

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 Chairty 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.

David Carrington-Porter

Trustee and organiser

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Milton Mountaineers

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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	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					
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))				
B2 Other monetary assets	HF Shares	3,011	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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

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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 10 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 (~~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:

AWL

Date:

06/12/24

Name:

ALISTAIR KERSLAKE

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

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ICAEW)

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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).

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.

N/A.