



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 Jan 24** Period start date To **31 Dec 2024**

Period end date

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Charity registration number: **1173246**

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Charity's principal address	The Old Dairy

	Rossie Ulverston Cumbria LA12 7NR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Glyn Mitchell	Chair of Trustees/External Trustee		Board of Trustees
2	David Allan	External Trustee		Board of Trustees
3	Sian Beard	External Trustee		Board of Trustees
4	David Binks	Team Leader		Team AGM
5	John Barstow	Treasurer		Team AGM
6	John Wealthall	Team Chair	From AGM 3 rd March 2024	Team AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

DUDDON AND FURNESS MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1173246

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The Old Dairy
Rosside
Ulverston
Cumbria
LA12 7NR

TRUSTEES

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

ROLE

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

DUDDON AND FURNESS MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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

Significant activities

Our main activities carried out during the year included:

- Call outs – 54 incidents taking up 1,900 person hours
- Training – 47 sessions comprising shorter inputs and full day sessions taking up 2645 person hours
- Information sessions to the general public including youth and other groups
- Membership of Local Resilience Forum to provide specialist support in event of major incidents in the community.
- Remote access support to Police, Ambulance and Fire Services.
- New base project – We have been engaged on a project to provide a purpose built base over the last six years. A contractor has been appointed and further ground works are under way. Completion is expected by March 2026.

Public benefit

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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The principal risks faced by the charity and how they are mitigated:

- Loss of income – Mitigated by holding 2 years reserves
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is governed by its Constitution dated March 2017.

Organisational structure

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

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Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

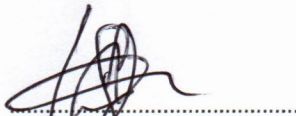
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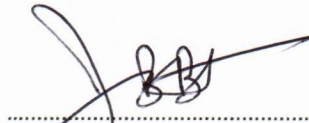
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 10 February 2025



John Wealthall
Team Chair



John Barstow
Treasurer

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

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations & legacies	143,195	-	143,195	94,986
Grant income	15,500	52,900	68,400	17,161
Bank interest	14,375	-	14,375	6,455
Miscellaneous income	6,642	-	6,642	871
Total Receipts	179,712	52,900	232,612	119,473
PAYMENTS				
Operational Costs				
Base	17,642	-	17,642	18,471
Vehicles	6,853	-	6,853	6,023
Equipment	3,651	-	3,651	16,506
Consumables	6,684	-	6,684	3,822
Fundraising Costs	522	-	522	221
Support Costs				
Training	7,330	-	7,330	2,225
Other costs	3,723	-	3,723	1,722
New Base Costs	67,915	-	67,915	62,792
Total Payments	114,320	-	114,320	111,782
Net of receipts / (payments)	65,392	52,900	118,292	7,691
Cash Funds brought forwards	676,805	147,659	824,464	816,773
Cash Funds carried forwards	742,197	200,559	942,756	824,464
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
Cash funds held	742,197	200,559	942,756	824,464

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf on 10 February 2025

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FUND ANALYSIS

	General Funds	New Vehicle Reserve	New Base		2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds brought forwards	150,232	72,000	454,573	147,659	824,464
Net of receipts / (payments) in year	65,392	-	-	52,900	118,292
Transfers	(135,624)	-	135,624	-	-
Funds carried forwards	80,000	72,000	590,197	200,559	942,756

NEW BASE COST

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
At cost 01/01/24	64,791	-
Additions	67,915	64,791
At cost 31.12.24	<u>132,706</u>	<u>64,791</u>

As at the 31 December 2024 the Charity has assured funds of £217,500 still to be received which brings the total Base Fund to £1,008,256.

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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
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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

23/2/25
Date

Relevant professional qualifications: FCCA, FCA

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Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Date

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