

# Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

England & Wales · Charity number 1180863

## Details

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Other names	WESTERN BEACONS MOUNTAIN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-11-27
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ASSIST IN THE RELIEVING OF SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AMONGST PERSONS ENDANGERED BY ACCIDENTS OR NATURAL HAZARDS IN SOUTH AND MID WALES GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, BUT ALSO WITHOUT GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATION AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECURE AND EFFICIENT SEARCH AND RESCUE OF ANY PERSONS SO ENDANGERED.

**Activities:** To assist in the relieving of suffering and distress amongst persons endangered by accidents or natural hazards in South and Mid Wales geographical area, but also without geographical limitation, and to provide adequate arrangements for the secure and efficient search and rescue of any persons so endangered. We are now equipped and trained to offer search and rescue in natural disaster's.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,231	£26,642	-	-
2024-03-31	£40,486	£24,174	-	-
2023-03-31	£36,562	£24,174	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,113	£18,292	-	-
2021-03-31	£75,091	£54,779	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan David Powell		2023-12-18
Kate Erin Murray		2021-09-01
Nicholas McAllister		2020-08-04
Philip Mark Lewis		2019-05-08
William Kenrick Oliver		2023-12-18

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report for year 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025**

**Registered Charity No 1180863**

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The Trustee board for the financial year were:

Chair	Miss Kate Murray
Secretary	Mr Nicholas McAllister
Treasurer	Mr Mark Lewis
Trustee	Mr Jonathan Powell
Trustee	Mr William Oliver

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Our March 2025 training weekend consisted of a residential multi-day joint training exercise with Royal Air Force (RAF) Valley Mountain Rescue Service and South Wales Police. This provided a great opportunity for shared learning and interagency operational training.

During this year we recruited and trained 13 new members. 3 withdrew, 6 have successfully completed their training and are now on the call out list with a further 4 finalising their training and are expected to pass assessment and be added to the call out list in the near future.

Specialist training outlined below has also been undertaken in addition to our routine weekly and monthly Team training. During this period:

### **Medical:**

2 members were successful in recertifying on the Remote Rescue Medical Technician (RRMT) course.

1 member attended the pre-hospital trauma life support course.

4 members successfully completed the iBLS course

### **Search:**

4 members attended the Search managers SML level 1 course

1 member attended the Search managers SML level 2 course

### **Water:**

3 members attended level 2 Mod course

1 member attended Mod 2 instructor recertification course

1 member attended SRTA (Advanced) course.

## **Finance**

The biggest expenditure remains with the running of our vehicles of £8,752.34

Our fleet currently consists of 3 Team vehicles, a Toyota Hilux based at Pontardawe fire station. Our Mobile control vehicle and second response vehicle are kept at our headquarters in Sarn, Bridgend. They are maintained and serviced by South Wales Police (SWP), we would like to thank SWP for their support and work keeping the vehicles on the road. The Trustees on advice and formal request from the Operations Group via the Team Leader have approved in principle the procurement of a second 4x4

Team vehicle to support operational delivery of our Constitutional objectives once relevant funds to purchase this item have been raised.

Income remains low with a running loss of £411.25. The legacy impact of the pandemic continues to have a lasting negative impact on funding combined with the ongoing national cost of living crisis has meant challenges with fundraising - as many in the voluntary sector are also experiencing. Our income from organised events and grants have increased since last year, primarily due to large scale "one off" events such as being nominated by the organisers of 10 Y FAN as their charity of the Year, which we have started to receive funds for and WBMRT's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary raffle. Whilst we have funds to run the day-to-day activities of the team, large investments such as buying a replacement 4X4 vehicle, long term refurbishment or relocation of our Base HQs and specialised equipment replacement are more uncertain.

### **Safeguarding**

We are working towards safer recruiting and vetting procedures within WBMRT.

### **Acknowledgments**

1 member received the Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW) Distinguished Service Award

1 member became a National Flood Rescue Tactical Advisor with the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC).

### **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

We are grateful for calling authorities contributing towards our Team vehicles fuel costs, which enabled us to reclaim £2,454.03.

## **Related Party Transactions**

Payments to Trustees – There were no payments to Trustees during this reporting period.

## **INDEPEDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

The accounts have been subjected to an independent examination by Ms Laura Bowen FMAAT, and her report will be submitted to the Charities Commission with the accounts following their approval by the Trustees and ratification by WBMRT members at the AGM

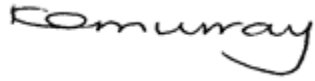
## **VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The trustees would like to acknowledge and thank all the members for their hard work and commitment this year. It is also important to recognise the families of our volunteers who support the team by supporting members to undertake the training, callouts and events associated with raising our charity profile and fundraising throughout the year.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission including public benefit guidance.

Approved by the Trustees on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Handwritten signature of Kate Murray in black ink.

Miss. Kate Murray

Chair

Handwritten signature of Mark Lewis in black ink.

Mr. Mark Lewis

Treasurer

For the statements of our financial activities please see the details on the Charity Commission website.



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1180863

**Set out on pages**

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*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Name:**

Laura Bowen – Lilywhite Accountancy

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FMAAT

**Address:**

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Carmarthenshire SA14 7NW

**Section B** **Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team	No (if any) 1180863
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2024	To	Period end date 31st March 2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	15,106	-	-	15,106	19,307
Donation / Transfer from Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team	-	-	-	-	1,828
Fundraising income	8,026	-	-	8,026	-
Interest received	576	-	-	576	142
Services mileage reclaim	2,523	-	-	2,523	-
Refund of Input VAT	-	-	-	-	11,709
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>26,231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,231</b>	<b>32,986</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Sale of vehicle	-	-	-	-	7,500
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,231</b>	<b>40,486</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	6,298	-	-	6,298	4,335
Equipment	2,173	600	-	2,773	3,016
Insurance	17	-	-	17	866
Base	2,221	-	-	2,221	1,398
Training	5,209	-	-	5,209	2,848
Fuel	2,454	-	-	2,454	5,247
Utilities	598	-	-	598	5,082
VAT to be reclaimed in future periods	3,171	-	-	3,171	2,785
Other	5,097	-	-	5,097	516
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,042</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,642</b>	<b>26,093</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>- 600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 411</b>	<b>14,393</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>46,229</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,914</b>	<b>37,521</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>46,418</b>	<b>5,085</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>51,914</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	7,041	5,085	-
	Deposit Account	39,377	-	-
		-	-	-
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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Laura Bowen FMAAT	19th April 2025
	Mark Lewis	20/5/25



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2 members successfully completed a Blue Light Driving Course

1 member attended a 4x4 instructor training course

5 members either renewed or completed various recognised water training courses.

1 member attended an instructor casualty care course

8 members attended the Mountain Rescue casualty care training courses.

1 member attended a Pet First Aid course and gained Level 2 (VTQ) accreditation.

## **Finance**

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The knock-on impact of covid, continues to have a lasting negative impact on funding combined with a national cost of living crisis has meant challenges with fundraising - as many in the voluntary sector are also experiencing. Our income from organised events and grants have increased since last year but remain lower than pre-pandemic times. Whilst we have funds to run the day-to-day activities of the

team, large investments such as vehicle and specialised equipment replacement are more uncertain. Excluding receipts from the vehicle sale and reclaimed input VAT from prior years, there was an underlying deficit of £4,001 as summarised in the table below.

<b>Receipts £</b>	Total	Assets	VAT	General
Sale of vehicle	7,500	7,500	0	0
Reclaimed input VAT	11,709	0	11,709	0
Donations and interest	21,277	0	0	21,277
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>40,486</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>11,709</b>	<b>21,277</b>
<b>Payments £</b>	Total	Assets	VAT	General
Spend from restricted grant	815	815	0	0
Running costs	25,278	0	0	25,278
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,093</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,278</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) £</b>	<b>14,393</b>	<b>6,685</b>	<b>11,709</b>	<b>(4,001)</b>

## FUNDS

The sale of our Landrover vehicle in February generated £7,500.00.

We are grateful for calling authorities for contributing towards our Team vehicle's fuel costs.

## Related Party Transactions

Payments to Trustees – There were no payments to Trustees during this reporting period.

Transactions between Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team charity 1180863 (“WBMRT”) and the Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team charity 500652 (“WBMSART”). Our organisation was formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), taking on similar charitable aims to the unincorporated charity WBMSART, which no longer operates and has been closed down following the Team's decision to convert to become a CIO. The Trustees of the WBMSRT were Mr Marcus Neal, Mr Selwyn Keenan, Mr Robert Wallis, and Mr Antony Lloyd. The administrative process of transferring assets and liabilities from the previous charity to the current CIO, and for donors transferring their standing orders for donations, has now been completed. The asset transfer from WBMSART to this organisation of £1,827.87 was made this year prior to WBMSART being dissolved in accordance with the Dissolution Regulations 2012.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

The accounts have been subjected to an independent examination by Mr. R D S Jones BSc ACMA (retired), and his report will be submitted to the Charities Commission with the accounts following their approval by the Trustees at the AGM

## **VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The trustees would like to acknowledge and thank all the members for their hard work and commitment this year. It is also important to recognise the families of our volunteers who support the team by supporting members to undertake the training, callouts and events associated with raising our charity profile and fundraising throughout the year.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission including public benefit guidance.

Approved by the Trustees on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 and signed on their behalf by;

Miss. Kate Murray

Chair

Mr. Mark Lewis

Treasurer

For the statements of our financial activities please see the details on the Charity Commission website.

# Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team (CIO)

## Financial Activities

April 2023 - March 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations and legacies	9,776.38
Collection Tins	445.14
Subs	665.00
Team Weekend	1,445.00
<b>Total Donations and legacies</b>	<b>12,331.52</b>
Fundraising	337.55
Event Income	2,000.00
Fundraising Amazon	64.17
Just Giving	4,187.45
Lottery Income	356.40
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>6,945.57</b>
Services	11,753.98
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£31,031.07</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£31,031.07</b>
Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	333.61
Equipment	2,336.66
Radio	679.31
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>3,015.97</b>
Insurances	865.97
Medical	
Control Drugs	2.95
<b>Total Medical</b>	<b>2.95</b>
Office/General Administrative Expenses	480.74
Phone Costs	754.81
Raising funds	179.99
Repair and maintenance	162.25
Training	-76.00
Accommodation	660.00
Driver Training	790.33
Misc	17.36
Search Training	945.00
Team Weekend Food	511.40
<b>Total Training</b>	<b>2,848.09</b>
Uncategorised Expense	2,785.15
Utilities	
SSE	4,944.44
Water	137.24
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>5,081.68</b>
Vehicles	5.98
Bravo Juliet	569.29
Bravo Mike	1,434.58
Bravo Oscar	1,055.43

# Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team (CIO)

## Financial Activities

April 2023 - March 2024

	TOTAL
Bravo Romeo	1,270.13
Fuel	5,246.82
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>9,582.23</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£26,093.44</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>£4,937.63</b>
Other Income	
Asset Transfer from (WBMSRT 500652)	1,827.87
Interest Earned	142.18
Sale of Team Asset	7,500.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£9,470.05</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>£9,470.05</b>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<b>£14,407.68</b>



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	19,307	-	-	19,307	23,312
Donation / transfer from Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team	1,828	-	-	1,828	13,247
Refund of input VAT	11,709	-	-	11,709	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Interest received	142	-	-	142	3
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>32,986</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,986</b>	<b>36,562</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Sale of vehicle	7,500	-	-	7,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>40,486</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,486</b>	<b>36,562</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	4,335	-	-	4,335	4,552
Equipment	2,201	815	-	3,016	3,500
Insurance	866	-	-	866	1,058
Base	1,398	-	-	1,398	1,218
Training	2,848	-	-	2,848	5,397
Fuel	5,247	-	-	5,247	4,948
Utilities	5,082	-	-	5,082	1,354
VAT to be reclaimed in future periods	2,785	-	-	2,785	1,963
Other	516	-	-	516	184
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>25,278</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,093</b>	<b>24,174</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>25,278</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,093</b>	<b>24,174</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>15,208</b>	<b>- 815</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,393</b>	<b>12,388</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>31,021</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,521</b>	<b>25,133</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>46,229</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,914</b>	<b>37,521</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Current account	7,428	5,685	-
	Deposit account	38,801	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>46,229</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Unrestricted funds**  
to nearest £

**Restricted funds**  
to nearest £

**Endowment funds**  
to nearest £

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)

		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval


**Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180863

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# Accounts

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# **Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team**

**Annual Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Registered Charity No 1180863**

## **CHARITY NAME: Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team**

### **REGISTERED OFFICE:**

Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Teams whose registered address is Western Beacons Mountain Rescue team are based out of council garages in Adams Avenue, Sarn Bridgend CF32 9RX however all communication should be directed the Charity Secretary

The team is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners, No. 1180863. The Charity is a member of the regional body of South Wales Search & Rescue Association, it is also a member of Mountain Rescue England and Wales who are both representative bodies for mountain search and rescue.

The Trustee board for the financial year were:

Chair	Mr Mark Songhurst
Secretary	Mr Nicholas McAllister
Treasurer	Mr M Lewis
Trustee	Mr M Jeffery
Trustee	Miss K Murray
Trustee	Mr R Wallis
Trustee	Mr P Williams

The objects of the Charity, as specified in the constitution, are to assist in the relieving of suffering and distress amongst persons endangered by accidents or natural hazards in South and Mid Wales geographical area, but also without geographical limitation, and to provide adequate arrangements for the secure and efficient search and rescue of any persons so endangered. We are now equipped and trained to offer search and rescue in natural disasters.

The team comprises up to 60 volunteers who live across our operational area. As well as being on call in all weather, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, there is a significant amount of on-going training in advanced first aid, mountain and water rescue. This can only be achieved through the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of their employers.

During the year, the team responded to a total of 52 incidents. The Team callouts involved providing assistance to both South Wales, Dyfed Powys Police and the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust in conducting searches for missing, vulnerable, and injured persons. 16 % of the calls were for casualties with lower leg injuries

The team has worked closely with helicopters from the Coastguard, Air Ambulance, and National Police Air Support. Invaluable Joint medical working with the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust and the Hazardous Area Response Team has proved vital to all services. We continue to work closely with our neighbouring Mountain and Cave Rescue teams offering mutual aid when required.

Whilst dealing with Inland waterways incidents the team has worked jointly with both South Wales FRS and Mid and West Wales FRS.

## **Training**

Following the Covid pandemic training returned to normal face to face with members having to upskill their training. The team trains every Monday and a full weekend each month.

During this period:

14 members attended an advanced driving course and gained either gold or silver RoSPA awards

13 members successfully completed a Blue Light Driving Course

3 members successfully upskilled their rope rescue training at a regional training course

5 members completed a 4x4 driving course run internally by our 4x4 trainer.

7 members either renewed or completed various recognised water training courses.

4 members attended the Mountain Rescue casualty care training courses.

Team Medical training continued to be of great importance within the training calendar of all members.

During this year we recruited and trained 7 new members who successfully completed their training and are now on the call out list.

We thank the 1st Ynyscedwyn Scout Group and Coelbren Miners Welfare and Community Hall for allowing us to use their facilities for our accommodation on training weekends.

## **Finance**

The biggest expenditure remains with the running of 4 vehicles of £9,449.82

Our fleet consists of a Toyota Hilux based at Pontardawe fire station. Our Landrover 130, Mobile control vehicle and dedicated water rescue vehicle are kept at our headquarters in Bridgend. They are maintained and serviced by Gotboost Ltd in Pyle, we would like to thank Stef and his team for their hard work keeping the vehicles on the road.

Income remains low with a running loss of £862.11. Post Covid we are facing challenges with fundraising as many in the voluntary sector are. Our income from organised events and grants have decreased this year, whilst we have funds to run the day-to-day activities of the team, large investments such as vehicle and specialised equipment replacement are more uncertain.

### **Restricted Income**

During the year, the charity received a Nominet Members Givehub grant of £10,000 from Nominet as a result of a successful grant application. The purpose of the grant was to fund radio communication equipment and networking. During the year there was one payment for equipment of £3,500, with the remaining balance expected to be spent during the next financial year.

## **Related Party Transactions**

Payments to Trustees - The payment of £3,500 referred to above was made to Mr. Mark Lewis, a Trustee and Treasurer of the Charity, for two Simoco repeaters and duplexers. These had originally been loaned to the Charity, and the Trustees agreed to purchase them when the restricted income Nominet grant funds became available.

Transactions between Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team charity 1180863 ("WBMRT") and the Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team charity 500652 ("WBMSART"). This organisation was formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and it took on similar charitable aims to the WBMSART charity which now no longer operates. The Trustees of the WBMSRT are Mr Marcus Neal, Mr Selwyn Keenan, Mr Robert Wallis, and Mr Antony Lloyd. The administrative process of transferring assets and liabilities from the previous charity to the current CIO, and for donors transferring their standing orders for donations, has taken some time. Consequently, some prior-year comparative figures look low because in the prior year they were paid by the old charity, and the old charity continued to receive income which it donated to the new CIO in 2022/23.

## **Independent Examiners Report**

The accounts have been subjected to an independent examination by Mr. R D S Jones BSc ACMA (retired), and his report will be submitted to the Charities Commission with the accounts following their approval by the Trustees at the AGM

## **VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The trustees would like to acknowledge and thank all the members for their hard work and commitment this year, the team officers, and the party leaders for making sure operations and training run smoothly. It is also important to recognise the families of our volunteers who support the team by supporting members to undertake the training and callouts throughout the year.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT** The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission including public benefit guidance.

Approved by the Trustees on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr. Songhurst

Chairman



Mr. Mark Lewis

Treasurer

For the statements of our financial activities please see the details on the Charity Commission website.

# Management Report

Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team (CIO)

The following needs to be considered when looking at these accounts

The accounts shows a loss of £862.11 however;

- £10,000.00 of the income is for a grant redistricted to radio spend (£6,500.00 carried over)
- VAT reclaim of £4,626.59 from 5 years was received during this period
- There are invoices that were late arriving for this period and will be in next years accounts

Therefore the actual loss is far more than it appears

Prepared on

19 November 2023

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# Financial Activities

April 2022 - March 2023

	<b>Total</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Donations and legacies	7,987.58
Subs	735.00
Team Weekend	1,411.16
<b>Total Donations and legacies</b>	<b>10,133.74</b>
Fundraising	
Event Income	1,500.00
Fundraising Amazon	97.04
Just Giving	1,209.72
Lottery Income	371.60
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>3,178.36</b>
Restricted Funds	10,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,312.10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,312.10</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Equipment	
Radio	3,500.00
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
Insurances	1,058.61
Medical	
Control Drugs	183.68
<b>Total Medical</b>	<b>183.68</b>
Office/General Administrative Expenses	386.00
Phone Costs	297.01
Printing, Postage and Stationery	130.78
Raising funds	404.09
Training	630.19
Accommodation	1,260.00
Driver Training	1,100.17
Rope Rescue	615.00
Search Training	730.00
Team Weekend Food	513.13
Water Training	548.00
<b>Total Training</b>	<b>5,396.49</b>
Uncategorised Expense	1,963.30
Utilities	
SSE	1,354.43
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>1,354.43</b>
Vehicles	
Bravo Juliet	293.05
Bravo Mike	997.05
Bravo Oscar	388.99
Bravo Romeo	2,872.93

	<b>Total</b>
Fuel	4,947.80
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>9,499.82</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>24,174.21</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>-862.11</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
Asset Transfer from (WBMSRT 500652)	13,247.32
Interest Earned	2.54
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>13,249.86</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>13,249.86</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£12,387.75</b>

# Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2023

	<b>Total</b>
<b>FIXED ASSET</b>	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>	
Current Account For CIO	36,362.63
Savings	1,158.85
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>37,521.48</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>37,521.48</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>37,521.48</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>37,521.48</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£37,521.48</b>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	25,133.73
Retained Earnings	
Surplus/(Deficit)	12,387.75
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£37,521.48</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1180863

**Set out on pages**

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*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*R. Denison*

**Date:**

11 January 2024

**Name:**

Robert Denis Samuel Jones

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ACMA (Retired)

**Address:**

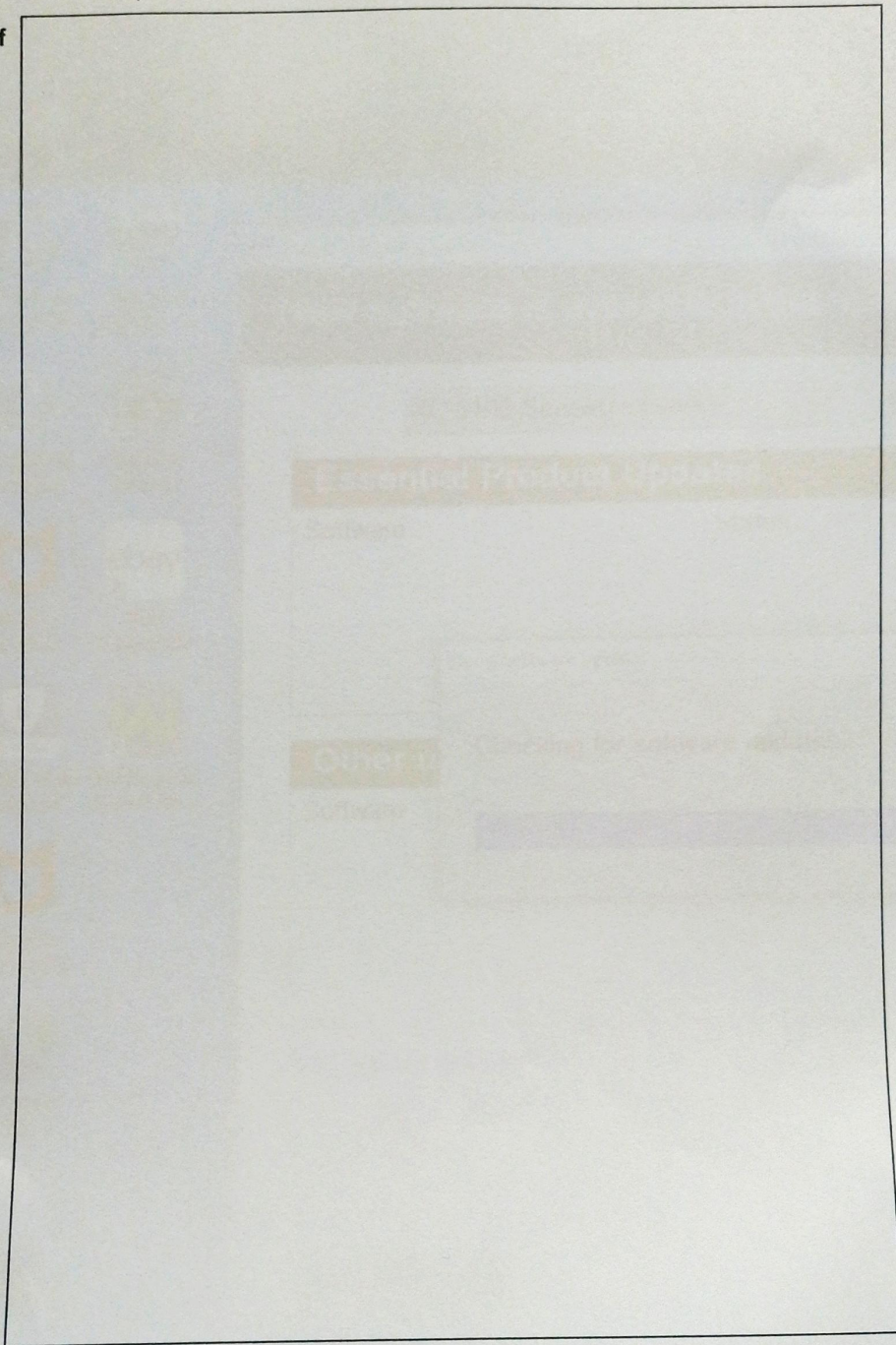
5 James Stephens Way

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NP16 5GE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	13,312	10,000	-	23,312	23,113
Donation / transfer from Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team	13,247	-	-	13,247	-
Interest received	3	-	-	3	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>26,562</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,562</b>	<b>23,113</b>

<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,562</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,562</b>	<b>23,113</b>
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### A3 Payments

Vehicles	4,552	-	-	4,552	5,650
Equipment	-	3,500	-	3,500	7,474
Communications	-	-	-	-	115
Insurance	1,058	-	-	1,058	1,671
Base	1,218	-	-	1,218	20
Training	5,397	-	-	5,397	3,111
Fuel	4,948	-	-	4,948	-
Other	184	-	-	184	251
Utilities	1,354	-	-	1,354	-
VAT to be reclaimed in future period	1,963	-	-	1,963	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,674</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,174</b>	<b>18,292</b>

### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>20,674</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,174</b>	<b>18,292</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,888</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,388</b>	<b>4,821</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>25,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,133</b>	<b>20,312</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>31,021</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,521</b>	<b>25,133</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	29,863	6,500	-
	Deposit account	1,159	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	<b>31,021</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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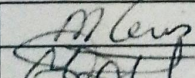
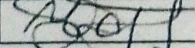
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARY LEWIS	17/12/23
	MITZI SONGELWASE	18/12/23

**Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180863

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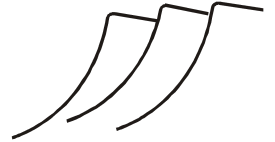
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# Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

Formerly Bridgend Mountain Rescue Team (Est. 1964)  
Registered Charity 1180863



## ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT

2021 – 2022

**CHARITY NAME:** Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 1180863

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** Western Beacons Mountain Rescue team are based out of council garages in Adams Avenue, Sarn Bridgend CF32 9RX.

### TRUSTEES:

Mr Nicholas McAllister- Chairman

Mr Robert Wallis – Treasurer,

Mr Mark Lewis

Mr Micheal Jeffery

Mr Mark Songhurst

Miss Kate Murray

Miss Rebecca Smith

Mr Paul Williams

### TRUSTEES REPORT:

The trustees present their report for the year ending March 2022, financial statements for the year 2021- 2022 have been provided in accordance with the legal requirements.

### WRITTEN CONSTITUTION

The charity is governed by its overarching constitution, this was adopted in November 2018, and amended in May 2019. The charity has been set up to take over the work of Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue team 500652, from 1 April 2020.

Member of  
Mountain Rescue England & Wales  
South Wales Search & Rescue Association

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY**

The object of the charity is to provide search and rescue services to any person in distress in any situation, our main area of operations is South, Mid and West Wales but on request will provide support to other search and rescue teams outside of this area.

We are volunteers. On call every day, of every month, of every year. Whatever the time, day or night. Whatever the weather. Saving lives.

## **DETAILS OF PERSONS OR BODIES ENTITLED TO APPOINT CHARITY TRUSTEES AND METHOD OF APPOINTMENT**

Within the terms of the Constitution the Trustees are appointed by the membership of the Charity, this occurs at each Annual General Meeting and they hold office until the following AGM. The trustees must be members of the charity and can be up to 12 in number. Trustees are to stand down at the end of each year , They can stand for a maximum of 5 years.

## **FINANCIAL: GENERAL RESERVES**

Reserves are that part of a charity's unrestricted funds that is freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. The Charity maintains designated reserves:

- to provide a level of working capital that protects the continuity of our work
- to provide a level of funding for unexpected opportunities
- to provide cover for risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income.

The board of trustees will at times designate funds from free reserves for significant project costs or replacement of major assets.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity.

## **Grant Making:**

During the last financial year, the Charity made no specific grants to any other charitable organisations.

## **DEVELOPMENT, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

During this year Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team had 49 incidents, working as an individual team and alongside other mountain rescues teams within South Wales, Coastguard and statutory emergency services.

We now have 35 trained team members, with 10 support members. The trustees remain proud and confident that we are an effective and cohesive team.

We have supported a number of local events, which have generated publicity and much needed income for the team, those being the Richard Burton 10km race, The 10 Y Fan charity walk and the Merthyr Mawr Pudding Race.

We again have worked very closely with the other teams in the area and the trustees are confident that our working relationships with our colleagues in neighbouring teams remain excellent.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

Investing our efforts in training new members allowing them to learn the skills to become effective mountain rescuers is one of our primary developments. Promoting mountain safety to members of the public to reduce the number of call outs the team receives is at the forefront of our activities. Vehicles remain our biggest asset and we are planning for the next refurbishment or replacement project.

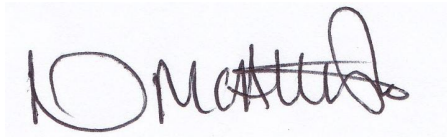
## **VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The trustees would like to acknowledge and thank all the members for their hard work and commitment this year, special thanks go to the exec, the team officers and the party leaders for making sure things happen as and when they are supposed to. It is also important to recognise the families of our volunteers who support the team by supporting members to undertake the training and callouts throughout the year.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission including public benefit guidance.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. McAllister', written over a light blue rectangular background.

N. McAllister

**For the statements of our financial activities please see the details on the Charity Commission website.**



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1180863

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

28 January 2023

**Name:**

Robert Denis Samuel Jones

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ACMA (Retired)

**Address:**

64 Austin Avenue

Porthcawl

CF36 5RS

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

1180863

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-21	To	Period end date 31-Mar-22
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	23,113	-	-	23,113	40,091
Donation / transfer from Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team	-	-	-	-	35,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>23,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,113</b>	<b>75,091</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>23,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,113</b>	<b>75,091</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	5,650	-	-	5,650	34,904
Equipment	7,474	-	-	7,474	8,981
Communications	115	-	-	115	6,481
Insurance	1,671	-	-	1,671	1,606
Base	20	-	-	20	1,396
Training	3,111	-	-	3,111	1,162
Fuel	-	-	-	-	52
Other	251	-	-	251	197
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,292</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,292</b>	<b>54,779</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,292</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,292</b>	<b>54,779</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>20,312</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>20,312</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	23,977	-	19,164
	Deposit account	1,156	-	1,148
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>25,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,312</b>
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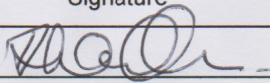
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Wallis	28/01/2023

**Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180863

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT

2020 – 2021

**CHARITY NAME:** Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 1180863

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team's registered address is Rear of, Adams Ave, Bryncethin, Bridgend CF32 9RX.

All communication should be directed to the Charities Secretary.

## **TRUSTEES:**

Mr Mark Songhurst- Chairman

Mr Nicholas McAllister - Secretary

Mr Robert Wallis – Treasurer

Mr Mark Lewis

Mr Gareth Watson

Mr Micheal Jeffery

Mr Craig Parkinson Resigned 09/03/2021

Mr Alex Wilson-Evans Resigned 30/03/2021

## **TRUSTEES REPORT:**

The trustees present their report for the year ending March 2021, financial statements for the year 2020- 2021 have been provided in accordance with the legal requirements.

## **WRITTEN CONSTITUTION**

The charity is governed by its overarching constitution of the CIO, this was adopted on 27th November 2018.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT OF THE CIO.**

The objects of the CIO are

To assist in the relieving of suffering and distress, amongst persons endangered by accidents and natural hazards in the South and Mid Wales geographical area, but also without geographical limitation. To provide adequate arrangements for the secure and efficient search and rescue of any person or persons so endangered.

We are volunteers. On call every day, of every month, of every year. Whatever the time, day or night. Whatever the weather. Saving lives.

## **DETAILS OF PERSONS OR BODIES ENTITLED TO APPOINT CHARITY TRUSTEES AND METHOD OF APPOINTMENT**

Within the terms of the Constitution the Trustees are appointed by the membership of the Charity, this occurs at each Annual General Meeting and they hold office until the following AGM. The trustees must be members of the charity and can be up to 12 in number. Trustees are to stand down at the end of each year, They can stand for a maximum of 5 years.

## **FINANCIAL: GENERAL RESERVES**

The Charity does not have a formal policy for the level of reserves held, however it has been practiced over many years to ensure a minimum of £10,000 is kept in reserve as this is the estimated cost of running the charity over a period of 12 months.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity.

### **Grant Making:**

During the last financial year, the Charity made no grants to any other charitable organisations.

## **DEVELOPMENT, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

During this year the team had 57 incidents, working as an individual team and alongside other mountain rescue teams the Coastguard and statutory emergency services. The Covid pandemic has had an impact upon the number of call outs received by the team, several months of the year the country was in lock down. Training was also scaled back during the initial months of the pandemic.

The greatest impact upon the team from Covid was the lack of fundraising

opportunities and this is reflected in our income from donations.

We have entered into a 3 year partnership with Helly Hansen to develop professional grade clothing for search and rescue teams. This will see every team member being supplied with a base layer, insulation layer and waterproof outer layer of clothing.

We have agreed to support the Adventure Smart program to educate the users of the great outdoors and hopefully reduce the amount of call outs caused by inexperience or bad decision making.

We now have 33 trained team members on the call out list, with a further 10 members in training. We have an additional 10 support members who assist with fundraising and administration. The trustees remain proud and confident that we are an effective and cohesive team.

We again have worked very closely with the other teams in the area and the trustees are confident that our working relationships with our colleagues in neighbouring teams remain excellent.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The team has looked at expanding its training facilities to allow for further growth. Vehicles remain our biggest asset and we replaced one of our 4x4 vehicles this year. We are planning for the next refurbishment or replacement project as this will become paramount in the next year.

## **VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The trustees would like to acknowledge and thank all the members for their hard work and commitment this year, special thanks go to the exec, the team officers and the party leaders for making sure things happen as and when they are supposed to. It is also important to recognise the families of our volunteers who support the team by supporting members to undertake the training and callouts throughout the year.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission including public benefit guidance.

Approved by the Trustees on the and signed on their behalf by:

Mr M Songhurst

## Accounts for 2020 - 2021

### Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team

Charity no 1180863

#### Financial Activities

April 2020 to March 2021

FY20/21

#### Income

Interest	£ 0.29
Donations and Grants	£75,091.33
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£75,091.62</b>

#### Expenditure

Base	-£ 1,395.67
Utilities	-£
Vehicles	-£ 34,904.16
Fuel	-£ 52.23
Equipment	-£ 8,981.17
Comms	-£ 6,481.13
Insurance	-£ 1,605.57
Training	-£ 1,162.20
Other	-£ 197.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-£ 54,779.13</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>£ 20,312.49</b>

#### Balance Sheet

#### Total Fixed Asset

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Current Account	£19,163.80
Savings Account	£1,148.69
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£20,312.49</b>

Net Current Assets	£20,312.49
Creditors	£ -
Net Current Assets/ (liabilities)	£20,312.49
<b>Total Net Assets (Liabilities)</b>	<b>£20,312.49</b>

<b>Charity Funds</b>	<b>£20,312.49</b>
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Western Beacons Mountain Rescue Team		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 March 2021	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1180863
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 3 and 4		

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

**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.

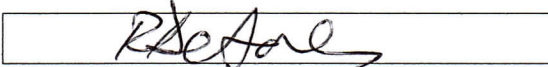
**Independent  
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**  **Date:** 28 January 2022

**Name:** Robert Denis Samuel Jones

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** ACMA (Retired)

**Address:** 64 Austin Avenue  
Porthcawl  
CF36 5RS

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Apr-20	To	31-Mar-21
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	40,091	-	-	40,091	-
Donation / transfer from Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>75,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,091</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>75,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,091</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	34,904	-	-	34,904	-
Equipment	8,981	-	-	8,981	-
Communications	6,481	-	-	6,481	-
Insurance	1,606	-	-	1,606	-
Base	1,396	-	-	1,396	-
Training	1,162	-	-	1,162	-
Fuel	52	-	-	52	-
Other	197	-	-	197	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>54,779</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,779</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>54,779</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,779</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>20,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,312</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>20,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,312</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	19,164	-	-
	Deposit account	1,148	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>20,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ROBERT WALLIS	28/01/2022