted, thanks to Klem and a couple of sessions with the new boat have taken place.
- Richard Warren and Pete Baine continue to train with the drone and I continue my training with Jess

We would normally have had a few full day practices, however the one session we did set out on after the lockdown was lifted, was cancelled due to a callout, subsequent attempts were thwarted by the weather or low numbers and we were so busy in terms of callouts after that. We did finally manage to run a full day practice just a couple of weeks ago. Wasdale were due to host the Rigging for Rescue courses in the summer but they were all cancelled.

Planned training for the coming year includes comms, training with the new boat, navigation, search, winter awareness and skills (Scottish course) and local knowledge.

Many thanks to all the people who have delivered the training, both within and outside the team.

PENNY KIRBY
TRAINING OFFICER

VEHICLE OFFICER REPORT

OUR CURRENT FLEET

I have continued in my role as Vehicle Officer overseeing the refurbishment of Mobile 2, the loan of the MREW Discovery, and some minor changes to suppliers and inspection procedures. Total spend in the year was £6,610, of which £4,475 was for the Refurbishment of Mobile 2. Ongoing spend therefore totalled £2,135

REFURBISHMENT WORK CARRIED OUT ON MOBILE 2 TO EXTEND ITS LIFE

As our Defender was over 10 years old, there were suggestions that it should be replaced. It was decided that a refurbishment would be more cost effective and provide several years more use. Therefore, over last winter, it went to Crake International in Greenodd, where it was originally converted, to have the following work completed:

· New rear door
· New LED scene lights
· Rewiring of auxiliary systems and battery charging circuits
· Chassis upgrade approval (to 3.5t) via DVLA
· Waxoyl underseal treatment
· New livery and decals

It also now includes an additional dedication to Chris Brown.

MALCOLM YATES
VEHICLE OFFICER

BATTERY ISSUE SORTED ON MOBILE 3

A recurring battery charging issue happened again on the journey back from the team's annual winter training trip to Scotland. All the battery systems were checked and upgraded as necessary by St Thomas Cross Garage in Egremont, and this problem has not resurfaced recently. (The total cost of this was £632)

MREW DISCOVERY

Jaguar Land Rover have provided a Discovery demonstrator vehicle to MREW for periodic loan to member teams. I requested that WMRT would like the vehicle for our busy August/September period. Obviously, the autumn shows that we would normally attend were cancelled, so it did not receive the publicity it might have! However, we did make use of the Discovery instead of Mobile 3 on our call outs, whilst it was with us for 4 weeks.

Our thanks to the MREW Vehicle Officer for the short-term loan of this vehicle.

WATER & BOAT OFFICER REPORT

A BUSY YEAR WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BOAT

KLEM ZAFRED
WATER & BOAT OFFICER

Callouts

The team had rescues in the screes area but the boat was not called out during the last 12 months.

Swiftwater technicians were put on standby for regional response during inclement weather in February and ultimately stood down before deployment. There was a risk of flooding in Kirkby Stephen, but luckily the conditions did not deteriorate that far.

Training

For the first time we held a specialist boat training session with a dog specially trained for drowned victim search on Wastwater.

It was a successful session for both sides; dog handler Jen and her dog got to train in a new environment and we as a team became familiar with a new search technique.

We are planning to train together again and build the relationship further as It is a capability we may well need in future when searching for missing divers.

There were 2 additional sessions held on the lake for practising boat drivers' skills – deployment, retrieval, shore approaches and local knowledge. We also held an online familiarisation session for the rest of the team to ensure swift operation in case of a callout.

Live training sessions planned for Swiftwater technicians were unfortunately cancelled multiple times because of weather, logistical issues and finally Covid restrictions. The aim is to get multiple sessions organised in the coming months for SRT technicians CPD.

WATER & BOAT OFFICER REPORT

New boat project

The team has been successful in securing an £18k grant from Department for Transport's Rescue Boat Grant fund; this grant covered 80% of the cost of the boat and consumable items. Actually claiming the money was not straightforward as we only had a couple of weeks to present paid invoices (confirmation from DfT came very late), but we were ultimately successful.

The new boat was carefully specified following consultations with Team Leaders, boat drivers, ex-team members as well as external rescue boat operators. We have moved to a rigid plastic boat instead of inflatable for sturdiness, durability, spaciousness as well as ease of use.

Our main requirement was keeping on-road weight below the 750kg limit to allow any team member to tow it, enhancing operability. To ensure it best suits our needs the specification was pushed to the limits, resulting in a made-to-measure product with custom built parts.

Completion of the new boat was greatly affected by the Covid restrictions, along with demanding requirements and perhaps upfront payment impacting the urgency on suppliers' side. The boat was finally delivered in September. First tests on the water were positive with boat seeming stable, user-friendly, able to reach more spaces than before (shallow draft) and importantly easy to retrieve at the Pumphouse.

There are some issues left with the boat and trailer which will be rectified over the coming weeks and leading up to the first interim service. The old boat was put up for sale in the meantime, attracting plenty of interest from prospective buyers. A sale was agreed for the full asking price and the details are currently being finalised. Approval for sale was given in advance by the DfT (who also co-financed the old boat), meaning that the money raised with the sale can stay with the team and be further invested in our capabilities.
Additional costs arose from boat insurance (both vessels) while the annual service was not carried out on the RIB as we had committed to selling it and therefore deemed unnecessary.

SRT equipment

Part of the DfT grant money was used to upgrade our SRT equipment; mainly new helmets that bring us up to speed with the latest requirements for flood rescue as set out by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Additionally we purchased a stock of new gloves, hats, boots, buoyancy aids, light beacons and water ropes. These have been distributed out to the boat and SRT technicians during the regular equipment inspection in October.

Plans for the coming year

- There are no large purchases planned for the coming year, but rather improvements in record keeping and organisation of our assets.
- Smaller purchases will be required to optimise our operation and eliminate the teething problems with the new boat.
- More attention will be given to training and organisational matters.
- Organising SRT retraining is the first priority as the team is feeling the falling numbers of qualified technicians as a direct result of training cancellations due to Covid restrictions.
- More in-house training sessions will also enhance our skills. Similarly to SRT the team is starting to feel the reducing number of boat drivers due to qualified people leaving. Getting more people trained remains on the to-do list for this year as well.

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

It was decided in 2019 that WMRT would change its recruitment strategy to a single intake of Probationers for 2020, with some significant changes to the 12-month training model that each Probationer would undertake to provide a more consistent experience for each new member joining the Team.

Consequently, in January eight new probationary members were welcomed to the Team; each of whom was eager to bring with them their own skills from a range of outdoors backgrounds and experiences.

Following a good start in January and February, with a standalone probationer training programme initiated by a small number of Team Members, things came to a halt in March with the onset of COVID-19. However, thanks to the Probationers enthusiasm and early commitment to training and callouts they were welcomed onto the fell in April to attend live jobs. Thankfully this enthusiasm has not dropped and their attendance at both callouts and training has been gratefully received!

Our new members have recently taken part in a 6 months skills assessment where they successfully planned and managed a mock callout in Eskdale; to search for, administer casualty care to, and safely evacuate using a stretcher a casualty back down to the roadside. They demonstrated solid technical skills, including ropework, and carried all this out while maintaining our COVID protocols as we would on a normal callout.

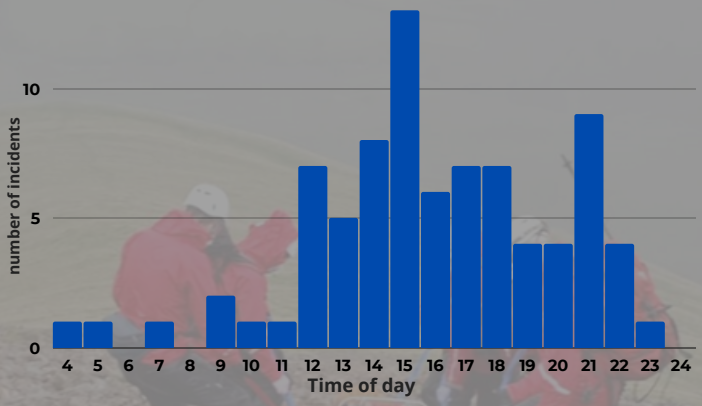
The Probationers have unanimously impressed with their close teamwork and newly honed skills. We are looking forward to seeing their continued development over the next few months and hopefully to inviting them to become Full Team Members early in the New Year

2020 INCIDENT STATISTICS

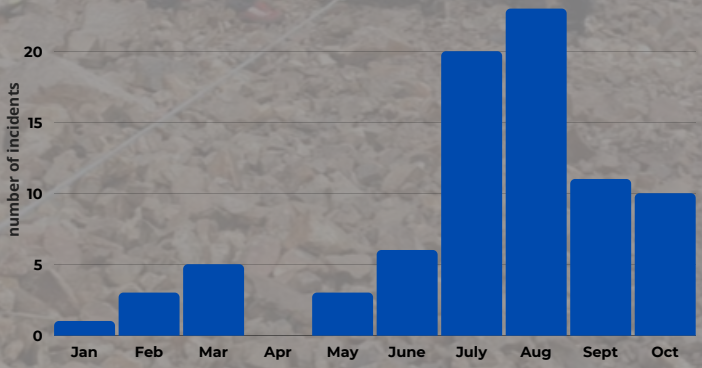
82
INCIDENTS

40
FULL TEAM CALL OUTS

Most incidents occur in the afternoon/early evening, as people are descending, more tired and prone to accidents



July and August were really busy months for the team



TYPE OF INCIDENT	FULL TEAM	LIMITED TEAM	ALERT	TOTAL
Injured & Medical	26	1	2	29
Cragfast	5	3	-	8
Lost	6	6	15	27
Overdue	1	-	8	9
Other	2	3	4	9
TOTAL	40	13	29	82
Rescuer hours	2,219	712	104	3,035
Rescuer hours per call-out	*55.5*	*54.8*	*3.6*	*37.0*

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 30 September 2020

Charity number: 1170178

robinson+co

Chartered Accountants

Gosforth

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

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Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1170178
Business address	Wasdale Mountain Rescue Gosforth Seascale CA20 1BS
Trustees	J Yates P Kirby P Baines J Hryb R Higham S Kekus M Kendall M Bentley
Accountants	robinson+co The Old Forge Beck Place Gosforth Seascale CA20 1AT
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 69 Lowther Street Whitehaven CA28 7AD

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Report of the trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2020

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1170178, on 15 November 2016. The assets, liabilities and undertakings of the unincorporated charity Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team (Charity number 1020136) were transferred to the CIO on 30 September 2017, with the CIO then becoming operational from 1 October 2017.

Trustees

The aim is to maintain a trustee board with a range of skills which will be useful to the organisation. New trustees are taken through an induction procedure.

Key management personnel remuneration

The Trustees consider the Committee as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects are:
To save life and alleviate distress primarily in upland or mountainous areas.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team provides a search and rescue service on the mountains and off road locations in the Wasdale and Eskdale valleys of West Cumbria and surrounding areas. The Team typically handles over 100 calls for assistance a year.

Further information can be found at www.wmrt.org.uk.

Public benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Achievements and performance

Achievements and performance are detailed in the Annual Report as presented at the Annual General Meeting held on 16 November 2020.

Financial review

At the balance sheet date the CIO held £1,210,106 on unrestricted funds (2019: £1,095,649) and £nil on restricted funds (2019: £nil), a satisfactory position.

A detailed review is provided in the Treasurer's Report within the Annual report as presented at the Annual General meeting held on 16 November 2020.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the CIO is exposed. They are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to these risks.

Report of the trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic
During the year the COVID-19 pandemic has developed and continued, and has severely impacted economic activity nationwide and globally. Businesses and other organisations are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilise economic conditions.

The measures taken by the government have affected the economic activity and the charity's business in significant ways, although it is not yet possible to quantify this due to the uncertainty over the duration and extent of the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The trustees consider that the charity remains a going concern as it has adequate reserves to deal with the short term effects of the outbreak. The effect to date has been minimised wherever possible.

The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the company for future periods.

Plans for future periods

One of the team's ongoing challenges is recruitment of new members and considerable effort is being directed in this area.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

On behalf of the board

R Higham
Trustee

16 November 2020

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team.

I report on the accounts of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team for the year ended 30 September 2020 set out on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jason Spires

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Jason Spires FCA DChA

Independent examiner
robinson+co Chartered Accountants
The Old Forge
Beck Place
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CA20 1AT

16th November 2020

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Income					
Voluntary income	2	142,140	-	142,140	60,554
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	45,505	9,130	54,635	-
Income from other trading activities:					
Activities for generating funds	4	2,490	-	2,490	1,957
Investment income	5	2,811	-	2,811	1,554
Total income		192,946	9,130	202,076	64,065
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6	87,619	-	87,619	102,648
Total expenditure		87,619	-	87,619	102,648
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		105,327	9,130	114,457	(38,583)
Transfer between funds		9,130	(9,130)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		114,457	-	114,457	38,583
Total funds brought forward		1,095,649	-	1,095,649	1,134,232
Total funds carried forward		1,210,106	-	1,210,106	1,095,649

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Balance sheet
as at 30 September 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		802,169		768,727
Current assets					
Stocks		280		280	
Debtors	11	414		3,429	
Cash at bank and in hand		409,824		326,463	
		410,518		330,172	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,581)		(3,250)	
Net current assets			407,937		326,922
Net assets			1,210,106		1,095,649
Funds	13				
Unrestricted income funds			1,210,106		1,095,649
Total funds			1,210,106		1,095,649

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16 November 2020 and signed on its behalf by

R Higham
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Cash flow statement

for the year ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	17	140,990	(3,067)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest and dividends		2,811	1,554
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(60,440)	(38,473)
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		-	68,410
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(57,629)	31,491
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		83,361	28,424
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		326,463	298,039
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		409,824	326,463

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are currently no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as income within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred and the amount involved can be quantified.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	Not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	10% straight line

Land and buildings are maintained to a high standard and have a high residual value and as such are not depreciated. The trustees have carried out an impairment review and are satisfied that there is no impairment to these assets.

1.4. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Donations	56,322	56,322	54,786
Collection boxes	1,830	1,830	5,768
Legacies	83,988	83,988	-
	142,140	142,140	60,554

In 2019 all of the income from donations and legacies was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

3. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Grants	45,505	9,130	54,635	-
	45,505	9,130	54,635	-

In 2019 all of the income from charitable activities was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

4. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Fundraising events	2,490	2,490	1,957
	2,490	2,490	1,957

In 2019 all of the income from activities for generating funds was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Bank interest receivable	2,811	2,811	1,554
	2,811	2,811	1,554

In 2019 all of the investment income was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

6. Costs of charitable activities - by fund type

	Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Mountain Rescue	87,619	87,619	102,648
	87,619	87,619	102,648

In 2019 all of the costs of charitable activities were attributable to unrestricted funds.

7. Costs of charitable activities - by activity

	Activities undertaken directly £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Mountain Rescue	87,619	87,619	102,648
	87,619	87,619	102,648

8. Analysis of support costs

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Legal and professional fees	-	2,773
	-	2,773

9. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2019	632,790	311,615	107,171	1,051,576
Additions	43,380	17,060	-	60,440
At 30 September 2020	676,170	328,675	107,171	1,112,016
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2019	-	202,168	80,681	282,849
Charge for the year	-	20,015	6,983	26,998
At 30 September 2020	-	222,183	87,664	309,847
Net book values				
At 30 September 2020	676,170	106,492	19,507	802,169
At 30 September 2019	632,790	109,447	26,490	768,727

11. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	414	2,529
Prepayments and accrued income	-	900
	414	3,429

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,165	3,250
Accruals and deferred income	416	-
	2,581	3,250

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Fund balances at 30 September 2020 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	802,169	802,169
Current assets	410,518	410,518
Current liabilities	(2,581)	(2,581)
	1,210,106	1,210,106

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Fund balances at 30 September 2019 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	768,727	768,727
Current assets	330,172	330,172
Current liabilities	(3,250)	(3,250)
	1,095,649	1,095,649

14. Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	1 October 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2020 £
General reserve	964,073	192,946	(87,619)	13,042	1,082,442
Vehicle reserve	91,576	-	-	(3,912)	87,664
Contingencies reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
	1,095,649	192,946	(87,619)	9,130	1,210,106

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds - previous year

	1 October 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2019 £
General reserve	1,002,656	64,065	(102,648)	-	964,073
Vehicle reserve	91,576	-	-	-	91,576
Contingencies reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
	1,134,232	64,065	(102,648)	-	1,095,649

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds can be used with the approval of the board of trustees to fund any expenditure which falls within the charity's.

The level of the general reserve should be at least the equivelant of two years annual income, the trustees are satified this has been met.

The trustees have designated £87,664 as a vehicle reserve, in order to provide ready cash for the replacement of the vehicles and boat when required. The reserve is maintained based on a conservative estimate of 15% of the replacement cost of each vehicle multiplied by the number of years service it has done, up to the full replacement cost.

The trustees have designated £40,000 as a contingencies reserve, in order to make provision for catastrophic mechanical failure of a vehicle estimated at £15,000 and upgrade to digital communications estimated at £25,000.

15. Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	At 1 October 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2020 £
Cumbria County Council	-	9,130	(9,130)	-
	-	9,130	(9,130)	-

Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted funds received from Cumbria County Council for the new car park were fully utilised during the year ended 30 September 2020. As the restrictions on the income had been met, the funds were transferred to unrestricted funds.

There were no movements on restricted funds in the prior year.

16. Post balance sheet events

Since 30 September 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued, and has severely impacted economic activity nationwide and globally. Businesses and other organisations are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilise economic conditions.

The measures taken by the government have affected the economic activity and the charity's business in significant ways, although it is not yet possible to quantify this due to the uncertainty over the duration and extent of the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The trustees consider that the charity remains a going concern as it has adequate reserves to deal with the short term effects of the outbreak. The effect to date has been minimised wherever possible.

The charity has determined that these events are non-adjusting subsequent events. Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the year ended 30 September 2020 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the company for future periods.

17. Gross cash flows

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net movements in funds	114,457	38,583
Deduct interest and dividend income shown in investing activities	(2,811)	(1,554)
Add back depreciation and profit/loss on disposal	26,998	26,147
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	3,015	22,275
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(669)	(11,352)
	140,990	(3,067)

18. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	326,463	83,361	409,824
Net funds	326,463	83,361	409,824

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generating funds:				
Voluntary income				
Donations		56,322		54,786
Collection boxes		1,830		5,768
Legacies		83,988		-
		142,140		60,554
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events		2,490		1,957
		2,490		1,957
Investment income				
Bank interest receivable		2,811		1,554
		2,811		1,554
Total income from generating funds		147,441		64,065
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Grants		54,635		-
		54,635		-
Total income		202,076		64,065

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2020

		2020 £		2019 £
Charitable activities				
Mountain Rescue				
Activities undertaken directly				
Training costs	2,347		4,907	
Rates	1,528		1,461	
Electricity	1,625		2,018	
Maintenance	3,924		7,473	
Equipment	11,462		14,079	
Insurance	3,778		5,585	
Sundry headquarter expenses	5,393		4,882	
Vehicle running expenses	6,610		1,934	
Officers' expenses	347		1,114	
Marine insurance	854		816	
Telephone	2,412		2,440	
Printing and stationery	1,385		128	
Profit/(loss) on sale of asset	-		11,590	
Depreciation	26,998		14,557	
Sundry	1,852		4,031	
Boot allowance	992		976	
Clothing allowance	1,110		11,886	
Donations	15,000		10,000	
Other costs	2		-	
		87,619		99,877
Support costs				
Legal fees	-		2,773	
		-		2,773
Mountain Rescue total expenditure		87,619		102,650
Total charitable activity expenditure		87,619		102,650
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		114,457		(38,585)

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team.

I report on the accounts of Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team for the year ended 30 September 2020 set out on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jason Spires

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16th November 2020