

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 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 / October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>

Also already planned by David Grimshaw for next year is a week of walking on the Isle of Wight from March the 1<sup>st</sup> till the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> till the 31<sup>st</sup>.

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.

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Milton Mountaineers

283576

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>42,296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,296</b>	<b>46,382</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>42,296</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,296</b>	<b>46,382</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Payments for trips & expenses	46,580	-	-	46,580	40,502
Other Expenses	310	-	-	310	292
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>46,890</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,890</b>	<b>40,794</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>46,890</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,890</b>	<b>40,794</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,594</b>	<b>5,588</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>					<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 4,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,594</b>	<b>5,588</b>

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

## B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £		Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash at Bank	2,262		-
		-		-
		-		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,262</b>		<b>-</b>

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

## B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £		Endowment funds to nearest £
HF Shares	3,026		-
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-

## B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs		Current value (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

## B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

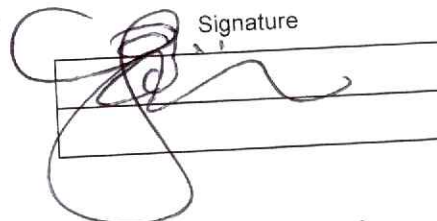
Details	Fund to which asset belongs		Current value (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

## B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates		When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

E. PRICE, P. J. COWEN

Date of approval





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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:

*Alistair Herslake*

Date:

5/8/2025

Name:

ALISTAIR HERSLAKE

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

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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.

<p>Report to the trustees members of</p> <p>On accounts for the year ended</p> <p>Set out on pages</p>		<p>Report to the trustees members of</p> <p>On accounts for the year ended</p> <p>Set out on pages</p>	
<p>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).</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts ended on 31st March 2024 under section 445 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable provisions given by the Charities Commission under section 445(b) of the Act.</p> <p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than those disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the accounts do not accord with the accounting records;</li> <li>accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or</li> <li>the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.</li> </ul> <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.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>		<p>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).</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts ended on 31st March 2024 under section 445 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable provisions given by the Charities Commission under section 445(b) of the Act.</p> <p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than those disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the accounts do not accord with the accounting records;</li> <li>accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or</li> <li>the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.</li> </ul> <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.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>	
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<p>Date:</p>		<p>Date:</p>	