

MILTON MOUNTAINEERS

England & Wales · Charity number 283576

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1981-11-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF THE BLIND AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED BY THE PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN PROVIDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN PARTICULAR FOR HILL WALKING AND MOUNTAIN CLIMBING IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE SO THAT THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE SHALL BE IMPROVED.

Activities: Hill walking for blind and partially sighted people throughout the UK.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-10-31 | £42,296 | £46,890 | - | - |
| 2023-10-31 | £46,502 | £40,914 | - | - |
| 2022-10-31 | £19,133 | £20,770 | - | - |
| 2021-10-31 | £1,360 | £306 | - | - |
| 2020-10-31 | £6,376 | £7,056 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|------|------------|
| David Carrington-Porter | | 2005-05-04 |
| David Grimshaw | | 2017-05-01 |
| Elizabeth Anne Weyers | | 1981-07-19 |
| PHILLIP COWEN | | |

MILTON MOUNTAINEERS

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Accounts

Hello members of Milton Mountaineers

We've had another busy year. In April David Grimshaw organised another week of walking on the Isle of Man. 8 members ferried "across" as Manx inhabitants call the journey to the island. David, who lives there, led the walks with the help of Ray Beattie and Debbie Broom, who are also island residents. Members of the Manx walking group also acted as additional sighted guides. See report previously circulated.

In June I took a group of 16 of us to Ireland, where we stayed in a hotel in Kenmare County Kerry. The week's holiday of walking was run by Holiday Fellowship. See report previously circulated.

12 of us, plus Debbie Broom as our Ramble Worldwide leader, avoided the colder and wetter month of October in the UK by having a walking holiday on the Greek island of Crete. Please find report previously circulated and two group photos provided by Debbie; one at Roca and the other at Laki.

Each year the trustees have to report Milton Mountaineers' financial position to the Charity Commission. Because we've organised three holidays this year the income and expenditure exceeded £25000, the amount above which charities are required to submit externally examined accounts.

At the end of the charity's year November 1st 2023 / October 31st 2024 the current bank account balance was £360.69. We've opened a deposit account this year to earn a higher interest rate. And the amount in this account was £1901.41. In addition Milton Mountaineers has shares with Holiday Fellowship as an affiliated group which enables us to book holidays at a discounted rate. The investment stood at £3026.02. Therefore the charity's total assets were £5288.12

May I remind you that Milton Mountaineers is also an affiliated group member of the Ramblers Association, which means that we have public liability insurance through the organisation and our members are entitled to take part in local Ramblers groups.

Ramblers has an "Open the way" strategy to widen participation for a diverse range of people including visually impaired ones. Earlier this year I was interviewed by the editor of their "Walk" magazine and I took the opportunity to promote Milton Mountaineers (My Walk Of Life" article previously circulated).

Remember that if you book your own holidays with Ramble Worldwide (formerly Ramblers Worldwide Holidays), which is separate from the Ramblers Association, you can nominate Milton Mountaineers to receive loyalty points and therefore a donation from their Walking Partnership Scheme.

Please note the Milton Mountaineers' trustees have decided that in future no refunds will be given for holiday places booked and then cancelled by members. Although cancellations are usually for valid reasons, dealing with refunds causes a lot of extra administration work, and it is felt that not providing refunds means that members will be more likely to honour their booking unless they can't take part because of illness etcetera, in which case they should be able to claim money from their travel insurance company.

The trustees have also discussed succession arrangements for the organisation of Milton Mountaineers. Whilst I am still happy to co-ordinate the work of the charity and to organise some of the holidays, I recognise that a time will come when I may not wish to continue or may not be able to do so. My fellow trustee David Grimshaw has been a great help over recent years but the same may apply to him at some stage. He and I have therefore agreed that our younger fellow trustee, Phillip Cowen, will take on some of the work and organisation from now on whilst being assisted by me and David for the time being. As a consequence Phillip is organising the "traditional" annual trip next year which you will already know is taking place in Brecon/Wales from May the 16th/19th

Also already planned by David Grimshaw for next year is a week of walking on the Isle of Wight from March the 1st till the 8th for which 20 members have booked.

David has also arranged a week of walking based at the HF house in Church Stretton in Shropshire from October the 24th till the 31st.

David and I looked into the possibility of having a one or two week walking holiday in Austria booked with Ramble Worldwide and led by our member Debbie Broom who is one of their qualified leaders. However, it was too complicated to fit it in with their programme for next year so we may consider it for 2026. It would be helpful to know how many people might be interested in going for either one or two weeks either on this suggested holiday or any other holidays abroad in the future. We realise that members may not wish or be able to commit time and money to such holidays.

Happy 2025.

David Carrington-Porter
Trustee and organiser
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Milton Mountaineers

283576

Receipts and payments accounts

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 30/11/2022 | To | Period end date 31/10/2023 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

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 | | | | | |
| Receipts for trips | 42,111 | - | - | 42,111 | 39,321 |
| Withdrawal from NS&I account | - | - | - | - | 6,857 |
| Interest Income (net) | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Other Income | 184 | - | - | 184 | 205 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 42,296 | - | - | 42,296 | 46,382 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 42,296 | - | - | 42,296 | 46,382 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Payments for trips & expenses | 46,580 | - | - | 46,580 | 40,502 |
| Other Expenses | 310 | - | - | 310 | 292 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 46,890 | - | - | 46,890 | 40,794 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 46,890 | - | - | 46,890 | 40,794 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 4,594 | - | - | - 4,594 | 5,588 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds this year end | - 4,594 | - | - | - 4,594 | 5,588 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash at Bank | 2,262 | | - |
| | | - | | - |
| | | - | | - |
| | Total cash funds | 2,262 | | - |

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

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | HF Shares | 3,026 | | - |
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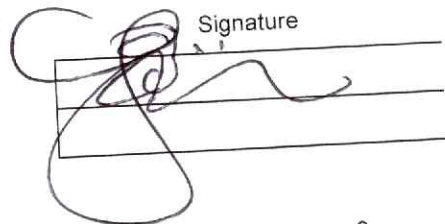
| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Fund to which asset belongs | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Fund to which asset belongs | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | | - |
| | | | | - |
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| | | | | - |
| | | | | - |

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

Signature



Print Name

E. PHILIP J. COWEN

Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Report to the trustees/ members of | Charity Name Milton Mountaineers | | |
| On accounts for the year ended | 2024 | Charity no (if any) | 283576 |
| Set out on pages | 1-2 | | |

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:  **Date:** 5/8/2025

Name: ALISTAIR HENSLAKE

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

Address: 28 HIGHFIELD ROAD
SANDRIDGE, ST. ALBANS
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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.

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|--|--------|------|---|
| | | | |
| Charity no (if any) | 283578 | 2024 | Report to the trustees of Milton Mountaineers |
| | | | On accounts for the year ended |
| | | 1-1 | Set out on pages |
| <p>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. * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p> <p>Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.</p> <p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:</p> <p>under section 142(d) of the Act I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts ended on 30th (the Act).</p> <p>As the charity trustee of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).</p> <p>Responsibilities and basis of report</p> <p>independent examiner's statement</p> | | | |
| Signed: | | | |
| Name: | | | |
| Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): | | | |
| Address: | | | |

MILTON MOUNTAINEERS

England & Wales - Charity number 283576

Accounts

Milton Mountaineers

Annual report 2023

Hello members of Milton Mountaineers

We've enjoyed another action packed year.

In April a group of over 20 members met at the Kington Hotel in the town of that name in Herefordshire on the English/Welsh border for three days of walking some days in sunshine and at other times in rather wet conditions. See report previously circulated.

In late May/early June I organised a group of 9 of us to spend a week at the Holiday Fellowship Holnicote House about four and a half miles

From Minehead on the Somerset/Devon border with walks on Exmmor and the Quantock Hills. We had a great week of walks with fine weather.

In late October a group of 23 members took part in a week of walking based at the Holiday Fellowship house near Glencoe in the Highlands of Scotland. Find report attached with thanks to David Grimshaw and Phillip Cowen for proofreading and inserting photographs. Phillip says he can send better quality photos to anybody wanting them. His email address is:
Phillip@in2planning.co.uk

For 2024 David Grimshaw has arranged another week of walking on the Isle of Man. He has recently qualified as a Hill Skills leader.

I have planned holidays in the Republic of Ireland led by Holiday Fellowship and on Crete booked with Ramble Worldwide being led by one of our members Debbie Broom who has qualified as a Hills and Moorland leader.

Sadly I have to report the deaths of a couple of members during the year.

During one of the evenings on the Glencoe trip, Jimmy Milhench mentioned that Duncan Simpson who was a founder member of Milton Mountaineers died last August. Jim McCafferty, who Jimmy knows and who I think has walked with Milton Mountaineers in the past writes:

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Duncan passed away some time in August - I have not been able to ascertain the date, but his funeral took place on the 29th in Aberdeen, and was very well attended. Sadly his wife Jean also passed away about four weeks before his death - they met each other when they were pupils at the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh.

I didn't know Duncan particularly well, but we did meet when I worked with Guide Dogs in Forfar, and kept in touch by telephone for a while.

He was previously known to me through his involvement with the Scout Association in the north-east of Scotland and, particularly, when he ran the recording service for the then Grampian Society for the Blind in Aberdeen.

Duncan was passionate about the use of audio, and his attention to detail when recording very interesting and informative programmes was second to none.

For me it was a pleasure to talk with him: he always took a keen interest in younger generations of vision Impaired people, especially those who were pupils of the Royal Blind School.

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In an email from Anne Weyers, she told me the same news and added that Duncan had arranged for a Piper to pipe the Milton Mountaineers on to the summit of Ben Nevis, on the inaugural climb. (1969).

Anne has also told me of the death of Clive Smith last June. I remember Clive and his wife Mary as long time members.

Each year I have to report Milton Mountaineers' financial position to the Chariry Commission. At the start of the charity's financial year November the 1st 2022 the bank balance was £1268.39.

Income during the year till the end of October 2023 amounted to £46382.03 consisting mainly of members' payments for holidays. As part of the income the value of the Ramblers Holidays Walking Partnership loyalty points was £130. £195 was received as donations for talks I've given about Milton Mountaineers.

Expenditure during the year was £40913.91 as payments for holidays.

Income over expenditure was £5588.12.

Taking into account the balance at the end of the previous financial period of £1268.39 the bank statement balance dated November the 2nd 2023 was £6856.51.

In addition Milton Mountaineers has shares with Holiday Fellowship worth £3000 at an interest rate of 2.5% which gives the charity benefits of being an affiliated group.

The trustees are looking into other investment opportunities and are also discussing the future organisation of Milton Mountaineers.

May I remind you that Milton Mountaineers is an affiliated group member of the Ramblers Association, which means that we have public liability insurance through the organisation and our members are entitled to take part in local Ramblers groups.

Remember also that if you book your own holidays with Ramble Worldwide (formerly Ramblers Walking Holidays), which is separate from the Ramblers Association, you can nominate Milton Mountaineers to receive loyalty points and therefore a donation from their Walking Partnership Scheme.

Happy 2024.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Milton Mountaineers 283576

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 30/11/2022 To 31/10/2023

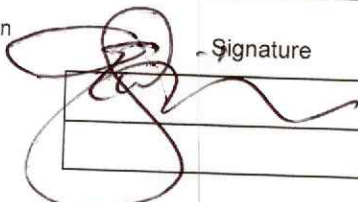
Section A Receipts and payments

| | 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 | | | | | |
| Receipts for trips | 39,321 | - | - | 39,321 | - |
| Withdrawal from NS&I account | 6,857 | - | - | 6,857 | - |
| Interest Income (net) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Income | 205 | - | - | 205 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 46,382 | - | - | 46,382 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 46,382 | - | - | 46,382 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Payments for trips & expenses | 40,502 | - | - | 40,502 | - |
| Other Expenses | 292 | - | - | 292 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 40,794 | - | - | 40,794 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 40,794 | - | - | 40,794 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 5,588 | - | - | 5,588 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 5,588 | - | - | 5,588 | - |

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 | Cash at Bank | 6,857 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 6,857 | - | - |
| | (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 £ |
| | HF Shares | 3,011 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| 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
E. PHILIP J. COWEN

Date of approval
17/11/24



**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

MILTON MOUNTAINEERS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/10/2023

Charity no
(if any)

283576

Set out on pages

1-2

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Signed:

AWL

Date:

06/12/24

Name:

ALSTAIR KERSLAKE

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

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ICAEW)

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HERTS., AL4 0UP

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).

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N/A.