

# CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales · Charity number 252905

## Details

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**Other names** CLEVELAND SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM, CSRT

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1967-07-03

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

## Contact

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Newton Under Roseberry  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE A MOUNTAIN RESCUE SERVICE FOR PEOPLE AND ANIMALS WHO NEED HELP USING SPECIALIST SEARCH AND RESCUE SKILLS AND EQUIPMENT. THIS IS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT MAINLY IN THE NORTH YORK MOORS, NORTH YORKSHIRE, NORTH EAST ENGLAND AND WHEN REQUESTED ANYWHERE WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

**Activities:** We are a group of 45 unpaid volunteers who provide search and rescue services to people and animals who find themselves in difficulty, mainly in the countryside. We are available all day every day, whatever the weather. An Operational Support Group aid the Search and Rescue members. We depend on donations and fundraising. We assist both the Police and the Ambulance Service and other services.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK AND ELSEWHERE
- Middlesbrough
- North Yorkshire
- Redcar And Cleveland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£107,756	£83,662	-	-
2024-12-31	£121,568	£47,707	-	-
2023-12-31	£113,169	£86,030	-	-
2022-12-31	£110,374	£105,569	-	-
2021-12-31	£120,844	£61,276	-	-
2020-12-31	£125,807	£51,685	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Martyn Gareth Finch</b>	Chair	
Alison Selby		2024-02-05
Austen Floyd		2024-01-10
Dr Daniel Slane		2026-02-02
Dr Richard Rigby		2026-02-02
Grant Grieve		2025-02-03
Jenny Hall		2026-02-02
John Nicholas Bollands		2024-01-10
Kath Pincott		2026-02-02
Paul O'Connor		2025-02-03
Rachael McManus		2024-02-05
TIM WOOD		2011-10-31

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 January 2025 Period start date  
T0 31 December 2025 Period end date

Charity name: **CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

Charity registration number: 252905

### Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p><b>Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team provides a voluntary Search and Rescue service for people who are in difficulty in the upland areas of the North York Moors. In addition, we provide this service when needed to lowland, urban, animal and water/flood issues both locally and in other parts of the UK as required</b></p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p><b>The Team's work is broad and varied. It comprises, in the above-mentioned areas: Rescues of people who are injured, Searches for people (some of whom are described as vulnerable) who are lost or missing and sometimes evacuation of people in communities subject to flooding conditions. Sadly, sometimes we are involved in the recovery of the deceased. Additionally, we are trained in swift water rescue techniques where people find themselves in difficulties in water environments such as flooding and rivers. Occasionally we give assistance to animals like dogs who are in a precarious position. This is to hopefully prevent the animal's owner attempting a self-rescue and subsequently getting into difficulties. To be able to carry out this work the Team operates a fleet of four vehicles, one a Control vehicle equipped with state-of-the-art IT and radios, and three 4x4 vehicles of which two are Land Rovers. The IT facilities in the vehicles have been updated to keep in touch with developments and now include in the Land Rovers iPads which show inter alia, location, route finding and essential internet connectivity. A well-equipped modern, secure Base houses the vehicles and our equipment. This equipment includes inter alia technical equipment for crag work, comprehensive medical equipment, water rescue equipment, as well as drying and secure storage. The Base IT facilities have also been updated. We are pursuing plans for a technical rescue training facility in the Base. The Base also lends itself to be operational purposes and has a Control Room for use in local Call Outs. Furthermore, there are audio visual facilities for our</b></p>

	<p>own training and for local groups to be invited to the Base for talks and demonstrations.</p> <p>All Search and Rescue Team members are rigorously trained to meet local demands and the MREW (our national representative body) guidelines. We also provide PPE equipment to our members.</p> <p>Some of our Team are Support members, who amongst other things raise money for the Team by reaching out to the local public and local organisations. Often this involves a presence at local shows and events which contributes to the public awareness of hill safety and our activities. These members are also rigorously trained.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>It can be confirmed that the Team has regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The services of the Team are totally free to the public.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

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Contribution made by volunteers	<p><b>The Charity is entirely dependent upon volunteering. No payments are made to any volunteer for their contribution to the fulfilment of the objectives of the charity. In 2025 volunteers gave 2714 hours of their time to search and rescue to respond to 61 Call Outs (52 in 2024, 51 in 2023), whilst there was a further 11 Incidents to which the full Team was not deployed. Incidents are classed as occasions when we are asked for advice by the authorities or times when we are stood own before we are deployed (see below for further explanation). The Team undertook training from basic to advanced levels on 179 times amounting to a further 7319 hours beyond which there are administration and other activities in addition to the above hours.</b></p>
Other	<p><b>There are 4 Base Trustees named below. They have been appointed and do not require re-election. Like the other Trustees they submit a report to the AGM. The elected Trustees submit a report to the Annual General Meeting.</b></p>

## Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p><b>In Cleveland MRT we define 'calls for service' in two ways:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A Call Out is where at least one member leaves home or work etc to head to the Base or to an RV, having been requested to do so in relation to a search or rescue etc (even if stood down on the way there).</b></li> <li>• <b>An incident includes a range of circumstances such as event cover where injuries are dealt with (e.g. the Boltby Bash Mountain Bike Enduro event) or a standby (e.g. for flooding) or we were cancelled before anyone left home etc or the Call Out Officer dealt with a Police / Ambulance call for advice but where no deployment took place or a SARCALL log was transferred to another Team to deal with. A SARCALL log is the electronic method we use for data capture on a Call Out.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Cleveland MRT is part of the North East Search and Rescue Association and supports the work of this organisation and provides mutual support to neighbouring Mountain Rescue Teams when an incident exceeds the capability of a single Team. We regularly receive compliments and expressions of gratitude via emails, social media, donations and the press. We regularly receive thanks and verbal appreciation from the Police and Ambulance Service. They indicate that we make a difference.</b></p>
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<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p><b>The Team was able to meet the objective to provide a search and rescue service 24/7 throughout 2025.</b></p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p><b>The fundraising activities of the Support Group and others achieved the objective to provide money to operate the Team and enable projects, such as the acquisition of drone equipment and the required training and licencing that will enhance our search capabilities. Their contributions continue to enable us to meet all our objectives.</b></p> <p><b>Fundraising as raised by the Support Group £24,592.24 and the fundraising costs associated with that were £797.00. This is achieved by unpaid volunteers in our Support Group. The group has 14 members and collected over £4,000 by attending events.</b></p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p><b>The Charity maintained sufficient cash funds within bank accounts to ensure that it can operate whilst also placing funds in 1 and 2 year fixed term investments to ensure that funds are available to meet current and future needs.</b></p>
<p>Other</p>	<p><b>NONE</b></p>



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<b>The balance of accounts shows a surplus for the year of £24,094</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<b>Reserves are held to enable the Charity to meet its objectives in the event that fundraising activities cease for a period of 1 year and to enable projects for continuing and enhancing the provision of search and rescue within the Team's operational area.</b>
Amount of reserves held	<b>Working capital reserve for 3 to 6 months - £25,000 General reserves for 2 years of running activity - £100,000 Unspecified reserves (new kit etc) - £38,000 Earmarked reserves – vehicles - £100,000 Earmarked reserves – base maintenance/improvement - £30,000 Earmarked reserves – Tech Wall - £28,000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	<b>NONE</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	<b>N/A</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<b>The principal sources of income are through unsolicited donations from members of the public, fundraising at events supported by, or organised by, the charity. Notable support is received from local organisations and businesses. Acknowledgement to Sytner Group, Mercedes-Benz of Teesside for supply of a loan vehicle.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	<b>The charity holds most of its funds in High Street banks and a small sum in Charifund Accumulations Units, a specialist charity investment product with M&amp;G. The investment policy is to avoid exposing the charity funds to risk of loss, hence investments are made with banks that benefit from the FSCS £120,000 limit.</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	<b>The principal risks facing the charity are through action or inaction that harms public trust reducing the requests for the services provided by the charity and a loss of public support. The charity has prepared a risk register to aid with monitoring and review of the risks faced by the charity. Risk Register Rev3 b.xlsx This was updated and approved by the Team during the year.</b>
Other	<b>NONE</b>



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	<b>Association</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	<b>Team Trustees are noted below. They are the Committee/Trustee members of the Team and are elected on an annual basis at the Team's AGM. Should a Trustee position become vacant throughout the year an SGM can be called to elect a replacement.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	<b>Trustees are directed to the Charity Commission website to learn about the responsibilities of Trustees. Training is provided on the procedures to be followed by Charity Trustees. New Trustees receive 'hand-over' meetings and on-going support with and by existing and retiring Trustees.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	<b>The Team Constitution was last amended February 2022 and defines the running of the Team. Additionally, there is a comprehensive set of Standard Operating Procedures and Risk Analyses. Both are reviewed on a regular rolling basis by the Trustees and Operational Leads. Operational Leads are not Trustees, they are members with special skills in a particular field. All Team members are encouraged to regularly read our documentation, and they are regularly distributed to the whole Team. There are 5 committee/trustee meetings a year and an AGM every February. We are currently working our way through our Strategy Plan which was developed during the year. This will ensure constant updates of procedures and development of new ones where appropriate.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	<b>We have excellent links and regular meetings with North Yorkshire Police. At these meetings, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, The Fire Service, Mountain Rescue Dogs and several Northern Rescue Teams are represented. Cleveland Police and North East Ambulance Services including The Great North Air Ambulance also regularly converse with us. In addition, we hold regular meetings with the local LRFs, Coastguards and Lifeboat service. Some of our practices involve training with some of these assets. The Charity is affiliated to and is a key partner in the North East Search and Rescue Association (NESRA), which represents the Mountain Rescue Teams in North East England. This is a coordinating body and is operational when several Teams are deployed in a labour challenging Search event where several Teams work together.</b>

Other	
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**Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	252905
Charity's principal address	Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team, Newton under Roseberry, MIDDLESBROUGH, TS9 6QP

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Sid Bollands	Base Manager		
2	Rachael McManus	Call Out Officer		
3	Gari Finch	Chair		
4	Paul OConnor	Equipment Officer		
5	Richard Rigby	Medical Officer		
6	Kath Pincott	Fundraising		
7	Grant Grieve	PRO		
8	Daniel Slane	Secretary		
9	Tim Wood	Team Leader		
10	Jenny Hall	Training Officer		
11	Alison Selby	Treasurer		
12	Austen Floyd	Vehicle Officer		
13	Vacant	Members Rep		
14	Vacant	Technology Officer		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
Gari Finch		
David Little		
Sid Bollands		
Rob Johnson		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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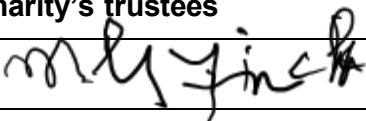
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Martyn Gareth Finch	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM</b>	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1-Jan-25	To	Period end date 31-Dec-25
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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	71,682	-	-	71,682	48,493
Fundraising	24,592	-	-	24,592	27,132
Bank Interest	6,808	-	-	6,808	2,137
Other	4,674	-	-	4,674	43,806
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>107,756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,756</b>	<b>121,568</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>107,756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,756</b>	<b>121,568</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	16,642	-	-	16,642	7,780
Training	8,302	-	-	8,302	8,730
Base	19,656	-	-	19,656	10,272
Equipment	7,558	-	-	7,558	8,127
Comms and IT	2,488	-	-	2,488	2,910
Medical	2,017	-	-	2,017	1,379
Insurance	5,445	-	-	5,445	2,892
Fundraising costs	5,834	-	-	5,834	4,716
Miscellaneous	5,272	-	-	5,272	901
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>73,214</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,214</b>	<b>47,707</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>DRONE</b>	10,447	-	-	10,447	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,447</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>83,661</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,661</b>	<b>47,707</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>24,095</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,095</b>	<b>73,861</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>297,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>297,352</b>	<b>223,491</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>321,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>321,447</b>	<b>297,352</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 Accounts	86,268	-	-
	Other Accounts	175,859	-	-
	Fundraising	59,310	-	-
	Paypal	10	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>321,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	M&G Charifund		-	50,111
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Base		-	539,075
	Equipment		-	224,999
	Control Vehicle V1		-	20,000
	LR Ambulance V2		-	45,000
	LR Ambulance V3		-	45,000
	Electronic Medical Monitoring Equipment		-	15,000
	Drone Equipment		-	12,500
		-	-	
		-	-	
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	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	
		Alison Selby	6-May-26	
		Gari Finch	<b>6-May-26</b>	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

252905

**Set out on pages**

CC16a pages 1 and 2 and Trustees Annual Report pages 1 to 9

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

**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 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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Name:**

David Chefneux

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

CIPFA – Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

**Address:**

Orchard House, Middle Street,

Gayles, Richmond,

North Yorkshire. DL11 7JF

**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.**

Not Applicable

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# Accounts

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<b>Achievements against objectives set</b>	The Team was able to meet the objective to provide a search and rescue service 24/7 throughout 2024.
<b>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</b>	The fundraising activities of the Support Group and others achieved the objective to provide money to operate the Team and enable projects, such as the acquisition of electronic monitoring of, and recording of casualties to be achieved, and a wheel for two of our stretchers to aid carry offs amongst other things. Their contributions continue to enable us to meet all our objectives. Fundraising raised £28,730.32 and the fundraising costs were £732.61. This is achieved by unpaid volunteers in our Support Group. The group comprised 14 members and contributed over 967 hours in attendance at events and a further 757 or so hours on other activities such as Team meetings.
<b>Investment performance against objectives</b>	The Charity maintained sufficient cash funds within bank accounts to ensure that it can operate whilst also placing funds in 1 and 2 year fixed term investments to ensure that funds are available to meet current and future needs.
Other	

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The balance of accounts shows a surplus for the year of £73,861.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Reserves are held to enable the Charity to meet its objectives in the event that fundraising activities cease for a period of 1 year and to enable projects for continuing and enhancing the provision of search and rescue within the Team's operational area.
Amount of reserves held	£165,000 split across the following Emergency operating fund £80,000 Base fund £10,000 Vehicle fund £10,000 Special projects fund £5,000 Replacement Vehicle fund £60,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	None.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity	Not applicable.

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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>The principal sources of income are through unsolicited donations from members of the public, fundraising at events supported by, or organised by the charity.</p> <p>Notable support is received from local organisations and businesses. Particular acknowledgement to Sytner Group, Mercedes-Benz of Teesside for supply of a loan vehicle and Helly Hansen for supply of outdoor clothing.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	<p>The charity holds most of its funds in High Street banks and a small sum in Charifund Accumulations Units, a specialist charity investment product with M&amp;G.</p> <p>The investment policy is to avoid exposing the charity funds to risk of loss, hence investments are made with banks that benefit from the FSCS £85,000 limit.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	<p>The principal risks facing the charity are through action or inaction that harms public trust reducing the requests for the services provided by the charity and a loss of public support. The charity has prepared a risk register to aid with monitoring and review of the risks faced by the charity. <a href="#">Risk Register Rev3 b.xlsx</a> This was updated and approved by the Team during the year.</p>
Other	<b>None</b>

### Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Association.

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Team Trustees are noted below. They are the Committee/Trustee members of the Team and are elected on an annual basis at the Team's AGM. Should a Trustee position become vacant throughout the year an SGM can be called to elect a replacement.
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Trustees are directed to the Charity Commission website to learn about the responsibilities of Trustees. Training is provided on the procedures to be followed by Charity Trustees. New Trustees receive 'hand-over' meetings and on-going support with and by existing and retiring Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	<p>The Team Constitution was last amended February 2022 and defines the running of the Team. Additionally, there is a comprehensive set of Standard Operating Procedures and Risk Analyses. Both are reviewed on a regular rolling basis by the Trustees and Operational Leads.</p> <p>Operational Leads are not Trustees, they are members with special skills in a particular field.</p> <p>All Team members are encouraged to regularly read our documentation, and they are regularly distributed to the whole Team. There are 5 committee/trustee meetings a year and an AGM every February.</p> <p>We are currently working our way through our Strategy Plan which was developed during the year. This will ensure constant updates of procedures and development of new ones where appropriate.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	<p>We have excellent links and regular meetings with North Yorkshire Police. At these meetings, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, The Fire Service, Mountain Rescue Dogs and several Northern Rescue Teams are represented. Cleveland Police and North East Ambulance Services including The Great North Air Ambulance also regularly converse with us.</p> <p>In addition, we hold regular meetings with the local LRFs, Coastguards and Lifeboat service. Some of our practices involve training with some of these assets.</p> <p>The Charity is affiliated to and is a key partner in the North East Search and Rescue Association (NESRA), which represents the Mountain Rescue Teams in North East England. This is a coordinating body and is operational when several Teams are deployed in a labour challenging Search event where several Teams work together.</p>
Other	A Team member started training a Mountain Rescue Search Dog pup during the year. When trained this will be an asset to the Team and other MRTs during searches. To this end we have strong links with our local Mountain Rescue Search Dogs organisation in NESRA.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	252905
Charity's principal address	During 2024: Civic Centre, Rotary Way, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UU From 2025: Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team, Newton under Roseberry, MIDDLESBROUGH, TS9 6QP

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Martyn Gareth Finch	Chair		
Sid Bollands	Base Manager		
Gary Clarke	Callout Officer and Public Relations Officer	Until November 2024	
Craig Sewell	Medical Officer		
Daniel Slane	Members Representative		
Jo Sewell	Support and Fundraising Officer		
Rachael McManus	Secretary		
Tim Wood	Team Leader		
Andy Pearson	Training Officer		
Alison Selby	Treasurer		
Austen Floyd	Vehicle Officer		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None this section is Not Applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Gari Finch		
David Little		
Rob Johnson		
Sid Bollands		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional) Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

None
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

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<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Martyn Finch.</i>	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Martyn Gareth Finch	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>		



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 1-Jan-24 To 31-Dec-24

### 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>					
Appeals and Grants	-	-	-	-	1,930
Donations	48,493	-	-	48,493	48,003
Fundraising	27,132	-	-	27,132	28,592
Bank Interest	2,137	-	-	2,137	4,881
Other	43,806	-	-	43,806	29,763
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>121,568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,568</b>	<b>113,169</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>121,568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,568</b>	<b>113,169</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	7,780	-	-	7,780	14,050
Training	8,730	-	-	8,730	2,479
Base	10,272	-	-	10,272	14,449
Equipment	8,127	-	-	8,127	19,596
Comms and IT	2,910	-	-	2,910	5,832
Medical	1,379	-	-	1,379	2,531
Insurance	2,892	-	-	2,892	2,916
Fundraising costs	4,716	-	-	4,716	3,578
Miscellaneous	901	-	-	901	799
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>47,707</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,707</b>	<b>66,230</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Base	-	-	-	-	-
Medical	-	-	-	-	19,800
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,800</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>47,707</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,707</b>	<b>86,030</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>73,861</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,861</b>	<b>27,139</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>223,491</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>223,491</b>	<b>196,353</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>297,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>297,352</b>	<b>223,492</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 Accounts	125,376	-	-
	Other Accounts	135,720	-	-
	Fundraising	35,344	-	-
	Paypal	912	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>297,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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>	Unit Trust Account		-	40,220
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Base		-	530,526
	Equipment		-	231,964
	Control Vehicle V1		-	48,059
	LR Ambulance V2		-	44,997
	LR Ambulance V3		-	47,972
	Electronic Medical Monitoring Equipment		-	19,800
				-

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



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

252905

**Set out on pages**

CC16a pages 1 to 2 and Trustees Annual Report pages 1 to 10

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**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 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.

**Signed:**

*David Chefneux*

**Date:**

9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Name:**

David Chefneux

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

CIPFA – Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

**Address:**

Orchard House, Middle Street,

Gayles, Richmond,

North Yorkshire. DL11 7JF

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.**

Nil

**CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

England & Wales - Charity number 252905

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Charity name: Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team**

**Charity registration number: 252905**

### **Objectives and Activities**

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p><b>Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team provides a voluntary Search and Rescue service for people who are in difficulty in the upland areas of the North York Moors. In addition, we provide this service when needed to lowland, urban, animal and water/flood issues both locally and in other parts of the UK as required.</b></p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p><b>The Team's work is broad and varied. It comprises, in the above-mentioned areas: Rescues of people who are injured, Searches for people (some of whom are described as vulnerable) who are lost or missing and sometimes evacuation of people in communities subject to flooding conditions. Sadly, sometimes we are involved in the recovery of the deceased. Additionally, we are trained in swift water rescue techniques where people find themselves in difficulties in water environments. Occasionally we give assistance to animals like dogs who are in a precarious position. This is to hopefully prevent the animal owner attempting a self-rescue and subsequently getting into difficulties.</b></p> <p><b>To be able to carry out this work the Team operates a fleet of four vehicles, one a Control vehicle equipped with state-of-the-art IT and radios, and three 4x4 vehicles of which two are Land Rovers. A well equipped modern, secure Base houses the vehicles and our equipment. This equipment includes inter alia technical equipment for crag work, comprehensive medical equipment, water rescue equipment, as well as drying and secure storage.</b></p> <p><b>The Base also lends itself to be operational and has a Control Room for use in local Call Outs. Furthermore, there are audio visual facilities for our own training and for local groups to be invited to the Base for talks and demonstrations.</b></p> <p><b>All Search and Rescue Team members are rigorously trained to meet local demands and the MREW (our national body) guidelines. We also provide PPE equipment to our members. Some of our Team are Support members, who amongst other things raise money for the Team by reaching out to the local public and local organisations. Often this involves a presence at local shows and events which contributes to the public awareness of hill safety and our activities.</b></p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity</p>	<p><b>It can be confirmed that the Team has regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The services of the Team are totally free to the public.</b></p>

Commission on public benefit	
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	The Charity does not provide grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	The charity does not run a program of social investment.
Contribution made by volunteers	The Charity is entirely dependent upon volunteering. No payments are made to any volunteer for their contribution to the fulfilment of the objectives of the charity. Volunteers gave 2742 hours of their time to search and rescue during the year. The time given in training, administration and other activities is in addition to the operational hours.
Other	There are 4 Base Trustees named below. They have been appointed and do not require re-election. Like the other Trustees they submit a report to the AGM. The elected Trustees submit a report to the Annual General Meeting.

## Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>Call-outs and Incidents.</p> <p>In Cleveland MRT we define 'calls for service' in two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Call Out is where at least one member leaves home or work etc to head to the Base or to an RV, having been requested to do so in relation to a search or rescue etc (even if stood down on the way there).</li> <li>• An incident includes a range of circumstances such as event cover where injuries are dealt with (e.g. the Boltby Bash) or a standby (e.g. for flooding) or we were cancelled before anyone left home etc or the Call Out officer dealt with a Police / Ambulance call for advice but where no deployment took place or a SARCALL log was transferred to another Team to deal with. A SARCALL log is the electronic method we use for data capture on a Call Out.</li> </ul> <p>In 2023 we attended 51 callouts, (60 in 2022) almost one per week. There were also 25 incidents (an increase of three on 2022.) TOTAL Call Outs 51. Incidents 25.</p> <p>Total volunteer hours on searches and rescues = 2742</p> <p>There were nine searches and 42 rescues (including a dog rescue)</p> <p>The figures include time we are present to rescue people at moorland events like "The Boltby Bash".</p> <p>We regularly receive compliments and expressions of gratitude via emails, social media, donations and the press. We regularly receive thanks and verbal appreciation from the Police and Ambulance Service. They indicate that we make a difference.</p>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>The Team was able to meet the objective to provide a search and rescue service 24/7 throughout 2023.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>The fundraising activities of the Support Group and others achieved the objective to provide money to operate the Team and enable projects, such as the acquisition of electronic monitoring and recording of casualties to be achieved. Fundraising raised £28592 and the fundraising costs were £3578. This is an 8:1 return on investment, every £1 spent on fundraising earned £8. Fundraising is achieved by unpaid volunteers.</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>The Charity maintained sufficient cash funds within bank accounts to ensure that it can operate.</p>
<p>Other</p>	

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The balance of accounts shows a surplus for the year of £25,569.										
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Reserves are held to enable the Charity to meet its objectives in the event that fundraising activities cease for a period of 1 year and to enable projects for continuing and enhancing the provision of search and rescue within the Team's operational area.										
Amount of reserves held	£165,000 split across the following  <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Emergency operating fund</td> <td>£80,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Base fund</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle fund</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special projects fund</td> <td>£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Replacement Vehicle fund</td> <td>£60,000</td> </tr> </table>	Emergency operating fund	£80,000	Base fund	£10,000	Vehicle fund	£10,000	Special projects fund	£5,000	Replacement Vehicle fund	£60,000
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Base fund	£10,000										
Vehicle fund	£10,000										
Special projects fund	£5,000										
Replacement Vehicle fund	£60,000										
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable.										
Details of fund materially in deficit	None.										
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Not applicable.										

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The principal sources of income are through unsolicited donations from members of the public, fundraising at events supported by, or organised by the charity.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	The charity holds most of its funds in High Street banks and a small sum in Charifund Accumulations Units, a specialist charity investment product with M&G. The investment policy is to avoid exposing the charity funds to risk of loss, hence investments are made with banks that benefit from the FSCS £85,000 limit.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The principal risks facing the charity are through action or inaction that harms public trust reducing the requests for the services provided by the charity and a loss of public support. The charity has prepared a risk register to aid with monitoring and review of the risks faced by the charity.
Other	

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted?	Unincorporated Association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Team Trustees are noted below. They are the Committee members of the Team and are elected on an annual basis at the Team's AGM. Should a Trustee position become vacant throughout the year an SGM can be called to elect a replacement.

### Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Trustees are directed to the Charity Commission website to learn about the responsibilities of Trustees. Training is provided on the procedures to be followed by Charity Trustees. New Trustees by 'hand-over' meetings with existing and retiring Trustees.
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Relationship with any related parties	We have excellent links and regular meetings with North Yorkshire Police. At these meetings, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, The Fire Service, Mountain Rescue Dogs and several Northern Rescue Teams are represented. Cleveland Police and North East Ambulance Services including The Great North Air Ambulance also regularly converse with us. In addition, we hold regular meetings with the local LRFs, Coastguards and Lifeboat service. The Charity is affiliated to and is a key partner in the North East Search and Rescue Association (NESRA), which represents the Mountain Rescue Teams in North East England. This is a co-ordinating body and is operational when several Teams are deployed in a labour challenging Search event where several Teams work together.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM
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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	252905
Charity's principal address	c/o Civic Centre, Rotary Way, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UU

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Martyn Gareth Finch	Chair		
2	Mike Gallagher	Base Manager	Until 30 November 2023	
3	Gary Clarke	Callout Officer and Public Relations Officer		
4	Jordan MacSween	Equipment Officer	From 7 February 2023	
5	Craig Sewell	Medical Officer		
6	Daniel Slane	Members Representative		
7	Claire Starkey	Support and Fundraising Officer	Until 1 March 2023	
8	Pete Mounsey	Secretary	Until 1 March 2023	
9	Peter Smith	Team Leader		
10	Rob Adams	Technology Officer		
11	Derek Birtwhistle	Training Officer	Until 31 October 2023	
12	Tim Wood	Treasurer		
13	Adrian Barnes	Vehicle Officer	Until 5 November 2023	
14	Alison Brown	Secretary	From 3 May 2023 to 1 November 2023	
15	Rachael McManus	Secretary	From 1 November 2023	
16	Jo Sewell	Support and Fundraising Officer	From 3 May 2023	

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
None this section is Not Applicable		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
Martyn Gareth "Gari" Finch		
David Little		
Rob Johnson		
John "Sid" Bollands		



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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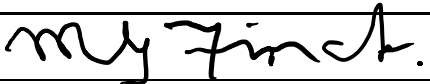
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Martyn Gareth Finch	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

No (if any)

**Receipts and payments accounts**

**CC16a**

<b>For the period from</b>	Period start date 1st Jan 2023	<b>To</b>	Period end date 31st Dec 2023
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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>					
Appeals and grants	1,030	900	-	1,930	27,111
Donations	48,003	-	-	48,003	44,466
Fundraising	28,592	-	-	28,592	34,308
Bank interest	4,881	-	-	4,881	966
Other	29,764	-	-	29,764	3,523
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>112,269</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,169</b>	<b>110,374</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>112,269</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,169</b>	<b>110,374</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	14,050	-	-	14,050	5,870
Training	2,479	-	-	2,479	8,332
Base	14,449	-	-	14,449	4,444
Equipment	18,696	900	-	19,596	27,599
Comms and IT	5,832	-	-	5,832	31,607
Medical	2,531	-	-	2,531	3,778
Insurance	2,916	-	-	2,916	3,146
Fundraising costs	3,578	-	-	3,578	3,029
Miscellaneous	798	-	-	798	575
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>65,330</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,230</b>	<b>88,380</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Base	-	-	-	-	17,189
Medical	19,800	-	-	19,800	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>17,189</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>85,130</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,030</b>	<b>105,569</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>27,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,140</b>	<b>4,805</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>196,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>196,352</b>	<b>193,106</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>223,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>223,492</b>	<b>197,911</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	183,582		-
	Other accounts	15,365	-	-
	Fundraising	22,266		
	Paypal	2,279	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>223,492</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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>	Unit Trust Account		6,810	35,604
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Base		503,809	-
	Equipment		220,366	-
	Control vehicle (Viking 1)		48,059	-
	LR Ambulance (Viking 2)		44,997	-
	LR Ambulance (Viking 3)		47,972	-
	Electronic Medical Monitoring Equipment		19,800	-
			-	-

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
	Tim J Wood	1st May 2024

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

**On accounts for the year  
ended** 31 December 2023 **Charity no  
(if any)** 252905

**Set out on pages** CC16a pages 1 to 3 and Trustees Annual Report pages 1 to 10

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

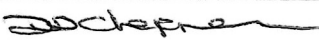
**Responsibilities and  
basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 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.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Name:** David Chefneux

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):** CIPFA – Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

**Address:** Orchard House, Middle Street,  
Gayles, Richmond,  
North Yorkshire. DL11 7JF

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.**

Nil

**CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

England & Wales - Charity number 252905

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	January	2022		31	December	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

202905

Charity's principal address

c/o Civic Centre

Rotary Way, Stone Cross

Northallerton, North Yorkshire

Postcode

DL6 2UU

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Martyn Gareth Finch	Chair		
2	Mike Gallagher	Base Manager		
3	Gary Clarke	Callout Officer and Public Relations Officers		
4	Sarah Foster	Equipment Officer	From 7 February 2022	
5	Craig Sewell	Medical Officer		
6	Claire Starkey	Support and Fundraising Officer		
7	Peter Smith	Team Leader		
8	Rob Adams	Technology Officer		
9	Derek Birtwhistle	Training Officer		
10	Tim Wood	Treasurer		
11	Adrian Barnes	Vehicle Officer		
12	Malcolm Selby	Callout Officer	Until 7 February 2022	
13	Sam King	Equipment Officer	Until 7 February 2022	
14	Pete Mounsey	Secretary	Until 7 February 2022 and from 2 March 2022	
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

David Little	
Sid Bollands	
Rob Johnson	
Martyn Gareth Finch	

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	David Chefneux	Orchard House, Middle Street, Gayles, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 7JF

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are the committee members of the Team who are elected annually at the Team AGM in February and hold office for one year.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are drawn from the Team membership and democratically elected. In this sense they are aware of the Teams' objectives and operating methods prior to election. They are encouraged to become aware of their responsibilities described in the guidance from the Charity Commissioners

The Team constitution (last amended 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021) and operating procedures define how the organisation will operate. The Team is governed by committee meetings held five times per year and an AGM in February. CMRT is a member of NESRA (the North East Search & Rescue Association) and affiliated to MREW (Mountain Rescue England & Wales)

The Team operates on behalf of police and ambulance services in the North East of England (North Yorkshire, & Cleveland Police, NEAS & YAS ambulance services). It has established links to the Local resilience Forums (LRF's) coastguard and fire services.

The principal risks to the ongoing operation of the charity are a reduction in voluntary contributions from the public and changes to social conditions. The latter refers specifically to a reduction in volunteer availability due to life pressures and an increased call for Team services as the professional blue light services become stretched and request more assistance.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team provides a Search and Rescue service for people in difficulty primarily on the upland areas of the North York Moors. It may also be called upon to assist in any mountainous, upland, lowland and urban area locally and across the UK and is equipped to assist with water and animal rescue when required.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Activities**

The Team provides assistance to members of the public who are lost, injured or otherwise in need in the above areas.  
The scope of the Teams' work is very broad but encompasses rescues of individuals who are hurt in a known location which are generally completed within a couple of hours through to protracted searches for vulnerable members of the community who have been missing from their homes for a substantial period of time. The Team has a capability to work adjacent to and in water to support communities in times of flood and assist people who may be in difficulty near water features.  
In order to fulfil these diverse requirements; the Team operates a fleet of rescue, control and support vehicles and maintains a well-equipped Team base. The Team also maintains a wide range of medical and technical equipment which is deployed as needed to support delivery of a rescue or search.  
To deliver this service all Team members bring their personal hill skills to the Team and are then trained to a high standard under the Team training system; which is in line with MREW good practice guidelines. With the development of the Team's base it has also been possible to offer meeting facilities to a broader range of local community organisations.  
Team members and the associated Support Group of the Team undertake many fund-raising events to sustain the Teams' finances, and these events often raise awareness of hill safety and our activities in the community.

**Public Benefit**

The Team has regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and its services are free to all in need.

Trustees review the guidance of the Charity Commission to ensure that their legal duties as trustees are fulfilled.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The Team does not operate for profit.

None of the income or property of the charity may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the Charity.

The Team does not make grants to other organisations.

The Team uses the income it generates to provide an ongoing service to the community it serves and develop facilities and capability to meet future needs.

Core to this is the maintenance of the Team Base in Great Ayton and the operation of a fully equipped fleet of three vehicles i.e., mobile control unit and two Land Rover Ambulances. In addition, a fourth loan vehicle from Mercedes-Benz of Teesside, Sytner Group Ltd of Stockton provides support for training and events.

The Team is sustained entirely by unpaid volunteers and provides 24-hour cover 365 days per year.

The Team has met its objectives as it was active on 61 callouts for 147 hours during 2022, the 43 members collectively contributed 3315 hours in responding to callouts, a year-on-year increase of 6 per cent and a 36% increase over two years.

Training and fundraising by the Team, both Search and Rescue and the Support Group members added thousands of hours of effort to this figure.

At the end of the year the Team had 38 Search and Rescue members, plus 5 in training and 15 Support members plus 1 in training.

Team members also develop extended skills e.g., casualty care, swift water rescue, technical rescue, and search dog handling.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

2022 saw the Team continue its' long tradition of providing a free service for the those in need 24 hours a day 365 days of the year. This Team has recommenced activities that were put on hold during the Covid pandemic, which had restricted conventional public fund-raising events and restricted the ways we could train and operate. The Team remained fully operational and exited the year in a healthy financial position.

During 2022 the Team was called out a total of 61 times, the same number as 2021. 40 were rescues, the search proportion remains at 30% with the majority related to vulnerable people. Regrettably we again dealt with 3 fatalities during the year. The Team was also consulted on a further 22 incidents where full deployment was not in the end required.

The Team received many compliments on our skills and service during the year. The public remain ever grateful that Mountain Rescue is a free service in the UK hills (for further details on Team callouts see the Team's website: <https://clevelandmrt.org.uk/>).

The Team maintained its operational capability via a tailored training programme which focused on maintaining core individual skills whilst minimising group working and close contact between individuals. To reduce the spread of respiratory illness revised procedures for dealing with casualties continued to be applied based on Government and MREW guidance. This included the sourcing and issue of appropriate PPE for Team members.

The Team continued to develop its' assets and personnel during the year. Particular highlights were spending:  
£30k on the provision of new digital two-way radios fully funded by grant support.  
£18.6k to equip all Search and Rescue members with new outer-shell, mid-layer and base layer clothing.  
£8.3k to provide training to members (response driving, advanced medical skills, search skills and search management, water rescue).

The Support Group were again important in maintaining income through a range of outdoor events, speaking, merchandise sales and attracting voluntary donations by promoting the charitable work on the Team.

The Team continues to participate actively in regional and national forums for Mountain Rescue and in local resilience forums. The later has allowed stronger relationships to be built with the Coastguard and Fire and Rescue services over recent years. This is particularly important in our support for flooding events.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Given the ongoing potential for variable income levels and the desire to maintain a 365-day service Team policy is to hold a minimum of one years' operating costs and a contribution to vehicle replacement as a reserve. At year end the identified requirement for reserves and designated funds of £60k.

The Team has commenced work to review the replacement of the fleet of 3 owned vehicles and anticipate significant costs.

At the end of 2022 the Team had reserves of £198k.

This is coherent with the above objectives.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are materially in deficit at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Team received total income of £110.3k in 2022.

The principal sources of income were: Appeals and Grants £27.1k, Donations £44.4k and Fundraising Events £34.3k.

Team expenditure in the year was £88.3k.

Spending remained focused on the agreed budget objectives and was less than anticipated in the year. Planned spend on medical monitoring equipment was delayed due to delays in supply of the equipment.

The running cost equated to £39.7k. Key items were vehicles £5.8k, training £8.3k, base £4.4k, equipment £9k, medical £3.8k, fundraising £3k and insurance £3.1k.

Capital project work was restricted to the Base resurfacing work at a cost of £17.2k.

At the end of 2022 the principal assets of the Team are: the base (capital cost £504k), two Land Rover ambulances (capital cost £93k 2013/14 & 20) and our mobile control vehicle (capital cost £48k in 2014&20) and equipment with an estimated replacement cost of £214k.

## Section F

## Other optional information

The challenge for the coming year is to maintain the high levels of performance and service delivery as people access the outdoors for sport and leisure. An additional impact on service demand is anticipated to be mental health issues as the economic pressure on the population continue coupled with rise in cost of living for Team members to attend training and callouts.

In the coming year there will be significant focus on developing systems and training to reduce the risks to the organisation for driving, technical rescue and water-based activities. These are recognised as activities of core importance with higher risk profiles. This will use elements of external provision in line with best practice defined by MREW.

Maintaining a sound financial base going forwards will remain a priority and the good work of the Support Group will remain key in achieving this.

A budget has been prepared for the 2023 AGM which targets spend of £66.8k. Comprising running costs of £45k, and project for replacement of helmets for Team members £2.5k, new medical monitoring equipment £16.8k and protective cases for the digital radios acquired in 2022, £2.5k. This is in line with appropriate use of existing funds and forecast income. It is coherent with our reserves policy.

NOTE: The trustees named at the base of page 1 are responsible for the title of the Team Base

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	GFinch	TJWood
Full name(s)	Gari Finch	Tim Wood
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	7 June 2023	



## Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date 1st January 2022	To	Period end date 31st December 2022
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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>					
Appeals and grants	1,600	25,511	-	27,111	15,565
Donations	34,017	10,449	-	44,466	41,224
Fundraising	34,308	-	-	34,308	20,047
Bank interest	966	-	-	966	-
Other	3,523	-	-	3,523	44,008
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>74,414</b>	<b>35,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,374</b>	<b>120,844</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>74,414</b>	<b>35,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,374</b>	<b>120,844</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	5,870	-	-	5,870	4,589
Training	5,478	2,854	-	8,332	6,322
Base	4,444	-	-	4,444	6,286
Equipment	20,260	7,339	-	27,599	1,566
Comms and IT	6,059	25,548	-	31,607	2,902
Medical	3,778	-	-	3,778	658
Insurance	3,146	-	-	3,146	2,765
Fundraising costs	3,029	-	-	3,029	1,816
Miscellaneous	575	-	-	575	1,866
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>52,639</b>	<b>35,741</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,380</b>	<b>28,770</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
Base	7,189	10,000	-	17,189	32,506
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,189</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,189</b>	<b>32,506</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>59,828</b>	<b>45,741</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,569</b>	<b>61,276</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>14,586</b>	<b>- 9,781</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,805</b>	<b>59,568</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>182,909</b>	<b>10,197</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>193,106</b>	<b>133,538</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>197,495</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,911</b>	<b>193,106</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	97,522	356	-
	Other accounts	14,702	-	-
	Fundraising	84,966	60	
	Paypal	315	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>197,505</b>	<b>416</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Unit Trust Account		6,810	35,604
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Base		503,809	-
	Equipment		220,366	-
	Control vehicle (Viking 1)		48,059	-
	LR Ambulance (Viking 2)		44,997	-
	LR Ambulance (Viking 3)		47,972	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	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	
		T J Wood	07-Jun-23	



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees</b>	Charity Name Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	252905
<b>Set out on pages</b>	nine <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

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.

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

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

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

**Address:**

**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

**CLEVELAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

England & Wales - Charity number 252905

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 

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 To 

31	12	2021
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### Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

**Other names charity is known by** Formerly Cleveland Search and Rescue Team and now known also as Cleveland MRT.

**Registered charity number (if any)** 252905

**Charity's principal address**

c/o Civic Centre,	
Rotary Way, Stone Cross	
Northallerton, North Yorkshire	
<b>Postcode</b>	DL6 2UU

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Martyn Gareth Finch	Chairman	From 8 February 2021	
	"	Members Rep	Up to 8 February 2021	
2	Tim Wood	Treasurer		
3	Pete Mounsey	Secretary	From 3 November 2021	
4	Carl Faulkner	Team Leader	Up to 8 February 2021	
5	Peter Smith	Team Leader	From 8 February 2021	
	"	Equipment Officer	Up to 8 February 2021	
6	Derek Birtwhistle	Training Officer		
7	Craig Sewell	Medical Officer		
8	Adrian Barnes	Vehicle Officer		
9	Samantha Brown (nee King)	Equipment Officer	From 8 February 2021	
10	Gary Clarke	PRO		
11	Claire Starkey	Support Group Members Rep		
12	Sarah Foster	Members Rep.	From 8 February 2021	
13	Mike Gallagher	Base Manager + Water Officer		
14	Rob Adams	IT Officer		
15	Malcolm Selby	Call Out Officer		
16	Emma Foxley	Secretary	Up to 3 November 2021	

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Sid Bollands	
Gareth Finch	
Rob Johnson	
David Little	

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

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### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are drawn from the team membership and democratically elected. In this sense they are aware of the teams' objectives and operating methods prior to election. They are encouraged to become aware of their responsibilities described in the guidance from the Charity Commissioners

The team constitution (last amended 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021) and operating procedures define how the organisation will operate. The team is governed by committee meetings held five times per year and an AGM in February. CMRT is a member of NESRA (North East Search & Rescue Association) and affiliated to MREW (Mountain Rescue England & Wales)

The team operates on behalf of police and ambulance services in the North East of England (North Yorkshire, & Cleveland Police, NEAS & YAS ambulance services). It has established links to the Local resilience Forums (LRF's) coastguard and fire services.

During the year the team gave consideration to moving to a "CIO" operating model. Advice was sought from other MR teams who have made similar changes and it was decided that at this point Cleveland MRT would remain as an association.

The principal risks to the ongoing operation of the charity are a reduction in voluntary contributions from the public and changes to social conditions. The latter refers specifically to a reduction in volunteer availability due to life pressures and an increased call for team services as the professional blue light services become stretched and request more assistance. The Covid 19 crisis continued to provide additional challenges during 2021.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team provides a Search and Rescue service for people in difficulty primarily on the upland areas of the North York Moors. It may also be called upon to assist in any mountainous, upland, lowland and urban area locally and across the UK and is equipped to assist with water and animal rescue when required.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

### **Activities**

The team provides assistance to members of the community who are lost, injured or otherwise in need in the above areas.

The scope of the teams' work is very broad but encompasses rescues of individuals who are hurt in a known location which are generally completed within a couple of hours through to protracted searches for vulnerable members of the community who have been missing from their homes for a substantial period of time. The team has a capability to work adjacent to and in water to support communities in times of flood and assist people who may be in difficulty near water features.

In order to fulfil these diverse requirements; the team operates a fleet of four vehicles and maintains a well-equipped team base. The team also maintains a wide range of medical and technical equipment which is deployed as needed to support delivery of a rescue or search.

To deliver this service all team members bring their personal hill skills to the team and are then trained to a high standard under the team training system; which is in line with MREW good practice guidelines.

With the development of the teams base it has also been possible to offer meeting facilities to a broader range of local community organisations. Team members and the associated Support Group of the team undertake many fund-raising events to sustain the teams' finances and these often raise awareness of hill safety and our activities in the community.

### **Public Benefit**

The Team has regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and its services are free to all in need.

### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The team does not operate for profit.

None of the income or property of the charity may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the Charity.

The team does not make grants to other organisations

The team uses the income it generates to provide an ongoing service to the community it serves and develop facilities and capability to meet future needs.

Core to this is the maintenance of the Team Base in Great Ayton and the operation of a fully equipped fleet of three vehicles i.e, mobile control unit and two Land Rover Ambulances. In addition, a loan vehicle from Mercedes Stockton provides support for training and events.

The team is sustained entirely by unpaid volunteers and provides 24-hour cover 365 days per year.

The team was active on 61 callouts for 147 hours during 2021, the 47 members contributed 3100 hours a year-on-year increase of 30 per cent. Training and fundraising by the 47 team and the 20 support members added a further 4700 man-hours of effort to this figure. At the end of the year the team had 41 Search and Rescue members, plus 6 in training and 16 Support members plus 4 in training. Team members also develop extended skills e.g. casualty care, swift water rescue, technical rescue, and search dog handling.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2021 saw the team continue its' long tradition of providing a free service for the those in need 24 hours a day 365 days of the year. This was made more challenging by the Covid pandemic which again restricted conventional public fund-raising events and restricted the ways we could train and operate. Against this backdrop it is of particular note that the team remained fully operational and exited the year in a healthy financial position.

During 2021 the team was called out a total of 61 times. Just over half were rescues, the search proportion reduced to 30% with the majority related to vulnerable people and 10% were related to assisting with adverse weather events. Regrettably we again dealt with 5 fatalities during the year. The team was also consulted on a further 21 incidents where full deployment was not in the end required.

The team received many compliments on our skills and service during the year. The public remain ever grateful that Mountain Rescue is a free service in the UK hills (for further details on team callouts see the team website: <https://clevelandmrt.org.uk/>).

The team maintained its operational capability via a tailored training programme which focused on maintaining core individual skills whilst minimising group working and close contact between individuals. On incident revised procedures for dealing with casualties continued to be applied based on Government and MREW guidance. This included the sourcing and issue of appropriate PPE for team members.

The team continued to develop its' assets and personnel during the year. Particular highlights were spending £32k on the Base to enhance facilities and £6k on training (swift water rescue and response driving).

The Support Group were again important in maintaining income during this challenging year. Particular areas of success were: tax refunds (VAT & Gift Aid), social media profile and grant income.

The team continues to participate actively in regional and national forums for MR and in local resilience forums. The later has allowed stronger relationships to be built with the Coastguard and Fire and Rescue over recent years. This is particularly important in our support for flooding events.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Given the ongoing potential for variable income levels and the desire to maintain a 365-day service team policy is to hold a minimum of one years' operating costs and a contribution to vehicle replacement as a reserve. At year end the identified requirement for reserved funds is £60k.

At the end of 2021 the team had £229 k of reserves of which £10k are restricted.  
This is coherent with the above objectives.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

No funds are materially in deficit at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The team received total income of £120.8k in 2021.

The principal sources of income were: Retrospective tax refunds £44k, Grants £15.6k, Donations and Support Group £41k and Fundraising Events £16.8k. The level of tax refunds was exceptional and primarily driven by VAT refunds linked to previous Base works in 2017 and 2018. This more than compensated for lost income via direct donations and fundraising events.

Team expenditure in the year was £61.3k

Spending remained focused on the agreed budget objectives and was less than anticipated in the year. Further planned spend on shell clothing and digital radio upgrades was re-phased in line with updated studies and supply chain capacity.

Running costs were reduced as a consequence of reduced activity in the pandemic. The running cost equated to £24k. Key items were: vehicles £4.6k, training £6.3k, base £6.3k, equipment, medical and IT total £5.1k, fundraising £1.8k and insurance £2.8k.

Capital project work was restricted to the Base enhancement £32k).

At the end of 2021 the principal assets of the team are: the base (capital cost £486k), two Land Rover ambulances (capital cost £93k 2013/14 & 20) and our mobile control vehicle (capital cost £48k in 2014&20) and equipment with an estimated replacement cost of £214k.

**Section F Other optional information**

The challenge for the coming year is to maintain the high levels of performance and service delivery as the restrictions of COVID roll back and people return to outdoor leisure activities. An additional impact on service demand will be mental health issues as the economic pressure on the population is rising currently coupled with particularly sharp rise in fuel costs for Team members to attend training and callouts. In the coming year there will be significant focus on additional training for driving, technical rescue and water-based activities. These are recognised as activities of core importance with higher risk profiles. This will use elements of external provision in line with best practice defined by MREW.

Maintaining a sound financial base going forwards will remain a priority and the good work of the Support Group will remain key in achieving this.

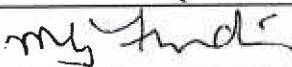
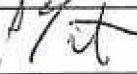
A budget has been prepared for the 2022 AGM which targets spend of £89k including running costs of £38k, replacement shell clothing for team members £19k and enhancements to digital communications £32k. This is in line with appropriate use of existing funds and forecast income. It is coherent with our reserves policy.

NOTE: The trustees named at the base of page 1 are responsible for the title of the team base.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gari Finch	Peter Smith
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Team Leader
Date	26/10/22	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name \_\_\_\_\_ No (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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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>					
Appeals and Grants	4,565	11,000	-	15,565	68,004
Donations	41,224	-	-	41,224	31,963
Fundraising	16,795	-	-	16,795	19,369
Bank Interest	0	-	-	-	31
Other	44,008	-	-	44,008	3,631
Operation Support Activities	3,252	-	-	3,252	2,808
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>109,844</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,844</b>	<b>125,807</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>109,844</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,844</b>	<b>125,807</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vehicles	1,923	2,867	-	4,589	7,895
Training	179	6,143	-	6,322	4,776
Base	6,286	-	-	6,286	6,599
Equipment	1,566	-	-	1,566	3,743
Comms and IT	2,744	157	-	2,902	2,233
Medical	4	654	-	658	1,121
Insurance	-	2,765	-	2,765	2,278
Fundraising costs	1,816	-	-	1,816	7,098
Miscellaneous	1,866	-	-	1,866	550
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,384</b>	<b>12,386</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,770</b>	<b>36,293</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Base	23,506	9,000	-	32,506	3,114
Equipment	-	-	-	-	3,122
Comms & IT	-	-	-	-	1,153
Medical	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	8,004
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,506</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,506</b>	<b>15,392</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,890</b>	<b>21,386</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,276</b>	<b>51,685</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>69,954</b>	<b>- 10,386</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,567</b>	<b>74,122</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	112,955	20,583	-	133,538	59,416
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>182,909</b>	<b>10,197</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>193,105</b>	<b>133,538</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	108,552	10,197	-
	Other Accounts	14,525	-	-
	Fund raising	58,653	-	-
	Paypal	1,167	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>182,907</b>	<b>10,197</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Agreement Error Unrestricted funds to nearest £	OK Restricted funds to nearest £	OK Endowment funds to nearest £
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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>	Unit Trust Account		6,810	35,676
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Base		486,620	-
	Equipment		214,275	-
	Control vehicle (Viking 1)		48,059	-
	LR Ambulance (Viking 2)		44,997	-
	LR Ambulance (Viking 3)		47,972	-
			-	-

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
	TIMOTHY JOHN WOOD	26-OCT-22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

252905

Set out on pages

(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 31/12/2021.

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:

*James Dale*

Date:

27/10/21

Name:

JAMES DALE

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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.

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