



**WASDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**

**PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

16TH NOVEMBER 2020

FOUNDED IN 1968

A CIO (CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION) NO. 1170178

# Our Team mission

TO SAVE LIVES AND RELIEVE DISTRESS, PRIMARILY  
IN UPLAND AND MOUNTAINOUS AREAS



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



**MARTIN YOUNG**  
BUILDING OFFICER



**JOHN NOAKE**  
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

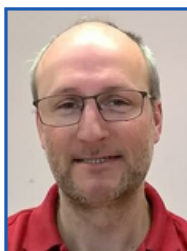
30 FULL TEAM MEMBERS & 1 SEARCH DOG



Chris Adams



Pete Baines



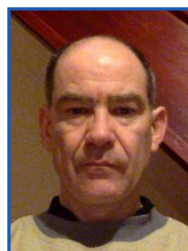
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Martin Bentley



Neil Carrick



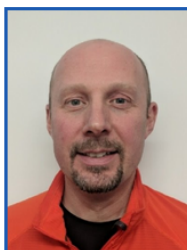
Paul Cook



Chris Cripps



Debs Cripps



Phil Gibbs



Phil Hall



Mark Hazell



Graham Hogg



Rob Higham



John Hryb



Sarah Kekus



Mark Kendall



Dave Kennedy



Penny Kirby



Jon Lynch



Jake Manson



Richard Moss



John Noake



Sue Noake



Colin Smith



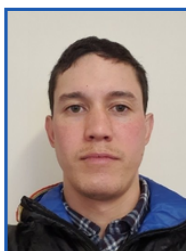
Dave Thompson



Richard Warren



Dave Willey



Ryan Wood



Malcolm Yates



Klem Zafred



Jess

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# TEAM MEMBERS

## ASSOCIATE TEAM MEMBERS

### 10 PROBATIONERS



Adam Bibby



Mitchell Graham



Mark Harrison



Anthony Lomas



Mark Osborn



Marc Penn



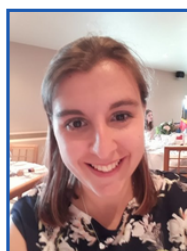
Dan Shephard



Mike Smith



Robert Smith



Emily Watts

### 4 SUPPORT MEMBERS



Lucy Belson



Alison Higham



Stephanie Maffia



Julie Yates

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Joe Arthy  
Dave Barras  
Bob Bennett  
Howard Christie  
Lord Cunningham  
Dave Fryer  
Jenny Green  
Roger Green

Karen Greene  
Mike Greene MBE  
Edwin Hammond  
Pete Holburt  
Keith Hudson  
Arthur Humphries  
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



# 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.



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# 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

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## 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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>202,076</b>	<b>64,065</b>

## 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)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(87,619)</b>	<b>(102,648)</b>
<b>Operating /Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>114,457</b>	<b>(38,583)</b>





# 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
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>409,824</b>	<b>326,463</b>

## NOTES

Cash operating (Loss)/Profit is after adjusting for non cash items (Depreciation)

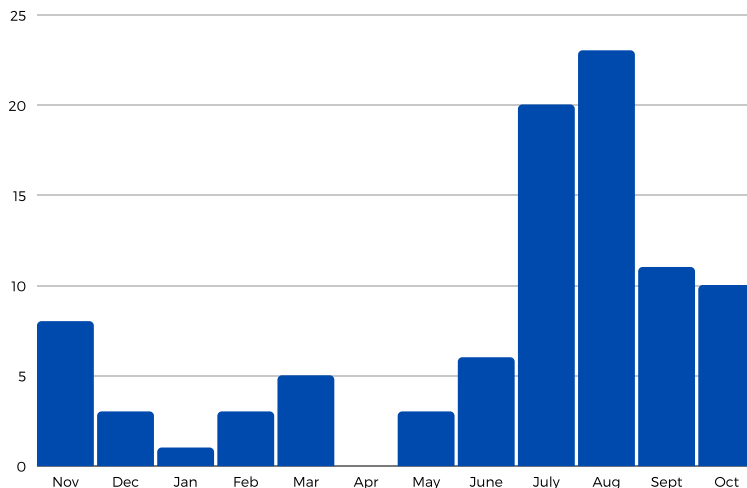
Capital expenditure in 2019 relates to the new base (both building & fixtures)

Capital expenditure in 2020 includes £17k for the new boat and £43k for the car park

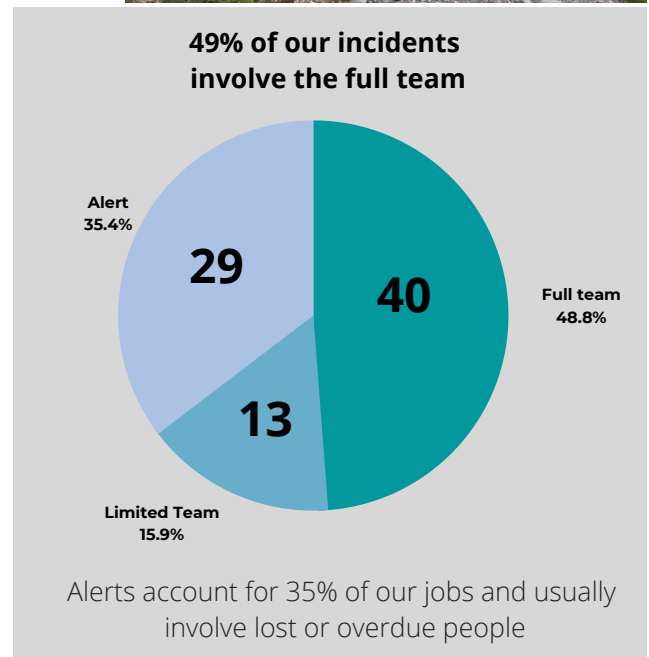
Working capital movement primarily relates to VAT and was higher in 2019 due to catch up on reclaims

# 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

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INCIDENTS SO  
FAR  
IN 2020

3,035

RESCUER  
HOURS SO FAR  
IN 2020

## Thanks to Duddon & Furness MRT



DUDDON &  
FURNESS

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



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# 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



**MARK KENDALL**  
EQUIPMENT OFFICER

**THIS IS MY SECOND YEAR AS EQUIPMENT OFFICER WHICH, IN ITSELF, HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD YEAR**

## 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.

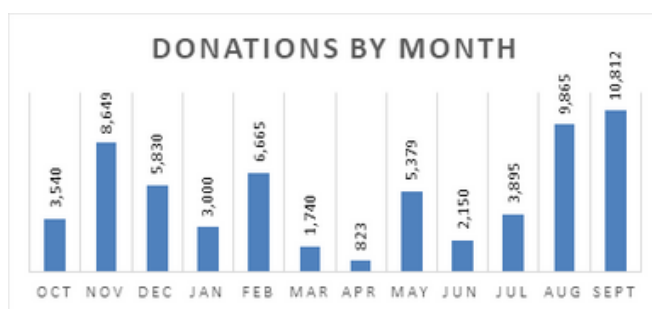
Work is currently being undertaken to review search lighting due the forthcoming costs of repair and maintenance on the current Petzl head lamps and Exposure search lights. Initial impressions of Fenix's offerings are positive with much reduced overall costs, but further testing needs to be carried out 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.

# MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT

## A CHALLENGING YEAR IN WHICH WE HAVE HAD TO ADAPT TO FAST CHANGING EXPECTATIONS AND NEW WAYS OF WORKING

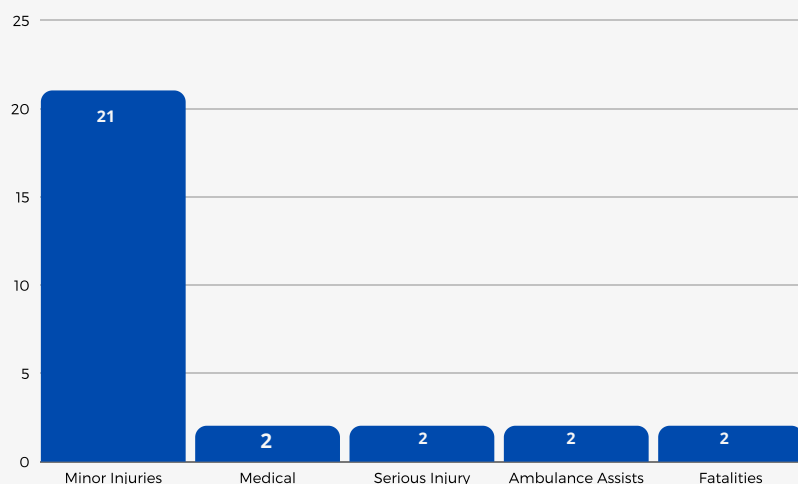
We had a relatively quiet winter season and then everything stopped in the spring. During lockdown everyone was trained in the new PPE protocols. The aim is to reduce the risk for team members, of contracting COVID-19. We had two online sessions in preparation for face to face scenarios and throughout 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.

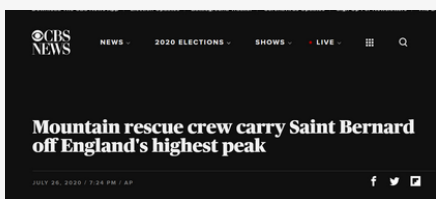
I would also like to extend my thanks to Dr Emily Watts for preparing and delivering training sessions and for her continuing support. Our thanks also go to the SAR - H teams and air ambulance support and to all those who have treated casualties and led training and participated in skill development 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



Sixteen volunteers from Whistler mountain rescue team take turns to carry a 125-pound Saint Bernard dog named Daisy from England's highest peak, Scotland Pike, on Sunday July 26, 2020.

Saint Bernards are known for helping to rescue distressed travelers in the mountains, but the tables were turned Sunday in northern England.



**RICHARD WARREN**  
PRESS OFFICER

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.



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 Riggig 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.

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# WATER & BOAT OFFICER REPORT

## A BUSY YEAR WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BOAT

### Callouts

The team had rescues in the screens 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.



**KLEM ZAFRED**  
WATER & BOAT OFFICER

### 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.





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# 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.

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# 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!



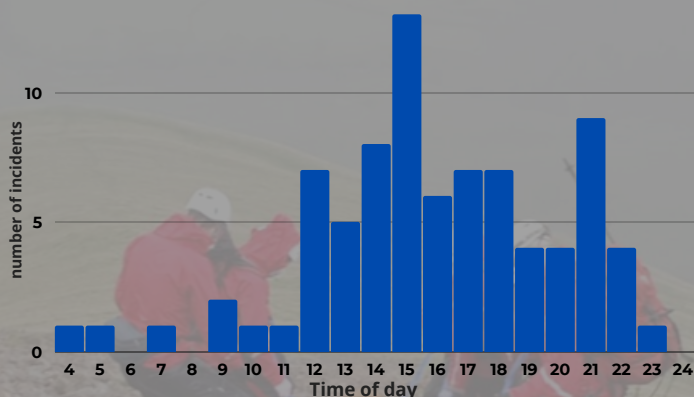
Our new members have recently taken part in a 6 months skills assessment where they successfully planned and managed a mock callout in Eskdale; to search for, administer casualty care to, and safely evacuate using a stretcher a casualty back down to the roadside. They demonstrated solid technical skills, 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

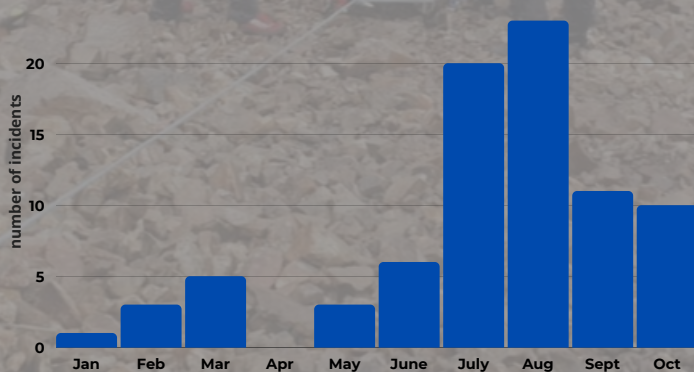
Most incidents occur in the afternoon/early evening, as people are descending, more tired and prone to accidents

**82**  
INCIDENTS



July and August were really busy months for the team

**40**  
FULL TEAM  
CALL OUTS



## 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**

<b>Charity number</b>	1170178
<b>Business address</b>	Wasdale Mountain Rescue Gosforth Seascale CA20 1BS
<b>Trustees</b>	J Yates P Kirby P Baines J Hryb R Higham S Kekus M Kendall M Bentley
<b>Accountants</b>	robinson+co The Old Forge Beck Place Gosforth Seascale CA20 1AT
<b>Bankers</b>	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](http://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.

**Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team**  
**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.

**Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team**

**Report of the trustees  
for the year ended 30 September 2020**

On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Higham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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 Acthave 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 FCA DChA

Independent examiner  
robinson+co Chartered Accountants  
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16<sup>th</sup> 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 £
<b>Income</b>					
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
<b>Total income</b>		<u>192,946</u>	<u>9,130</u>	<u>202,076</u>	<u>64,065</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	6	<u>87,619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,619</u>	<u>102,648</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>87,619</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,619</u>	<u>102,648</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		105,327	9,130	114,457	(38,583)
Transfer between funds		<u>9,130</u>	<u>(9,130)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>		114,457	-	114,457	38,583
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,095,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,095,649</u>	<u>1,134,232</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,210,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,210,106</u>	<u>1,095,649</u>

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

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10		802,169		768,727
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		280		280	
Debtors	11	414		3,429	
Cash at bank and in hand		409,824		326,463	
		410,518		330,172	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(2,581)		(3,250)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			407,937		326,922
<b>Net assets</b>			1,210,106		1,095,649
<b>Funds</b>	13				
Unrestricted income funds			1,210,106		1,095,649
<b>Total funds</b>			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**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	17	140,990	(3,067)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
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
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities</b>		<u>(57,629)</u>	<u>31,491</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		83,361	28,424
<b>Cash and cash equivalents brought forward</b>		<u>326,463</u>	<u>298,039</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>		<u><u>409,824</u></u>	<u><u>326,463</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team**

### **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.

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#### 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	-
	<u>142,140</u>	<u>142,140</u>	<u>60,554</u>

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	-
	<u>45,505</u>	<u>9,130</u>	<u>54,635</u>	<u>-</u>

In 2019 all of the income from charitable activities was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

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### 4. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Fundraising events	2,490	2,490	1,957
	<u>2,490</u>	<u>2,490</u>	<u>1,957</u>

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
	<u>2,811</u>	<u>2,811</u>	<u>1,554</u>

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
	<u>87,619</u>	<u>87,619</u>	<u>102,648</u>

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
	<u>87,619</u>	<u>87,619</u>	<u>102,648</u>



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### 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 £
<b>Cost</b>				
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
<b>Depreciation</b>				
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
<b>Net book values</b>				
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

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### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,165	3,250
Accruals and deferred income	416	-
	<u>2,581</u>	<u>3,250</u>

### 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)
	<u>1,210,106</u>	<u>1,210,106</u>
	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)
	<u>1,095,649</u>	<u>1,095,649</u>

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## Notes to financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020

### 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
	<u>1,095,649</u>	<u>192,946</u>	<u>(87,619)</u>	<u>9,130</u>	<u>1,210,106</u>

### 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
	<u>1,134,232</u>	<u>64,065</u>	<u>(102,648)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,095,649</u>

### 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 equivalent of two years annual income, the trustees are satisfied 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.

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#### 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.



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## Notes to financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020

### 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)
	<u>140,990</u>	<u>(3,067)</u>

### 18. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance £	Cash flows £	Closing balance £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>326,463</u>	<u>83,361</u>	<u>409,824</u>
<b>Net funds</b>	<u>326,463</u>	<u>83,361</u>	<u>409,824</u>

## **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 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Income from generating funds:</b>		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
Donations	56,322	54,786
Collection boxes	1,830	5,768
Legacies	83,988	-
	<u>142,140</u>	<u>60,554</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>		
Fundraising events	2,490	1,957
	<u>2,490</u>	<u>1,957</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Bank interest receivable	2,811	1,554
	<u>2,811</u>	<u>1,554</u>
<b>Total income from generating funds</b>	<u>147,441</u>	<u>64,065</u>
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>		
Grants	54,635	-
	<u>54,635</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u><u>202,076</u></u>	<u><u>64,065</u></u>

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## Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
<b>Mountain Rescue</b>		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
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	-
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	87,619	99,877
<i>Support costs</i>		
Legal fees	-	2,773
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	-	2,773
<b>Mountain Rescue total expenditure</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	87,619	102,650
<b>Total charitable activity expenditure</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	87,619	102,650
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	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 Acthave 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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