

LONGTOWN MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Longtown Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees report as at 31st March, 2025

Number: 1200854

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Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 2025

A change over from Longtown Mountain Rescue Team (LMRT) Charity No. 518928 to Longtown Mountain Rescue Team CIO 1200854 took place in this financial year.

Assets have been transferred to the CIO and funds transferred to the CIO bank accounts in the name of Longtown Mountain Rescue Team.

Each stage of the process has been documented and agreed by the membership.

The Trustees/Committee for the first part of the financial year were:

- Tim Potts - Chairman
- Philippa Lewis - Treasurer
- Hazel Highfield - Secretary
- Marc Ashton
- Neil Rothwell Hughes
- Stuart Lovejoy
- Dan Mazhindu

The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th August, 2024.

Neil Rothwell Hughes, Team Leader, stepped down from this role and a new Team Leader was appointed – Hazel Highfield, who stepped down from her role of Secretary to accept this position. Mark Dyson was appointed to the role of Secretary.

From 5th August, the Trustees/Committee were as follows:

- Tim Potts - Chairman
- Philippa Lewis - Treasurer
- Mark Dyson - Secretary
- Marc Ashton
- Hazel Highfield
- Stuart Lovejoy
- Dan Mazhindu

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Longtown Mountain Rescue Team is affiliated to Mountain Rescue England and Wales and is part of the Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW) CIO.

Objects, Organisation and Activities

The objects of the CIO are to save life and relieve suffering and distress in persons who are lost, sick or injured, in the mountains, hills, valleys, river systems and urban areas of South East Wales, Mid Wales and adjoining areas in England and if required to support other MR teams elsewhere in the UK in their operations.

Public Benefit

The charity is operated by volunteers to an extremely high standard. The service provided is professional and as such has proved a valuable addition to police resources in their response to SAR land and major disaster. The team responds to requests for a wide range of incidents from mountains to urban and semi rural searches for missing people. In recent years, the increase in flooding has seen the team being called in to use its swift water skills to support other agencies in the evacuation of members of the public stranded when the flood waters were at their highest. These services are provided to any member of the public, without charge. The trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Review of the year

2024-5 was another busy year for callouts for the team. The number of callouts is increasing year on year, which follows the national trend. The team is prepared to respond in all conditions irrespective of time of day, and on any day of the year. The nature of our endeavours, do not lend themselves easily to detailed statistical performance analysis, given the dynamic nature of incidents, often taking place in remote areas, difficult terrain and adverse weather, and working with other agencies who have their own practices and protocols. However, the team has succeeded in responding, with sufficient numbers to every single call received from the statutory emergency services in the last year and each has been successfully managed, within the limitations imposed by the nature of any particular incident.

Financial report

The team's main fundraising event, the Big Black Mountains Challenge (BBMC) raised significant funds for the running of the team. Street collections by members have added to funds as have donations from members of the public.

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Development plans

The team's drone capability is being expanded. Drones play a crucial role in mountain rescue operations by enhancing search and rescue capabilities in challenging environments. Key applications include thermal imaging, situational awareness and risk reduction as drones can access difficult terrain and areas that are hazardous for ground searches, thus minimizing risks to both rescuers and casualties. Driver training continues to move forward with several members obtaining ROSPA and ERDT blue light qualifications.

Conclusion

Longtown Mountain Rescue Team continues to develop its rescue capability whilst maintaining a high level of response to all callouts.

The Trustees have approved the Annual report.

Hazel Highfield

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11th January, 2026

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Longtown Mountain Rescue Team –
Charity number 1200854**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Longtown Mountain Rescue Team ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of the 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 all 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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.

Signed;



Name: Simon Lee

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Date: 31 December, 2025.

Longtown Mountain Rescue Team
Charity number 1200854

Receipts and Payments account

		General Fund Year to 31st March 25	Total Year to 31st March 25	Total Period ended 31-Mar-24
Receipts				
Fundraised income	<i>Note 1</i>	117,189	117,189	-
Interest received		4,732	4,732	-
Total receipts		<u>121,921</u>	<u>121,921</u>	<u>-</u>
Payments				
Administration		7,219	7,219	-
Fundraising	<i>Note 2</i>	3,376	3,376	-
Equipment and repairs		8,736	8,736	-
Vehicles and fuel		5,775	5,775	-
Base operating costs		8,683	8,683	-
Training costs		7,336	7,336	-
Total payments		<u>41,125</u>	<u>41,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Net of receipts / (payments)		80,796	80,796	-

Represented by:

Cash balances transfer to CIO	313,545	313,545
Net of receipts / (payments)	80,796	80,796
Transfers between funds	-	-
Cash balances carried forward	<u>394,341</u>	<u>394,341</u>

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Notes

These receipts and payments cover 8th May 2024 to 31st March 2025.
On 7th May 2024 Longtown Mountain Rescue Team, Charity Number 518928 changed its structure from a Registered Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity Number 12008854. At that date it transferred all of its assets and liabilities to the new charity.

Note 1

Fundraised income:	TOTAL
Donations	48,785
Just giving	9,534
Grants	-
Big Black Mountains Challenge	54,453
Collection tins	2,917
Events	1,500
Subscriptions	-
	<hr/> 117,189

Note 2

Fundraising:

Big Black Mountains Challenge	3,178
Other fundraising costs	198
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at
31st March 25

	General Fund	Total
Cash funds		
Bank balances	394,341	394,341
Total cash funds		£394,341

Assets retained for the Charity's own use

Motor Vehicles:

Team Vehicle (Peugeot Boxer)
Team Vehicle (Land Rover)
Team Vehicle (Toyota Hilux)

Computer equipment:

3 Computers
4 Laptops
2 Printers
2 Screens and brackets

Furniture, fixtures and fittings:

Furniture at Team base

Other assets:

Rescue equipment
ID card printer
2 Generators
Drone