

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

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	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 8th 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 latter 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 31st 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.

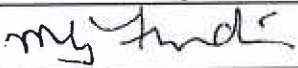
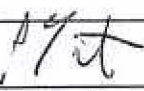
A budget has been prepared for the 2022 AGM which targets spend of £89k including running costs of £38k, replacement shell clothing for team members £19k and enhancements to digital communications £32k. This is in line with appropriate use of existing funds and forecast income. It is coherent with our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

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Appeals and Grants	4,565 0	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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	109,844	11,000	-	120,844	125,807
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	109,844	11,000	-	120,844	125,807
A3 Payments					
Vehicles	1,923	2,667	-	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
Sub total	16,384	12,386	-	28,770	36,293
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Base	23,506	9,000	-	32,506	3,114
Equipment	-	-	-	-	3,122
Comms & IT	-	-	-	-	1,153
Medical	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	8,004
Sub total	23,506	9,000	-	32,506	15,392
Total payments	39,890	21,386	-	61,276	51,685
Net of receipts/(payments)	69,954	- 10,386	-	59,567	74,122
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	112,955	20,583	-	133,538	59,416
Cash funds this year end	182,909	10,197	-	193,105	133,538

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	108,552	10,197	-
	Other Accounts	14,525	-	-
	Fund raising	58,653	-	-
	Paypal	1,167	-	-
	Total cash funds	182,907	10,197	-

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Unit Trust Account		6,810	35,676
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TIMOTHY JOHN WOOD	26-OCT-22



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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 Dacre

Date:

27/10/21

Name:

James Dacre

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

PLCA

Address:

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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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