



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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	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.
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>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.</p> <p>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 exploring installing a technical rescue training facility in the Base.</p> <p>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 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 umbrella 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</p>

	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.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued	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.
by the Charity Commission on public benefit	

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 2612 hours of their time to search and rescue during the year to respond to 52 Call Outs, whilst there was with a further 1033 hours responding to 27 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 down before we are deployed (see below for further explanation). The time given in training, administration and other activities is in addition to the above 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"> • 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). • 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. <p>In 2024 we attended 52 callouts, (51 in 2023) an average of one per week. There were also 27 incidents TOTAL Call Outs 52 Incidents 27.</p> <p>Total volunteer hours on searches and rescues = 3635</p> <p>There were 22 Searches and 30 Rescues.</p> <p>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.</p>

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 2024.
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 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	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	<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	Not applicable.										

continuing as a going concern	
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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&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. Risk Register Rev3 b.xlsx This was updated and approved by the Team during the year.</p>
Other	None

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 Name Address
adviser

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

None

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



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

Period start date
1-Jan-24

To

Period end date
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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	121,568	-	-	121,568	113,169
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	121,568	-	-	121,568	113,169
A3 Payments					
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
Fundrasing costs	4,716	-	-	4,716	3,578
Miscellaneous	901	-	-	901	799
Sub total	47,707	-	-	47,707	66,230
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Base	-	-	-	-	-
Medical	-	-	-	-	19,800
Sub total	-	-	-	-	19,800
Total payments	47,707	-	-	47,707	86,030
Net of receipts/(payments)	73,861	-	-	73,861	27,139
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	223,491	-	-	223,491	196,353
Cash funds this year end	297,352	-	-	297,352	223,492

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 Accounts	125,376	-	-
	Other Accounts	135,720	-	-
	Fundraising	35,344	-	-
	Paypal	912	-	-
	Total cash funds	297,352	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	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		-	40,220
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	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
			-	-
			-	-
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	



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

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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:

Date:

9th 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