



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 head 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 finally 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 Members 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 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 has 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 Team’s 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 Team’s 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 be 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 and 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 sumitting 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 – thank you! 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 off 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 Scree - 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 West 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 Scree - Alert - 11:46 Wed 15th Sep 2021

The team was contacted by Cumbria Police following reports of shouts for help possibly above Wastwater scree. 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. Fortunately 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 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 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.

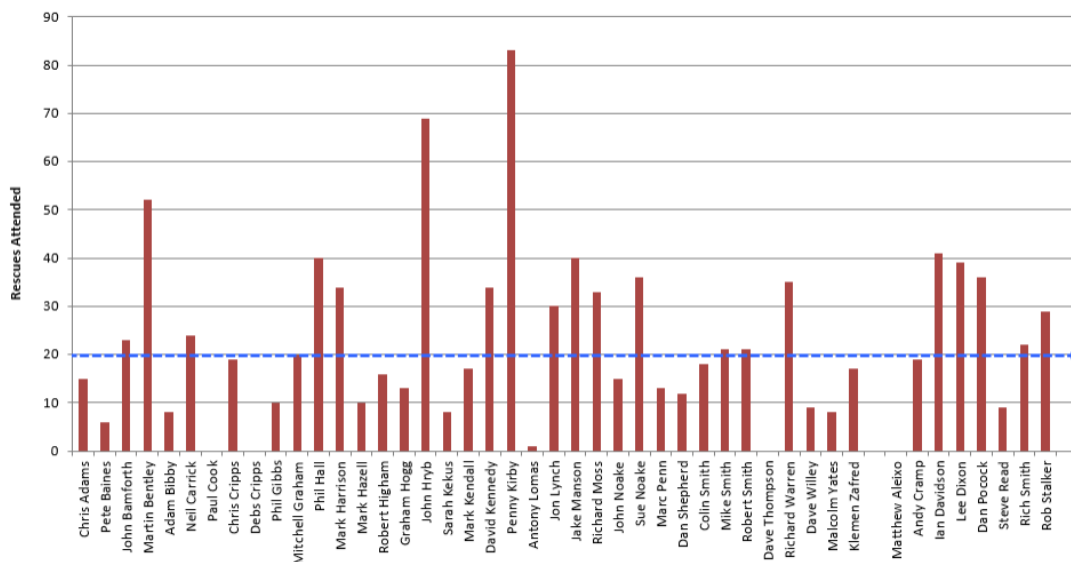
10. Corridor Route, Scafell Pike - Alert - 16:04 Thu 24th Dec 2020

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 !

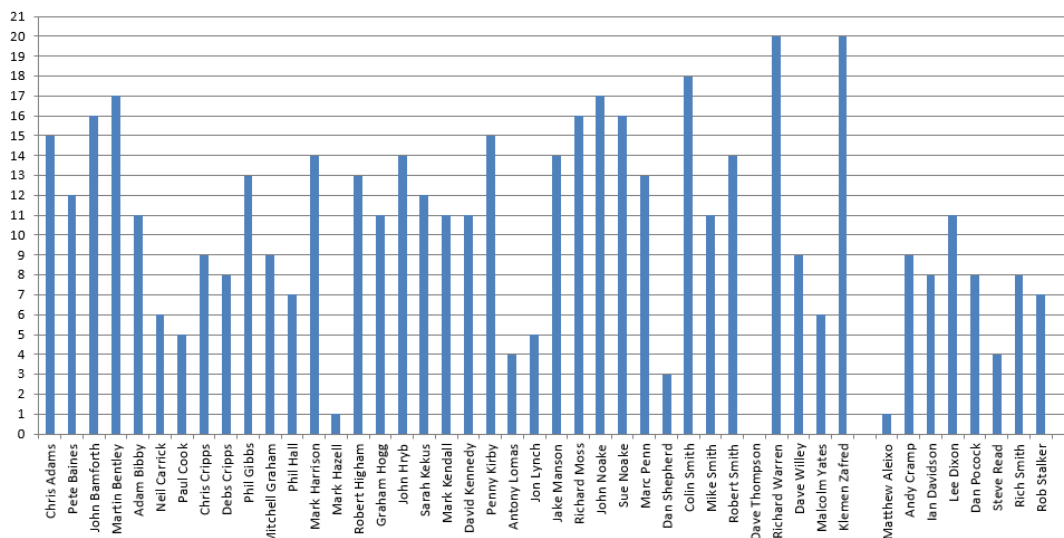
Callout and Training Attendance

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



WMRT Training Attendance 2021



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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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.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Report of the trustees
for the year ended 30 September 2021

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 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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Jason Spires FCA DChA

Independent examiner
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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		<u>124,212</u>	<u>124,212</u>	<u>202,076</u>
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	6	<u>58,422</u>	<u>58,422</u>	<u>87,619</u>
Total expenditure		<u>58,422</u>	<u>58,422</u>	<u>87,619</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		65,790	65,790	114,457
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,210,106</u>	<u>1,210,106</u>	<u>1,095,649</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,275,896</u>	<u>1,275,896</u>	<u>1,210,106</u>

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.

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Balance sheet as at 30 September 2021

	Notes	2021	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
		<u>504,641</u>	<u>410,518</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(2,648)</u>	<u>(2,581)</u>
Net current assets		<u>501,993</u>	<u>407,937</u>
Net assets		<u>1,275,896</u>	<u>1,210,106</u>
Funds	13		
Unrestricted income funds		<u>1,275,896</u>	<u>1,210,106</u>
Total funds		<u>1,275,896</u>	<u>1,210,106</u>

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.

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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.

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team
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.

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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 £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Donations	109,231	109,231	58,152
Legacies	-	-	83,988
	<u>109,231</u>	<u>109,231</u>	<u>142,140</u>

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
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>54,635</u>

In 2020 £9,130 of income from charitable activities was attributable to restricted income funds and £45,505 was attributable to unrestricted income funds.

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4. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fundraising events	1,719	1,719	2,490
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>2,490</u>

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
	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>2,811</u>

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
	<u>58,422</u>	<u>58,422</u>	<u>87,619</u>

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
	<u>57,865</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>58,422</u>	<u>87,619</u>

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for the year ended 30 September 2021

8. Analysis of support costs

	Mountain Rescue £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Legal and professional fees	557	557	-
	<u>557</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>-</u>

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	<u>676,170</u>	<u>307,232</u>	<u>107,171</u>	<u>1,090,573</u>
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	<u>-</u>	<u>222,023</u>	<u>94,647</u>	<u>316,670</u>
Net book values				
At 30 September 2021	<u>676,170</u>	<u>85,209</u>	<u>12,524</u>	<u>773,903</u>
At 30 September 2020	<u>676,170</u>	<u>106,492</u>	<u>19,507</u>	<u>802,169</u>

11. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	<u>4,130</u>	<u>414</u>

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,648	2,165
Accruals and deferred income	-	416
	<u>2,648</u>	<u>2,581</u>

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)
	<u>1,275,896</u>	<u>1,275,896</u>
	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>

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021

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
	<u>1,210,106</u>	<u>124,212</u>	<u>(58,422)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,275,896</u>

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

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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
	=	=

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for the year ended 30 September 2021

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	<u>409,824</u>	<u>90,407</u>	<u>500,231</u>

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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:		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
Donations	109,231	58,152
Legacies	-	83,988
	<u>109,231</u>	<u>142,140</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>		
Fundraising events	1,719	2,490
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>2,490</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Bank interest receivable	1,262	2,811
	<u>1,262</u>	<u>2,811</u>
Total income from generating funds	<u>112,212</u>	<u>147,441</u>
 Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Grants	12,000	54,635
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>54,635</u>
Total income	<u><u>124,212</u></u>	<u><u>202,076</u></u>

Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 30 September 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Charitable activities		
Mountain Rescue		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
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
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	57,865	87,619
<i>Support costs</i>		
Legal fees	557	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	557	-
Mountain Rescue total expenditure	<hr/> 58,422	<hr/> 87,619
Total charitable activity expenditure	<hr/> 58,422	<hr/> 87,619
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	<hr/> 65,790	<hr/> 114,457