

Charity registration number 1178090

**MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of mountain rescue charities and voluntary organisations for the public benefit, in particular by:

1. Ensuring high standards of training and equipment for its members
2. Providing training, including technical training applicable to searching for and rescuing people in difficulties in mountainous regions or inhospitable environments
3. Co-ordinating the work of its members engaged in larger-scale search and rescue operations
4. Ensuring effective links with other rescue services, such as the police, ambulance, fire and rescue and coastguard services

The Trustees have given due regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefits and are satisfied that the objectives and activities of MREW provide a public benefit.

Implementing the Aims and Objects

MREW supports its member teams by providing a coordinated national approach to the issues they face, whether in relation to the statutory authorities who call on the services of members, on technical standards, policies and training, or on matters such as insurance, sponsorship and purchasing. MREW also provides advice to member teams on a range of topics.

Our member teams are independent charitable organisations. We have structures at regional and national level, which meet regularly to ensure our accountability to our members and to allow direct two-way dialogue with the representative regional chairs and operations leads.

We also ensure that MREW is represented at national coordination meetings with statutory and non-statutory emergency services, such as Police and Fire liaison, UK Search and Rescue groups, Mountain Rescue Scotland and several all-Wales groups.

Achievements and performance

Annual Objectives and Achievements

Our principal objectives for 2022 were to:

Further develop an up-to-date and relevant strategy for the short, medium and long term.

- The Trustees and Management group have developed a new strategic framework for the organisation focusing on updated vision and strategy whilst emphasising the core values of the organisation. The strategic framework has developed into three distinct work streams.
- Top line Vision and Mission. To form the basis of all subgroups purpose:
 - 1.Vision: Mountain Rescue England & Wales Leading Search & Rescue to Save Life
 - 2.Mission: Mountain Rescue England and Wales Empowering Highly Skilled unpaid volunteers every hour of every day to save a life.

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- The implementation of a Scheme of Delegation which sets out the respective responsibilities of Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW) Board of Trustees and the Management Group. It defines the Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the charity, and it delegates the day-to-day running of Mountain Rescue England and Wales to the Management Group. A key part of this objective is to ensure the composition of the Board of Trustees is more balanced with less representation from the Management Group, to ensure impartiality.
- Wellbeing and Shared Values. A new Wellbeing Officer has been elected and a programme undertaken to put a finger on the pulse of the organisation and to ensure best in class shared values at all levels of Mountain Rescue

The Trustees and Management group have further developed our engagement in the UK search and rescue strategy through the specialist role of MREW Liaison Officer with the remit becoming broader in 2022.

Review the membership criteria structure based on the learnings from the CIO membership programme.

- This work stream is ongoing with a 3-tier system currently being worked through with stakeholder groups (Regional Chairs/ Management group). Currently the organisation is composed of 47 full teams and 22 associate teams. The new tier would look to introduce a Partnership member for organisations that do not have Mountain Rescue as their core objective.

Review the services that MREW receive and the contracts we have in place to ensure they are fit for purpose and continue to meet the needs of MREW.

- We have been working throughout 2022 to ensure we are in a strong and transparent place with our 3rd party services and all costs are published by the Financial Director in the period reports, this work stream is ongoing.

2022 Incidents

There have been 3,357 incidents this year. These incidents are happening consistently and evenly across the entire year which is a marked change if we look back 10 years or further.

After COVID and multiple lockdowns, understandably people in Great Britain were in a hurry to get outside and explore again. We have seen a new wave of visitors venturing out of the towns and cities and visiting rural areas for the first time. As an organisation we support and encourage people to explore the great outdoors and all the health and wellbeing positive benefits this brings.

This and restrictions to foreign travel, huge number of people have taken to the hills for recreation, many for the first time and without the necessary safety skills. As a result, we've seen a marked increase in the number of callouts to people who were simply lost or poorly equipped for the conditions they found themselves in. We have identified that of 49% of our callouts in 2022 the primary contributing cause is human factors.

To address this trend, we have increased our active engagement with partner organisations to promote a safety message with the public.

Financial review

The results of the charity can be seen below:

	Unrestricted	Restricted
Income	910,288	574,219
Expenditure	(634,523)	(179,474)
Results	275,765	394,745

Unrestricted reserves at year end were £1,461,707 of which £2,616 related to fixed assets. The free reserves of the charity (excluding fixed assets and designated funds) totalled £1,441,686.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Reserves policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds to meet commitments for the supply of equipment.

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 24 months of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

Investment policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The Trustees therefore seek to obtain income through investment only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The Trustees review this policy each year.

Risk management

MREW maintains an organisational risk register which was reformatted in 2021 and is reviewed by the trustees, management group and regional chairs at every scheduled meeting. The Trustees have identified that the principal risk to the charity - in common with many charities - is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. This will be a priority for the trustees in 2022 and sustainability of funds will be a key foundation of the fundraising strategy which is currently in development.

To manage any financial risk, we have also taken steps to ensure all our funds are spread amongst several reputable banking organisations to minimise the financial risk.

Fundraising, and a more reliable funding base

While the charity has not yet officially registered with Fundraising Regulator (FR) we are working to the Fundraising Regulators Code of Conduct and standards.

At present, Mountain Rescue England and Wales does not solicit donations from individuals or use the services of a Professional Fundraiser or a Commercial Participant to carry out any fundraising activities.

MREW have not received any complaints concerning our fundraisers or activities.

The charity's principal funding sources are through sponsorship, unsolicited donations, events, grants and, from time to time, legacies. In addition the selling of advertising in the magazine supports the MREW magazine.

Plans for the future

The principal objectives of MREW, to be undertaken under the governance of the CIO for 2023 are to continue to build upon the work streams in place from 2022. We need to:

- Ensure we have a robust and effective trustee board, which is balanced and therefore it is recognised that need for more external trustees. A management group which can best serve not only the current day to day needs of the organisation but those of the future.
- Continue to develop and deliver a 3, 5 and 10-year strategy which can be adopted, recognised and articulated throughout the organisation.
- Complete the review of membership criteria to ensure MREW make up is more representative of its full member organisations whilst sharing best practice and scale benefits to associate and partner organisations.
- Continue to grow our engagement in the UK search and rescue strategy and to ensure we are an effective voice representing our members and their needs.
- Develop a focused fundraising strategy which is linked to the organisation's short, medium and long term objectives and ensures the sustainability of MREW's ever increasing operational costs.

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Structure, governance and management

MREW is an umbrella organisation. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a registered charity number of 1178090 and an association constitution dated 25 April 2018. The charity is governed by its document, CIO-ASSOCIATION, Registered 25 April 2018.

Its members are independent charitable organisations: 47 teams of volunteers who undertake highly specialised search and rescue operations for people in the mountainous and less hospitable regions of England and Wales. A list of our current membership is included with this report.

A Board of Trustees are appointed in accordance with the current constitution for the responsibility of MREW. Vacancies are advertised and potential candidates are assessed. Candidates with appropriate skills and experience are presented to a general meeting of the members, which elects the Trustees. At least one Trustee is elected from within the membership, as an external Trustee. Trustees are elected for a term of five years. The Trustees hold the ultimate responsibility for all legal and financial matters transacted in the name of the charity.

The charity seeks to appoint individuals experienced in mountain rescue work or in governance, to ensure that the Board has an appropriate range of skills. MREW provides no formal training for new trustees, however, it supports a quarterly meeting programme in order to promote effective information sharing.

MREW is unusual for a charity of its size, in having no employees. The day-to-day running of a MREW is undertaken by a management committee comprising of elected officers and chaired by the Chief Executive Officer, who themselves is a Trustee. In turn, the officers of the management committee receive support from their specialist sub-committees to undertake the work. The sub-committees are each chaired by an individual with particular experience of that specialism. The Board approves a budget for income and expenditure each year. This provides a framework for the delegation to the management committee of the power to act on financial matters.

All of these people - Trustees, officers, and chairs and members of committees and sub-committees - are themselves volunteers: they receive no remuneration other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses. No member of the Board of Trustees had any beneficial interest in any contract with MREW during the year.

The charity could not function without contracting out some services, such as financial and general administration.

As an organisation, MREW continues to successfully run on the goodwill and commitment of its volunteers.

The trustees would therefore once again like to place on record our continued thanks and deep appreciation for all that they do, not just on behalf of their own beneficiaries – the people they rescue in their own localities, but on behalf of Mountain Rescue as a whole.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Reference and administrative details

Charity registration number

1178090

Principal office

Ty Derw
Lime Tree Court
Cardiff Gate Business Park
Cardiff
CF23 8AB

Trustees

Victoria Pickles
Michael Park MBE
Dr Alistair Morris
Michael France MBE - resigned 20th May 2023
Hannah Halliday - resigned 1st October 2022
Matthew Dooley
Penny Brockman
John Michael Margeson OBE
Phillip Benbow

Patron

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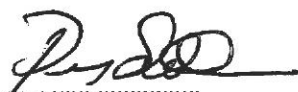
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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



Penny Brockman - Trustee

Dated: 21 September 2023

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

The 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 the state of affairs of the 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 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 sufficient accounting records that 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mountain Rescue England and Wales (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services

Azets Audit Services
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

27 September 2023

Ty Derw, Lime Tree Court
Cardiff Gate Business Park
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United Kingdom
CF23 8AB

Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	743,393	500,000	1,243,393	331,334	2,000	333,334
Charitable activities	4	112,473	74,219	186,692	57,738	26,919	84,657
Other trading activities	5	44,346	-	44,346	28,638	-	28,638
Investments	6	10,076	-	10,076	103	-	103
Total income		910,288	574,219	1,484,507	417,813	28,919	446,732
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	8,414	-	8,414	52,036	-	52,036
Charitable activities	8	626,109	179,474	805,583	462,767	85,726	548,493
Total expenditure		634,523	179,474	813,997	514,803	85,726	600,529
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/							
Net movement in funds		275,765	394,745	670,510	(96,990)	(56,807)	(153,797)
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		1,185,942	211,739	1,397,681	1,282,932	268,546	1,551,478
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		1,461,707	606,484	2,068,191	1,185,942	211,739	1,397,681

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		2,616		3,501
Current assets					
Stocks	14	79,036		53,394	
Debtors	15	320,677		243,398	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,719,770		1,142,835	
		2,119,483		1,439,627	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(53,908)		(45,447)	
Net current assets			2,065,575		1,394,180
Total assets less current liabilities			2,068,191		1,397,681
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		606,484		211,739
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	20,021		33,501	
General unrestricted funds		1,441,686		1,152,441	
			1,461,707		1,185,942
			2,068,191		1,397,681

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21 September 2023



Penny Brockman - Trustee

MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	22		567,877		(52,926)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,018)		(1,786)	
Investment income received		10,076		103	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			9,058		(1,683)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			576,935		(54,609)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,142,835		1,197,444
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,719,770		1,142,835

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Mountain Rescue England and Wales is a charitable incorporated organisation whose registered office is Ty Derw, Lime Tree Court, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Cardiff CF23 8AB.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Sponsorship, event, subscriptions, courses and programme advertising income is credited to the accounts in the period to which it relates.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Sale of goods income is recognised when the sale takes place.

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs in relation to generating income such as fundraising activities.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs relating to the furtherance of the charity's objectives as stated in the trustees report and their associated support costs.

Expenditure is allocated between direct charitable expenditure and support costs. This is shown in the notes to the financial statements. The trustees have exercised their judgement in the apportionment of some categories of expenditure between these two major headings.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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1 Accounting policies

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1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The charity does not have any key or significant accounting estimates.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts	97,685	500,000	597,685	67,442	2,000	69,442
Legacies receivable	372,827	-	372,827	115,133	-	115,133
Events	179,494	-	179,494	90,996	-	90,996
Sponsorship	93,387	-	93,387	57,763	-	57,763
	<u>743,393</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>1,243,393</u>	<u>331,334</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>333,334</u>
Donations and gifts						
Donations and gifts	97,685	500,000	597,685	67,442	2,000	69,442
	<u>97,685</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>597,685</u>	<u>67,442</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>69,442</u>

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4 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Programme advertising	33,895	30,703
Courses	54,120	18,692
Grants	74,219	11,813
Subscriptions and membership	24,458	23,449
	<u>186,692</u>	<u>84,657</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	112,473	57,738
Restricted funds	74,219	26,919
	<u>186,692</u>	<u>84,657</u>
Grants		
LIBOR grant	74,219	-
The Grace Trust	-	5,313
Royal Foundation	-	6,500
	<u>74,219</u>	<u>11,813</u>

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Trade stands	21,440	-
Use of training material	5,725	7,710
Sale of goods	17,181	20,928
	<u>44,346</u>	<u>28,638</u>
Other trading activities		

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6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable	10,076	103

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Goods for resale	3,173	35,980
Meetings and travel	-	337
Fundraising expenses	4,927	15,719
Other fundraising costs	314	-
	<u>8,414</u>	<u>52,036</u>
Fundraising and publicity	8,414	52,036
	<u>8,414</u>	<u>52,036</u>

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8 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation and impairment	1,491	1,227
Courses and conferences	287,565	71,251
Equipment	6,244	42,281
Vehicle	192	1,052
Medical	6,618	2,597
Public relations	57,477	51,279
Representation	16,161	8,825
Technology	40,401	35,732
Team and member expenses	238,324	231,577
Bad debt provision	606	-
	<u>655,079</u>	<u>445,821</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	146,896	100,422
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	3,608	2,250
	<u>805,583</u>	<u>548,493</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	626,109	462,767
Restricted funds	179,474	85,726
	<u>805,583</u>	<u>548,493</u>

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9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Depreciation	412	-	412	412	-	412
Running costs	14,997	-	14,997	6,597	-	6,597
Bank charges	1,350	-	1,350	1,250	-	1,250
External staffing function	86,758	-	86,758	79,083	-	79,083
Council and legal costs	42,371	-	42,371	9,242	-	9,242
Administrative expenses	1,008	-	1,008	118	-	118
COVID-19	-	-	-	3,720	-	3,720
Audit fees	-	3,608	3,608	-	-	-
Independent examination fees	-	-	-	-	2,250	2,250
	<u>146,896</u>	<u>3,608</u>	<u>150,504</u>	<u>100,422</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>102,672</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>146,896</u>	<u>3,608</u>	<u>150,504</u>	<u>100,422</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>102,672</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,608.

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or prior year.

6 trustees (2021: 8) were reimbursed for expenses as part of their management committee and trustee roles totalling £1,206 (2021: £4,844) during the year. Expenses relate to travel and subsistence and administrative expenses such as postage.

In 2021 the charity received income from one trustee in relation of programme advertisement totalling £295. There were no such transactions in 2022.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	5,364
Additions	1,018
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At 31 December 2022	6,382
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Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	1,863
Depreciation charged in the year	1,903
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At 31 December 2022	3,766
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Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	2,616
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At 31 December 2021	3,501
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14 Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	79,036	53,394
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15 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	27,990	15,158
Other debtors	104,873	43,692
Prepayments and accrued income	187,814	184,548
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	320,677	243,398
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16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	30,091	43,047
Accruals and deferred income	23,817	2,400
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	53,908	45,447
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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds			Movement in funds				
	Transfer from unincorporated charity	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2022	£	£
LIBOR grant	268,546	17,106	(85,726)	199,926	74,219	(179,474)	94,671		
The Grace Trust	-	5,313	-	5,313	-	-	5,313		
Royal Foundation	-	6,500	-	6,500	-	-	6,500		
Other restricted support donation	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	500,000		
	268,546	28,919	(85,726)	211,739	574,219	(179,474)	606,484		

LIBOR grant

Received in support of providing a wide range of training in supporting the operation needs.

The Grace Trust

Received to fund cas bags, vacuum mattresses and stretcher servicing.

Royal Foundation

Received to fund wellbeing training.

Other Restricted Support

Restricted donation received for clothing and equipment.

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18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2021	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2022	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Emergency fund	30,000	-	-	30,000	(12,595)	-	17,405
Fixed asset fund	3,354	(1,639)	1,786	3,501	(1,903)	1,018	2,616
	<u>33,354</u>	<u>(1,639)</u>	<u>1,786</u>	<u>33,501</u>	<u>(14,498)</u>	<u>1,018</u>	<u>20,021</u>

Emergency fund

Fund to be utilised at the discretion of the council when required.

Fixed asset fund

This fund represents the net book value of the charity's fixed assets.

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds		Designated funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Designated funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:																
Tangible assets																
Current assets/(liabilities)																
	1,441,686	-	2,616	-	606,484	-	2,616	-	1,152,441	-	30,000	-	211,739	-	3,501	-
	1,441,686	1,441,686	17,405	17,405	606,484	606,484	2,065,575	2,065,575	1,152,441	1,152,441	33,501	33,501	211,739	211,739	1,394,180	1,394,180
	1,441,686	1,441,686	20,021	20,021	606,484	606,484	2,088,191	2,088,191	1,152,441	1,152,441	33,501	33,501	211,739	211,739	1,397,681	1,397,681

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20 Contingent asset

In July 2022 the charity received an interim distribution regarding a legacy. At the time of signing the financial statements the charity had not received any further details regarding any future amounts due to them or the total value of the donors estate. As such no further income has been recognised in the financial statements.

21 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received course income from Central Beacons Mountain Rescue Team totalling £2,683 (2021: £2,025).

During the year the charity received course income from Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation P D M R O totalling £2,724 (2021: £480).

During the year the charity received services from Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation P D M R O totalling £2,619 (2021: £nil).

The charities are related by the way of common trustees.

There were no amounts outstanding at the current or prior year end.

22 Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	670,510	(153,797)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(10,076)	(103)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	1,903	1,639
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(25,642)	30,668
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(77,279)	43,376
Increase in creditors	8,461	25,291
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	567,877	(52,926)