



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	
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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 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 (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)

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 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.

Section D

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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 31st 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	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

No (if any)

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

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	74,414	35,960	-	110,374	120,844
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	74,414	35,960	-	110,374	120,844
A3 Payments					
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
Sub total	52,639	35,741	-	88,380	28,770
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Base	7,189	10,000	-	17,189	32,506
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,189	10,000	-	17,189	32,506
Total payments	59,828	45,741	-	105,569	61,276
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,586	- 9,781	-	4,805	59,568
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	182,909	10,197	-	193,106	133,538
Cash funds this year end	197,495	416	-	197,911	193,106

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	97,522	356	-
	Other accounts	14,702	-	-
	Fundraising	84,966	60	-
	Paypal	315	-	-
	Total cash funds	197,505	416	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Unit Trust Account		6,810	35,604
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	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	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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	T J Wood	07-Jun-23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

252905

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

David Chefneux

Date:

17th May 2023

Name:

David Chefneux

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

Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA)

Address:

Orchard House, Middle Street, Gayles, Richmond,

North Yorkshire. DL11 7JF

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