

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

England & Wales · Charity number 241091

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1965-03-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ENGAGE AND IMPROVE IN UNDERGROUND, FELL & MOUNTAIN SEARCH AND RESCUE AND IN ANIMAL RESCUE; TO SUPPORT SAFETY PROCEDURES IN ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES AND TO ASSIST THE POLICE, AMBULANCE AND FIRE AUTHORITIES IN THESE AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria
- Lancashire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£24,723	£1,430	-	-
2024-10-31	£53,533	£25,949	-	-
2023-10-31	£153,627	£64,020	-	-
2022-10-31	£84,168	£122,364	-	-
2021-10-31	£195,366	£46,728	-	-
2020-10-31	£66,953	£70,930	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Martin John Colledge	Chair	2024-03-22
Alison Haigh		2011-08-15
Avelina Wright		2017-06-21
Brian Cowie		2017-03-10
Christopher Mark Edmondson		2026-03-20
Graham Hughes		2025-09-24
Iain Andrew Plimmer		2019-05-08
Joanne Marie Wulf		2023-03-22
Jonathan Mark Rhodes		2019-03-08
Julian Charles Leader		2025-03-14
MARTIN HOLROYD		2012-08-20
Michael Evans		2022-03-16
Mike Bottomley		2026-03-20
PHILIP ROBERT JAMES		2025-03-25
Paul Lethebee		2019-03-08
Paul Moore		2025-03-14
Robert Adrian Scurr		2023-03-22
Simon David Johnson		2020-03-13
Stephen Richard Holcroft		2024-03-22

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 OCTOBER 2024

Registered charity number:
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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 October 2024

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Trustees

The charity is administered by an elected Council. With the exception of the President, the members of the Council are also the Trustees of the charity. The members of the Council during the year and their respective dates of appointment and resignation during the year, where applicable, were as follows:

		Date of appointment during the year	Date of resignation during the year
President	M K Lyon	-	-
Chairman	P T Allwright	-	22.3.24
Chairman	M Colledge	22.3.24	-
Secretary	B Cowie	-	-
Treasurer	A Haigh	-	-
Equipment officer	D Gregory	-	-
Personnel officer	J M Wulf	-	-
Training officer	A Plimmer	-	-
Medical officer	P Lethebee	-	-
Duty controllers	J R Lonsdale	-	-
	P Nicholls	-	-
	M Hale	-	-
	M Holroyd	-	-
	S Johnson	-	-
	R A Scurr	-	-
Party Leaders	A Wright	-	-
	J Rhodes	-	-
	A Reeves	-	-
Other members	M Evans	-	-
	S Gray	-	-
	S Holcroft	22.3.24	-
	P James	-	22.3.24
	L Rennie	22.3.24	-
1 Other member vacancy			

Other than the office of President, all members of the council are subject to annual re-election. They are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, or by Special Resolution during the year.

Custodian trustees

The freehold property at The Depot, Clapham, is vested in the custodian trustees. These were P R Maxwell and H E Eastwood.

Bankers

The charity's bankers are Barclays Bank plc, 72-78 St James Street, Burnley, Lancashire BB11 1NH and Lloyds TSB Bank plc, Manchester Road, Burnley, Lancashire BB11 1HT.

Solicitors

The charity's Solicitors are Oglethorpe, Sturton and Gillibrand, 17 Main Street, Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth, LA6 2AQ.

Independent Examiner

The charity has elected to dispense with an audit of the accounts. Jack Steer, a director in the firm of MHA, Chartered Accountants, of 14 Mannin Way, Lancaster Business Park, Lancaster, LA1 3SW, is appointed as Independent Examiner of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to engage and improve in underground, fell and mountain search and rescue and in animal rescue; to support safety procedures in associated activities and to assist the police, ambulance and fire authorities in these and similar activities.

All the organisation's personnel are volunteers. Expenditure on the maintenance of the depot and equipment and operational costs are met by voluntary donations and the organisation's own fund-raising activities.

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Various individuals have benefitted from the support of the Organisation in accordance with its objectives. The total number of incidents attended during the year was 102 and these can be categorised as follows:

Type of incident	Number of Incidents
Cave/Disused Mine	6
Cave diving	0
Mountain including climbing	75
Animal	0
Search dogs assisting in other team areas	17
Other/Local/Urban/Tarmac	4

Since 1935 the Cave Rescue Organisation has attended 3,597 incidents involving some 4,909 people, the youngest aged 5 months, and the oldest aged 87 years, and 652 animals.

The organisation has continued to develop and maintain its stock of advanced rescue equipment, including three ambulances and an off-road vehicle. The premises greatly enhance operational control and educational and training areas as well as providing increased equipment storage and garaging space and administrative and meeting facilities.

Reserves

Cash reserves at the year-end amounted to £356,638. The normal level of annual operating expenditure is in the region of £26,000, depending on the level of equipment renewal and maintenance costs, but this excludes the cost of replacement of capital assets such as ambulances and any major expenditure on operational equipment. The three ambulances are normally replaced on a twelve-year cycle.

The charity reviews the level of required reserves annually and has formulated and adopted a policy to be applied in calculating the required level of reserves. On the basis of this policy, it is considered that the required level of free reserves at 31 October 2024 is approximately £267,000. In view of the reliance of the organisation on voluntary funding, it is considered that reserves of this level are essential to ensure stability and to enable the continued development of equipment and facilities necessary to fulfil the objects of the charity to the high standards required.

At the year end, the free reserves are approximately the level of required reserves. To maintain operating standards and to ensure the anticipated renewal of vehicles and equipment it is essential that the charity increases its level of funding.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Charity is entitled to prepare these statements on a receipts and payments account basis, together with a statement of assets and liabilities at the year end.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

M Colledge

Chairman

For and on behalf of the Council

March 2024

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 October 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		
Income receipts		
Donations and grants		
Clubs and patron members	100	100
Collecting tins	870	4,374
Legacies and bequests	6,766	85,727
Other donations	38,394	56,693
Gift Aid receipts	1,920	2,155
Expenses recoveries	<u>568</u>	<u>446</u>
	48,618	149,495
Sales		
Advertising in incident report	80	975
Equipment	<u>560</u>	<u>528</u>
	640	1,503
Investment income		
Bank deposit interest	<u>4,275</u>	<u>2,629</u>
	<u>4,275</u>	<u>2,629</u>
	53,533	153,627
Asset and investment sales		
Sale of investments	-	-
Sale of ambulance	-	-
	=	=
TOTAL RECEIPTS	53,533	153,627
deduct: TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>25,949</u>	<u>64,020</u>
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR	27,584	89,607
deduct: FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO CIO	(170,177)	-
CASH FUNDS AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>499,231</u>	<u>409,624</u>
CASH FUNDS AT THE END OF YEAR	<u>356,638</u>	<u>499,231</u>

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 October 2024
(continued)

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Direct expenditure				
Equipment and team clothing	3,963		25,351	
Motor expenses	10,222		7,437	
Canteen	-		617	
Training	351		3,681	
Communication costs	<u>1,053</u>		<u>1,083</u>	
		15,589		38,169
Other operating expenditure				
Rent	-		330	
Rates and water	1,166		1,185	
Lighting and heating	2,432		4,566	
Cleaning expenses	994		2,492	
Insurances	1,690		5,017	
Expenditure on depot	611		4,924	
Printing and stationery - incident report	-		2,445	
Postage and stationery - general	243		406	
Travelling costs	-		310	
Subscriptions	-		100	
Computer costs	973		689	
Independent Examiner's fee	-		660	
Legal costs	35		35	
Fundraising expenditure	742		2,210	
Trailer expenditure	522		157	
Function costs	-		-	
Sundry expenses	<u>952</u>		<u>325</u>	
		<u>10,360</u>		<u>25,851</u>
		25,949		64,020
Asset and investment purchases				
Building costs of leasehold garage	-		-	
Purchase of equipment trailers	=		=	=
		=====		=====
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>25,949</u>		<u>64,020</u>
		=====		=====

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 October 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets - Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	172,449		319,205	
Bank deposit accounts	92,713		91,490	
Skipton Building Society account	91,476		88,426	
Cash balances	=		<u>110</u>	
Total cash funds		<u>356,638</u>		<u>499,231</u>
Assets held for the Charity's own use				
Land and buildings used by the charity -				
The Depot, Clapham				
Cost in 1976	22,843		22,843	
Extension cost in 2009	100,097		100,097	
Extension cost in 2010	4,436		4,436	
Garage cost in 2021	3,181		3,181	
Garage cost in 2022	55,644		55,644	
insured value - £600,000)				
The deeds of the property are held by the Charity's Solicitors				
		186,201		186,201
Motor vehicles -				
Ambulances -				
cost in 2010	20,000		20,000	
cost in 2011	39,758		39,758	
cost in 2014	500		500	
cost in 2015	8,430		8,430	
cost in 2016	35,914		35,914	
Other assets -				
Display trailer - cost in 2008	7,050		7,050	
Equipment trailers - cost in 2008	3,878		3,878	
Off road vehicle cost in 2020	<u>20,928</u>		<u>20,928</u>	
		136,458		136,458

The Trustees consider that the market value of the Ambulances, is not exceeding £90,000 in aggregate.

Current Liabilities (amounts payable within one year)

Suppliers' accounts not paid at the year end	-	952
	=====	=====

The net assets and liabilities are held as unrestricted funds of the charity.

Approved by the Council in **May 15, 2025** and signed on its behalf by



M Colledge
Chairman

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 October 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis under the provisions contained in section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended and in accordance with the provisions contained in the guidance for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees have taken steps to transfer the charity's assets to a new CIO which has been registered under the same name with charity number reference 1201338. At the year end the legal process was ongoing but is expected to complete in the next financial period. Because these accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, there is no adjustment to the financial statements in respect of this fact.

2 Trustee emoluments

No trustees received remuneration or expenses for their roles as Trustees during the current or prior period.

3 Going concern

The charity has established a separate Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is in the process of legally transferring its assets to this new entity. Upon the completion of this transfer, the charity will be dissolved, and the CIO will assume ongoing operations.

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of
Cave Rescue Organisation**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do 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.

J Steer

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Date: May 16, 2025

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	J M Wulf	22.3.23	-
Training officer	A Plimmer	-	-
Medical officer	P Lethebee	-	-
Duty controllers	M Colledge	-	22.3.23
	J R Lonsdale	-	-
	G Hughes	-	22.3.23
	P Nicholls	-	-
	M Hale	-	-
	M Holroyd	-	-
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P T Allwright

Chairman

For and on behalf of the Council



March 2024

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 October 2023

	£	2023	£	£	2022	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
Income receipts						
Donations and grants						
Clubs and patron members		100			100	
Collecting tins		4,374			3,614	
Legacies and bequests		85,727			29,057	
Other donations		56,693			47,562	
Gift Aid receipts		2,155			-	
Expenses recoveries		<u>446</u>			<u>1,253</u>	
			149,495			81,586
Sales						
Advertising in incident report		975			1,000	
Equipment		<u>528</u>			<u>1,304</u>	
			1,503			2,304
Investment income						
Bank deposit interest		<u>2,629</u>			<u>278</u>	
			<u>2,629</u>			<u>278</u>
			153,627			84,168
Asset and investment sales						
Sale of investments		-			-	
Sale of ambulance		-			-	
			-			-
TOTAL RECEIPTS			153,627			84,168
deduct: TOTAL PAYMENTS			64,020			<u>122,364</u>
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR			89,607			(38,196)
CASH FUNDS AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR			<u>409,624</u>			<u>477,820</u>
CASH FUNDS AT THE END OF YEAR			<u>499,231</u>			<u>409,624</u>

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 October 2023
 (continued)

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Direct expenditure				
Equipment and team clothing	25,351		18,730	
Motor expenses	7,437		8,566	
Canteen	617		75	
Training	3,681		598	
Communication costs	<u>1,083</u>		<u>1,232</u>	
		38,169		29,201
Other operating expenditure				
Rent	330		446	
Rates and water	1,185		981	
Lighting and heating	4,566		5,998	
Cleaning expenses	2,492		1,668	
Insurances	5,017		3,579	
Expenditure on depot	4,924		17,949	
Printing and stationery - incident report	2,445		1,944	
Postage and stationery - general	406		459	
Travelling costs	310		71	
Subscriptions	100		344	
Computer costs	689		713	
Independent Examiner's fee	660		624	
Legal costs	35		35	
Fundraising expenditure	2,210		954	
Trailer expenditure	157		194	
Function costs	-		780	
Sundry expenses	<u>325</u>		<u>780</u>	
		<u>25,851</u>		<u>37,519</u>
		64,020		66,720
Asset and investment purchases				
Building costs of leasehold garage	-		55,644	
Purchase of equipment trailers	=		-	=
		<u>-----</u>		<u>55,644</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>64,020</u>		<u>122,364</u>

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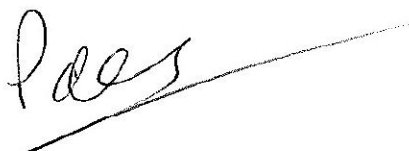
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 October 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets - Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	319,205		232,280	
Bank deposit accounts	91,490		90,875	
Skipton Building Society account	88,426		86,412	
Cash balances	<u>110</u>		<u>57</u>	
Total cash funds		499,231		409,624
		=====		=====
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cost in 2011	39,758		39,758	
cost in 2014	500		500	
cost in 2015	8,430		8,430	
cost in 2016	35,914		35,914	
Other assets -				
Display trailer - cost in 2008	7,050		7,050	
Equipment trailers - cost in 2008	3,878		3,878	
Off road vehicle cost in 2020	<u>20,928</u>		<u>20,928</u>	
		136,458		136,458
The Trustees consider that the market value of the Ambulances, is not exceeding £90,000 in aggregate.				
Current Liabilities (amounts payable within one year)				
Suppliers' accounts not paid at the year end		952		892
		=====		=====

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Approved by the Council in _____ and signed on its behalf by _____

P T Allwright
Chairman



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I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do 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.



Jack Steer ACA
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Date: 25 March 2024

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

England & Wales - Charity number 241091

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CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 OCTOBER 2022

Registered charity number:
241091

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 October 2022

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CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 October 2022

The Cave Rescue Organisation, an unincorporated association, is a registered charity, No. 241091, and it operates in accordance with its adopted constitution. Its address is The Depot, Clapham, Lancaster LA2 8HH.

Trustees

The charity is administered by an elected Council. With the exception of the President, the members of the Council are also the Trustees of the charity. The members of the Council during the year and their respective dates of appointment and resignation during the year, where applicable, were as follows:

		Date of appointment during the year	Date of resignation during the year
President	M K Lyon	-	-
Chairman	P T Allwright	-	-
Secretary	B Cowie	-	-
Treasurer	A Haigh	-	-
Equipment officer	A Ive	-	-
Personnel officer	S Johnson	-	-
Training officer	A Plimmer	-	-
Medical officer	P Lethebee	-	-
Duty controllers	M Colledge	-	-
	J R Lonsdale	-	-
	G Hughes	-	-
	P Nicholls	-	-
	M Hale	-	-
	M Holroyd	-	-
Assistant controllers	A Wright	-	-
	J Rhodes	-	-
	A Reeves	-	-
Other members	M Evans	16.3.22	-
	S Gray	-	-
	S Holcroft	-	-
	P James	16.3.22	-
1 Other member vacancy			

Other than the office of President, all members of the council are subject to annual re-election. They are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, or by Special Resolution during the year.

Custodian trustees

The freehold property at The Depot, Clapham, is vested in the custodian trustees. These are: P R Maxwell and H E Eastwood.

Bankers

The charity's bankers are Barclays Bank plc, 18 Main Street, Bentham, Lancaster LA2 7HL and Lloyds TSB Bank plc, Manchester Road, Burnley, Lancashire BB11 1HT.

Solicitors

The charity's Solicitors are Oglethorpe, Sturton and Gillibrand, 17 Main Street, Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth, LA6 2AQ

Independent Examiner

The charity has elected to dispense with an audit of the accounts. Richard Hall, a director in the firm of MHA Moore and Smalley, Chartered Accountants, of Priory Close, St Mary's Gate, Lancaster LA1 1XB, is appointed as Independent Examiner of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to engage and improve in underground, fell and mountain search and rescue and in animal rescue; to support safety procedures in associated activities and to assist the police, ambulance and fire authorities in these and similar activities.

All the organisation's personnel are volunteers. Expenditure on the maintenance of the depot and equipment and operational costs are met by voluntary donations and the organisation's own fund-raising activities.

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Various individuals have benefitted from the support of the Organisation in accordance with its objectives. The total number of incidents attended during the year was 104 and these can be categorised as follows:

Type of incident	Number of Incidents
Cave/Disused Mine	6
Cave diving	0
Mountain including climbing	68
Animal	10
Search dogs assisting in other team areas	10
Other/Local/Urban/Tarmac	7

Since 1935 the Cave Rescue Organisation has attended 3,393 incidents involving some 4,763 people, the youngest aged 5 months and the oldest aged 87 years, and 640 animals.

The organisation has continued to develop and maintain its stock of advanced rescue equipment, including three ambulances and an off road vehicle. The premises greatly enhance operational control and educational and training areas as well as providing increased equipment storage and garaging space and administrative and meeting facilities.

Reserves

Cash reserves at the year end amounted to £409,624. The normal level of annual operating expenditure is in the region of £50,000, depending on the level of equipment renewal and maintenance costs, but this excludes the cost of replacement of capital assets such as ambulances and any major expenditure on operational equipment. The three ambulances are normally replaced on a twelve-year cycle.

The charity reviews the level of required reserves annually and has formulated and adopted a policy to be applied in calculating the required level of reserves. On the basis of this policy, it is considered that the required level of free reserves at 31 October 2022 is approximately £318,000. In view of the reliance of the organisation on voluntary funding, it is considered that reserves of this level are essential in order to ensure stability and to enable the continued development of equipment and facilities necessary to fulfil the objects of the charity to the high standards required.

At the year end, the free reserves are approximately the level of required reserves. In order to maintain operating standards and to ensure the anticipated renewal of vehicles and equipment it is essential that the charity increases its level of funding.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Charity is entitled to prepare these statements on a receipts and payments account basis, together with a statement of assets and liabilities at the year end.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

P T Allwright

Chairman

For and on behalf of the Council



23 March 2023

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 October 2022

	£	2022	£	£	2021	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
Income receipts						
Donations and grants						
Clubs and patron members		100			100	
Collecting tins		3,614			2,376	
Legacies and bequests		29,057			50,988	
Other donations		47,562			140,055	
Expenses recoveries		<u>1,253</u>			<u>1,668</u>	
			81,586			195,187
Sales						
Advertising in incident report		1,000			-	
Equipment		<u>1,304</u>			<u>134</u>	
			2,304			134
Investment income						
Bank deposit interest		<u>278</u>			<u>45</u>	
			<u>278</u>			<u>45</u>
			84,168			195,366
Asset and investment sales						
Sale of investments		-			-	
Sale of ambulance		-			-	
			-			-
TOTAL RECEIPTS			84,168			195,366
deduct: TOTAL PAYMENTS			122,364			<u>46,728</u>
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR			(38,196)			148,638
CASH FUNDS AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR			<u>447,820</u>			<u>299,182</u>
CASH FUNDS AT THE END OF YEAR			<u>409,624</u>			<u>447,820</u>

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 October 2022
 (continued)

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Direct expenditure				
Equipment and team clothing	18,730		22,067	
Motor expenses	8,566		2,105	
Canteen	75		966	
Training	598		2,049	
Communication costs	<u>1,232</u>		<u>168</u>	
		29,201		27,355
Other operating expenditure				
Rent	446		232	
Rates and water	981		520	
Lighting and heating	5,998		5,427	
Cleaning expenses	1,668		2,538	
Insurances	3,579		2,490	
Expenditure on depot	17,949		1,233	
Printing and stationery - incident report	1,944		1,596	
Postage and stationery - general	459		297	
Travelling costs	71		18	
Subscriptions	344		100	
Computer costs	713		-	
Independent Examiner's fee	624		600	
Legal costs	35		35	
Fundraising expenditure	954		652	
Trailer expenditure	194		58	
Function costs	780		-	
Sundry expenses	<u>780</u>		<u>396</u>	
		<u>37,519</u>		<u>19,373</u>
		66,720		46,728
Asset and investment purchases				
Building costs of leasehold garage	55,644		3,181	
Purchase of equipment trailers	:		-	=
		<u>55,644</u>		<u>3,181</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>122,364</u>		<u>46,728</u>

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 October 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets - Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	232,280		280,625	
Bank deposit accounts	90,875		90,847	
Skipton Building Society account	86,412		76,159	
Cash balances	<u>57</u>		<u>189</u>	
Total cash funds		409,624		447,820
		=====		=====
Assets held for the Charity's own use				
Land and buildings used by the charity -				
The Depot, Clapham				
Cost in 1976	22,843		22,843	
Extension cost in 2009	100,097		100,097	
Extension cost in 2010	4,436		4,436	
Garage cost in 2021	3,181		3,181	
Garage cost in 2022	55,644		-	
insured value - £600,000)				
The deeds of the property are held by the Charity's Solicitors				
		186,201		130,557
Motor vehicles -				
Ambulances -				
cost in 2010	20,000		20,000	
cost in 2011	39,758		39,758	
cost in 2014	500		500	
cost in 2015	8,430		8,430	
cost in 2016	35,914		35,914	
Other assets -				
Display trailer - cost in 2008	7,050		7,050	
Equipment trailers - cost in 2008	3,878		3,878	
Off road vehicle cost in 2020	<u>20,928</u>		<u>20,928</u>	
		136,458		136,458

The Trustees consider that the market value of the Ambulances, is not exceeding £90,000 in aggregate.

Current Liabilities (amounts payable within one year)

Suppliers' accounts not paid at the yearend		892		595
		=====		=====

The net assets and liabilities are held as unrestricted funds of the charity.

Approved by the Council in 23/3/23 and signed on its behalf by

P T Allwright
Chairman

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****31 October 2022****1 Accounting policies****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis under the provisions contained in section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended and in accordance with the provisions contained in the guidance for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

2 Trustee emoluments

No trustees received remuneration or expenses for their roles as Trustees during the current or prior period.

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of
Cave Rescue Organisation**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2022, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do 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.



Richard Hall FCCA
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Date: 4 March 2023

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

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CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 OCTOBER 2021

Registered charity number:
241091

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 October 2021

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CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 October 2021

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Trustees

The charity is administered by an elected Council. With the exception of the President, the members of the Council are also the Trustees of the charity. The members of the Council during the year and their respective dates of appointment and resignation during the year, where applicable, were as follows:

		Date of appointment during the year	Date of resignation during the year
President	M K Lyon	-	-
Chairman	S Whittle	-	14.7.21
	P T Allwright	6.10.21	-
Secretary	B Cowie	-	-
Treasurer	A Haigh	-	-
Equipment officer	A Ive	-	-
Personnel officer	S Johnson	-	-
Training officer	A Plimmer	-	-
Medical officer	P Lethebee	-	-
Duty controllers	M Colledge	-	-
	J R Lonsdale	-	-
	G Hughes	-	-
	P Nicholls	-	-
	M Hale	-	-
	M Holroyd	-	-
Party Leaders	A Wright	-	-
	J Rhodes	14.7.21	-
	A Reeves	-	-
Other members	S Gray	-	-
	S Holcroft	-	-
	J Rhodes	-	14.7.21
1 Other member vacancy			

Other than the office of President, all members of the council are subject to annual re-election. They are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, or by Special Resolution during the year.

Custodian trustees

The freehold property at The Depot, Clapham, is vested in the custodian trustees. These were:

J C Frankland, B Boardman, G I Hopley and J Pickup but were changed to P R Maxwell and H E Eastwood on 25th June 2018.

Bankers

The charity's bankers are Barclays Bank plc, 18 Main Street, Bentham, Lancaster LA2 7HL and Lloyds TSB Bank plc, Hargreaves Street, Burnley, Lancashire BB11 1EN.

Solicitors

The charity's Solicitors are Ogletorpe, Sturton and Gillibrand, 17 Main Street, Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth, LA6 2AQ

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 October 2021 (continued)

Independent Examiner

The charity has elected to dispense with an audit of the accounts. Richard Hall, a director in the firm of MHA Moore and Smalley, Chartered Accountants, of Priory Close, St Mary's Gate, Lancaster LA1 1XB, is appointed as Independent Examiner of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to engage and improve in underground, fell and mountain search and rescue and in animal rescue; to support safety procedures in associated activities and to assist the police, ambulance and fire authorities in these and similar activities.

All the organisation's personnel are volunteers. Expenditure on the maintenance of the depot and equipment and operational costs are met by voluntary donations and the organisation's own fund-raising activities.

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Various individuals have benefitted from the support of the Organisation in accordance with its objectives. The total number of incidents attended during the year was 104 and these can be categorised as follows:

Type of incident	Number of Incidents
Cave/Disused Mine	3
Cave diving	0
Mountain including climbing	72
Animal	9
Search dogs assisting in other team areas	8
Other/Local/Urban/Tarmac	12

Since 1935 the Cave Rescue Organisation has attended 3,292 incidents involving some 4,645 people, the youngest aged 5 months and the oldest aged 87 years, and 630 animals.

The organisation has continued to develop and maintain its stock of advanced rescue equipment, including three ambulances and an off road vehicle. The premises greatly enhance operational control and educational and training areas as well as providing increased equipment storage and garaging space and administrative and meeting facilities.

Reserves

Cash reserves at the year end amounted to £447,820. The normal level of annual operating expenditure is in the region of £50,000, depending on the level of equipment renewal and maintenance costs, but this excludes the cost of replacement of capital assets such as ambulances and any major expenditure on operational equipment. The three ambulances are normally replaced on a twelve-year cycle.

The charity reviews the level of required reserves annually and has formulated and adopted a policy to be applied in calculating the required level of reserves. On the basis of this policy, it is considered that the required level of free reserves at 31 October 2021 is approximately £331,000. In view of the reliance of the organisation on voluntary funding, it is considered that reserves of this level are essential in order to ensure stability and to enable the continued development of equipment and facilities necessary to fulfil the objects of the charity to the high standards required.

At the year end, the free reserves are approximately the level of required reserves. In order to maintain operating standards and to ensure the anticipated renewal of vehicles and equipment it is essential that the charity increases its level of funding.

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the year ended 31 October 2021
(continued)**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Charity is entitled to prepare these statements on a receipts and payments account basis, together with a statement of assets and liabilities at the year end.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

P T Allwright

Chairman

For and on behalf of the Council



11 March 2022

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 October 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
Income receipts				
Donations and grants				
Clubs and patron members	100		100	
Collecting tins	2,376		4,524	
Legacies and bequests	50,988		7,537	
Other donations	140,055		49,855	
Gift Aid tax recoveries	-		3,439	
Expenses recoveries	<u>1,668</u>		<u>1,015</u>	
		195,187		66,470
Sales				
Equipment	<u>134</u>		<u>36</u>	
		134		36
Investment income				
Bank deposit interest	<u>45</u>		<u>447</u>	
		45		447
				66,953
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of investments	-		-	
Sale of ambulance	=		=	
		=		=
TOTAL RECEIPTS		195,366		66,953
deduct: TOTAL PAYMENTS		46,728		<u>70,930</u>
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR		148,638		(3,977)
CASH FUNDS AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR		<u>299,182</u>		<u>303,159</u>
CASH FUNDS AT THE END OF YEAR		<u>447,820</u>		<u>299,182</u>

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 October 2021
(continued)

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Direct expenditure				
Equipment and team clothing	22,067		25,093	
Motor expenses	2,105		4,664	
Canteen	966		616	
Training	2,049		2,268	
Communication costs	<u>168</u>		<u>765</u>	
		27,355		33,406
Other operating expenditure				
Rent	232		232	
Rates and water	520		740	
Lighting and heating	5,427		4,825	
Cleaning expenses	2,538		1,691	
Insurances	2,490		1,336	
Expenditure on depot	1,233		902	
Printing and stationery - general	-		43	
Printing and stationery - incident report	1,596		1,905	
Postage, telephone and secretarial	297		363	
Bank charges	-		12	
Travelling costs	18		214	
Subscriptions	100		100	
Computer costs	-		709	
Independent Examiner's fee	600		594	
Legal costs	35		95	
Fundraising expenditure	652		1,754	
Trailer expenditure	58		523	
Sundry expenses	<u>396</u>		<u>558</u>	
		<u>19,373</u>		<u>16,596</u>
		43,547		50,002
Asset and investment purchases				
Purchase of Off road vehicle	-		20,928	
Legal costs re. garage	<u>3,181</u>		-	
		<u>3,181</u>		<u>20,928</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>46,728</u>		<u>70,930</u>

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 October 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets - Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	280,625		132,032	
Bank deposit accounts	90,847		90,839	
Skipton Building Society account	76,159		76,122	
Cash balances	<u>189</u>		<u>189</u>	
Total cash funds		447,820		299,182
Assets held for the Charity's own use				
Land and buildings used by the charity (insured value - £600,000) -				
The Depot, Clapham				
Cost in 1976	22,843		22,843	
Extension cost in 2009	100,097		100,097	
Extension cost in 2010	4,436		4,436	
Garage (under construction 2021)	3,181		-	
The deeds of the property are held by the Charity's Solicitors				
		130,557		127,376
Motor vehicles -				
Ambulances -				
cost in 2010	20,000		20,000	
cost in 2011	39,758		39,758	
cost in 2014	500		500	
cost in 2015	8,430		8,430	
cost in 2016	35,914		35,914	
Other assets -				
Display trailer - cost in 2008	7,050		7,050	
Equipment trailers - cost in 2008	3,878		3,878	
Off road vehicle cost in 2020	<u>20,928</u>		<u>20,928</u>	
		136,458		136,458
The Trustees consider that the market value of the Ambulances, is not exceeding £90,000 in aggregate.				
Current Liabilities (amounts payable within one year)				
Suppliers' accounts not paid at the year end		<u>595</u>		<u>1,634</u>

The net assets and liabilities are held as unrestricted funds of the charity.

Approved by the Council in 11.3.2022 and signed on its behalf by

P T Allwright
Chairman



CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 October 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis under the provisions contained in section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended and in accordance with the provisions contained in the guidance for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commission.

2 Trustee emoluments

No trustees received remuneration or expenses for their roles as Trustees during the current or prior period.

CAVE RESCUE ORGANISATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of
Cave Rescue Organisation**

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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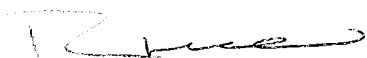
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Date: 19.4.22