

**DUDDON AND FURNESS MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM CHARITABLE  
INCORPORATED ORGANISATION**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

1173246

### **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

Moss Cottage West  
Foxfield  
Broughton in Furness  
LA20 6BT

### **TRUSTEES**

Dr David Allan OBE  
David Binks  
Keith Nixon  
Patrick Damian Gannon  
Christopher Gill  
Nigel Lister  
Sian Beard  
Glynn Mitchell  
John Barstow

### **ROLE**

Chair of Trustees  
Team Leader  
Member Trustee  
Member Trustee  
Member Trustee  
Team Chair  
External Trustee  
External Trustee  
Treasurer

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## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of the charity are to provide a search and rescue service to lost and injured persons in remote terrain.

Our main activities carried out during the year included:

- Call outs – 83 incidents taking up 3220 person hours
- Training – 63 sessions short inputs and full day sessions taking up 2526 person hours
- Information sessions to youth groups
- Base project – The Team has been engaged for a 5 year period in a project to provide a permanent purpose built base. A substantial fund has been set aside, land has been purchased and planning has been approved. Initial ground works have been completed. We are now engaged in final fundraising drive to acquire the necessary funds to proceed with the build.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. A trustee update and education programme is under preparation to ensure all trustees have an appropriate level of knowledge to undertake the role.

All our work is provided by volunteers who give their time for search and rescue and are available 24 hours a day, all year round. Members give their time to attend and deliver relevant training to ensure skills within the Team are fully maintained. Members also assist with events aimed at raising funds. No Team member is paid for their work in Mountain Rescue. We aim to contribute to learning about mountain safety in our area, hosting visits by the public and youth groups.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

We have attended 83 call outs in 2023. This includes rescue of lost persons, rescue of injured persons and, on occasion, recovery of deceased persons who have died in wild or remote places.

We provided assistance to ambulance crews who are unable to access remote locations. We also provided support to community nurses and carers, this in conditions of extreme weather

We assisted the police force in rescue of stranded motorists

We have maintained a team of at least 35 fully trained volunteers. Their skills include medical support, crag and swift water rescue.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The current financial position of the charity is healthy in that a small surplus over spend has been achieved in 2023 (£7,691). Significant income has been received (£119,473) which has spent on normal running and initial expenditure of land purchase towards our new base project.

Our aim is to hold 2 years running costs and a replacement vehicle fund in reserve in cash form to meet any unforeseen expenditure. Additionally further designated funds have been set aside to meet the anticipated costs of the new building in addition to those restricted funds already raised.

Details of the funds held at the year end can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The Team raises funds in a variety of ways. We hold collection boxes in shops, pubs and hotels where the general public can make small cash donations. We receive donations from general public who have been rescued or have family members who have benefitted from our services. We make application to grant awarding bodies, often charities, but also commercial organisations. We have formed a supporters club where the public contribute regular amounts by standing order. We also receive funds from the Lake District Search and Mountain Rescue Association (LDSAMRA) who receive money for "Lake District Mountain Rescue" and then distribute funds to the LDSAMRA member teams.

Investment of our funds is largely short term in the form of bank interest payments.

The principal risks faced by the charity are:

- Loss of income – mitigated by holding 2 years reserves
- Serious injury/death to members/casualties – Team leaders are experienced in the risk assessment procedures required and combined with the encouragement of team culture to look after colleagues, together with "its OK to say no" this risk is maintained at a minimum level



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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a Constitution approved in March 2017.

Trustees are selected from people with a knowledge of mountain rescue, specialist medical knowledge or other specialist knowledge (eg legal expertise) of benefit to the Team.

The charity is an affiliated member of Mountain Rescue England and Wales, the overseeing body for mountain rescue. We are also members of the Lake District Search and Mountain Rescue Association (LDSAMRA), the local body representing the Teams in the Lake District and surrounding area.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 19th February 2024.



Nigel Lister  
Team Chair



John Barstow  
Treasurer

20.2.2024

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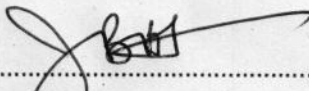
## CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS			2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations & Legacies	94,986	-	94,986	106,085
Grant Income	16,396	765	17,161	132,566
Bank Interest	6,455	-	6,455	1,184
Miscellaneous Income	621	251	872	9,406
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>118,457</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>119,473</b>	<b>249,241</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Operational Costs</b>				
Base	18,471	-	18,471	14,207
Vehicles	6,023	-	6,023	3,105
Equipment	15,741	765	16,506	16,953
Consumables	3,822	-	3,822	2,541
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>419</b>
<b>Support Costs</b>				
Training	2,225	-	2,225	7,107
Other costs	1,722	-	1,722	2,060
<b>New Base Costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62,792</b>	<b>62,792</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>48,225</b>	<b>63,557</b>	<b>111,782</b>	<b>48,392</b>
<b>Net of receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>70,232</b>	<b>(62,541)</b>	<b>7,691</b>	<b>200,849</b>
Cash Funds brought forwards	606,573	210,200	816,773	615,924
<b>Cash Funds carried forwards</b>	<b>676,805</b>	<b>147,659</b>	<b>824,464</b>	<b>816,773</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Cash funds held</b>	<b>676,805</b>	<b>147,659</b>	<b>824,464</b>	<b>816,773</b>

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf on 19th February 2024.

  
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 Nigel Lister  
 Team Chair

  
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 John Barstow  
 Treasurer

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## **NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### FUND ANALYSIS

	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>New Vehicle Reserve</b>	<b>New Base</b>		<b>2023</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Funds brought forwards	80,000	72,000	454,573	210,200	<b>816,773</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) in year	70,232			(62,541)	<b>7,691</b>
Transfers					-
Funds carried forwards	150,232	72,000	454,573	147,659	<b>824,464</b>

### NEW BASE COST

The New Base costs represents the costs of purchasing land and constructing a new base which is currently in progress.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At cost	64,791	2,250

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF DUDDON AND FURNESS MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

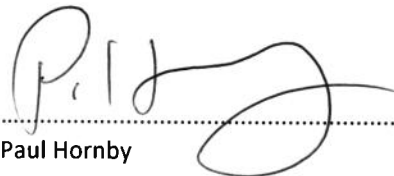
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

## Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Hornby

23-2-24  
Date

Relevant professional qualifications: FCA

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