



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **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**

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<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>
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><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>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	<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>

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:

Achievements against objectives set	The Team was able to meet the objective to provide a search and rescue service 24/7 throughout 2023.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	<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.</p> <p>Fundraising raised £28592 and the fundraising costs were £3578. This is an 8:1 return on investment, every £1 spent on fundraising earned £8.</p> <p>Fundraising is achieved by unpaid volunteers.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	The Charity maintained sufficient cash funds within bank accounts to ensure that it can operate.
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 £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	<p>£165,000 split across the following</p> <table> <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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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	<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	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)

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 by 'hand-over' meetings with existing and retiring Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The Team Constitution was last amended February 2022 and defines the running of the Team. Additionally, there is a comprehensive collection of Standard Operating Procedures and Risk Assessments. 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 them, and they are regularly distributed to the whole Team. There are 5 committee/trustee meetings a year and an AGM every February.
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

	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	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

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	
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

#### 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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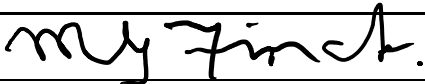
## Other optional information

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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
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Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

Period start date  
1st Jan 2023

To

Period end date  
31st Dec 2023

### 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	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>

#### A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<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>
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#### A3 Payments

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>

#### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>27,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,140</b>	<b>4,805</b>
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#### A5 Transfers between funds

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#### A6 Cash funds last year end

	196,352		-	196,352	193,106
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<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>223,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>223,492</b>	<b>197,911</b>
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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	183,582		-
	Other accounts	15,365	-	-
	Fundraising	22,266		
	Paypal	2,279	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>223,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	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	35,604
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	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	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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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
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