



# THE LAKE DISTRICT SEARCH AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022



**PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
15TH MARCH 2023

A CIO (CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION) NO. 1191015

# Our Object

FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AMONGST PERSONS ENDANGERED BY ACCIDENTS OR NATURAL HAZARDS AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECURE AND EFFICIENT SEARCH AND RESCUE OF ANY PERSON OR PERSONS SO ENDANGERED PRIMARILY IN CUMBRIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: -



610

INCIDENTS  
IN 2022

680

INCIDENTS IN  
2021

450

TEAM  
MEMBERS

12

TEAMS

- PROMOTING, CO-ORDINATING AND SECURING ADEQUATE SEARCH AND RESCUE ARRANGEMENTS, AND ASSISTING ELSEWHERE IF CALLED UPON IN ANY SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION, PRIMARILY IN MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF CUMBRIA;
- UNDERTAKING PUBLICITY WHERE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO INFORM OR EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF MOUNTAIN SAFETY;
- REPRESENTING AND SUPPORTING MEMBER RESCUE TEAMS BY SPEAKING COLLECTIVELY ON THEIR BEHALF, PROMOTING SOCIAL INTERCOURSE BETWEEN THEM, AND PROVIDING THEM WITH HELP, GUIDANCE, TRAINING, FUNDING, AND ADVICE, INCLUDING THE FACILITY TO RAISE FUNDS.



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# REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

## Introduction

Welcome to the 2022 annual report that offers an insight into the work of the 12 LDSAMRA teams. A quieter start to 2023 year following a very busy 2022 for many teams.



## AdventureSmart

As a region we continue to invest financially and work hard at AdventureSmart messaging but those avoidable lost/overdue callouts for 2022 at 154 at around 25% remain too high with no let up in sight.

AdventureSmart collaborations with Cumbria's businesses has now taken off with 13 supporting LDSAMRA with messaging. The majority are Cumbrian family owned. Thanks to Nick Owen for managing the ASLD project and your team's ongoing support since adoption in the Lakes in 2018.



## The year in statistics

The total number of '999' call handled by the teams in 2022 was 610 including 117 alerts. For the first two months of 2023, LDSAMRA teams have responded to 70 callouts compared to 103 over the same period on 2022. Avoidable callouts are on the increase with 25 lost or overdue (36%) compared to 35 (33%) in 2022 during January / February and 25% overall in 2022.

The What3Words situation has somewhat improved this year with 15 occurrences so far of which only 1 was inaccurate. This compares with 31 occurrences with 8 inaccurate (over 500m) in Jan / Feb 2022. The total for 2022 was 173 with 34 inaccurate 20% (21 were > 500m out) compared to 180 in 2021 with 33 inaccurate 18% (23 were >500m out).



## Thanks

As Chair of LDSAMRA I would like to express my personal thanks to our executive and all our officers and sub group members who have worked exceedingly hard throughout 2022, keeping our 12 teams supported and well represented. Support from family, friends and employers is essential in maintaining our capability to respond to the ever increasing numbers of callouts. We thank the cooperation we receive from the various external bodies with whom we interface, especially the air assets that can make such a difference to the evacuation of our casualties to definitive care and indeed assist in the transport and evacuation of team members to and from the hill.

Richard Warren  
Chairman LDSAMRA, March 2023.

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# LDSAMRA Accounts



			12 Months to December 2022	12 Months to December 2021
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Net (Expenditure) / Income After Grants</b>		-	<b>88,766.28</b>	- <b>115,758.48</b>
Bank Balances Brought Forward			156,583.31	272,341.79
<b>Bank Balances Carried Forward</b>			<b>67,817.03</b>	<b>156,583.31</b>
Virgin Charity Deposit Account			81,000.00	81,000.00
Mansfield Building Society			81,000.00	81,000.00
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>229,817.03</b>	<b>318,583.31</b>
Represented by				
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Pappagallino Fund via the Cumbria Community Foundation		-		15,725.27
				-
			-	15,725.27
<b>Designated Funds</b>				
Rescue 2020 Fund		162,000.00		162,000.00
January 2021 Team Bids		-		21,547.34
Drone Expenditure	10	8,200.50		27,450.42
Potential Insurance Top-Up	14	16,000.00		
			186,200.50	210,997.76
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			43,616.53	91,860.28
			<b>229,817.03</b>	<b>318,583.31</b>
General Reserve			67,817.03	156,583.31
Rescue 2020 Fund			162,000.00	162,000.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>229,817.03</b>	<b>318,583.31</b>

## Notes to the Accounts

1) Donations for 2022 are well above 2021 levels. Significant donations during the year are: -

- £12,000 from an anonymous donor
- £3,000 from The Innes Family Charitable Trust
- £2,500 from the DeGraff family
- £4,250 from Greenwood Christian Trust
- £1,000 from Pennine Community Credit Union Ltd
- £1,000 from NE Hutchinson
- £3,507 from Ourea Events
- £1,554 from Lancaster University Hiking Club
- £4,912 from Durham University Hill Walking Society Wainwright Challenge
- £1,216 from Sian Lewis walk
- £5,000 from Epic Kidz Lakeland 100

2) LDSAMRA is named in several legacies that are being administered but we have not yet received all the funds yet in 2022. Significant legacies during the year are: -

- £1,000 from the late Ms Joan Marie Lens Tennant
- £2,243 from the late Mr Robert William Jones
- £10,061 from the late Dr Bruce John McGreevy
- £41,753 from the late Mr Henry Tyson
- £20,000 from the late Mr F Toone

3) £45,000 was the second grant instalment from the Pappagallino Fund that is administered by Cumbria Community Foundation. It was used to fund bids submitted by teams in January 2021.

4) The Gift Aid claims for 2020 and 2021 of £1.1k and £4.9k respectively were received in March.

5) The VAT claims for 2020 and 2021 of £5.0k and £11.1k respectively, were received in January.

6) Officers' expenses are at normal levels in 2022 but were reduced in 2021 due to COVID-19.

7) There has been little spent on computer costs and the website in 2022 and we are only expecting website hosting costs which are minimal. This compares to 2021 when £9.3k was spent on purchasing laptops for the silver group.

8) Training costs shown here relate entirely to SRT and Winter training courses and are on par with 2021. Some contributions from member teams for this have yet to be invoiced.

9) Insurance costs shown here relate wholly to the charity's own insurance. The personal accident insurance costs for all teams were gratefully funded by Cumbria Police.

10) £22.6k of UAS costs have been spent mainly on new equipment and training and £12.4k has been received from teams for the training and from the Hodge Close incident insurance claim. This gives rise to £10.2k of net expenditure in the year, leaving £8.2k of the donation from the Grand

Lodge of Mark Master Masons remaining as designated funds.

- 11) A contribution of £29.8k has been received from the Lake District National Park Authority for the 2022 campaign. There has been £32.7k of expenditure on AdventureSmart this year and LDSAMRA funded £2.9k of this. In 2021, funding of £15.0k was received from the Lake District National Park Authority, of which £14.8k was spent on AdventureSmart.
- 12) £7.3k has been spent on resuscitation manikins for teams in the year. In 2021, all expenditure related to COVID-19 medical supplies.
- 13) During the year, the region has distributed £186.0k to member teams from general funds, as normal distributions. In addition, in February 2022, the balance of expenditure of £20.5k from the bid process in January 2021 was distributed to the teams who made bids. In March 2022, £50.0k was granted to Duddon & Furness MRT from the Rescue 2020 fund for their new base, and £32.8k was granted in June 2022 from the Rescue 2020 fund to Kirkby Stephen MRT for the purchase of their base land.
- 14) MREW is currently looking at personal accident cover for all teams in England and Wales. There is the potential that the current personal accident insurance policy will require a top-up. £16.0k of the normal quarterly distribution in September was withheld at the request of four teams to assist with a potential payment of a top-up premium for the region's teams. If these funds are not required, they will be paid to the four teams.

## Summary

As at the end of December, LDSAMRA held £67.8k of general funds, of which £8.2k is designated for UAS expenditure from the donation made by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and £16.0k is designated for potential insurance top-up costs, leaving £43.6k of unrestricted funds.

Additionally, as at the end of December the region held £162.0k of Rescue 2020 funds (after topping up to the agreed level), split equally between the Virgin Charity Deposit Account and the Mansfield Building Society.

As regards the future use of the Rescue 2020 fund, the region understands that there are three potential applications, the first being a joint application from Penrith MRT/COMRU for a contribution to build a new base, the second from Coniston MRT to create a more 'fit for purpose' base and a third application from Keswick MRT for fittings following their base extension.

Based on the above-mentioned unrestricted funds, together known future income and expenditure, a general distribution of £2,000 per team is recommended during January / February 2023.

John Bamforth BSc FCA MBA

LDSAMRA Treasurer

3 January 2023

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Margaret Burns ACMA CGMA  
Independent Examiner



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
The Lake District Search And Mountain Rescue Association

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1191015

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 31/12/2022.

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 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; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed: 

Date: 6 February 2023

Name: M.E. Burns

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(if any):

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**Section B****Disclosure**

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.**

None

