

# PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION P D M R O

England & Wales · Charity number 506681

## Details

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**Other names** PDMRO

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1977-09-06

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO SAVE LIFE AND ALLEVIATE DISTRESS, PRIMARILY IN UPLAND AND MOUNTAIN AREAS

**Activities:** Provides a service, mainly in upland or mountain areas, to save life and alleviate distress. Additionally undertakes searches of lowland and rural areas for missing persons when requested by the Police.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£25,511	£26,714	-	-
2023-12-31	£25,571	£38,684	-	-
2022-12-31	£10,365	£22,048	-	-
2021-12-31	£41,858	£15,841	-	-
2020-12-31	£35,514	£15,995	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Matthew Dooley</b>	Chair	2016-11-02
Alison Wild		2022-04-06
IAN BUNTING		2018-08-09
Ian Donaldson		2022-04-06
John William Price		2022-04-06
KEITH MONTGOMERY		2017-03-08
Patrick Haley		2024-08-07
Patrick Parsons		2021-03-25
Robert Jones		2022-04-06
Simon Rippon		2024-05-15

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Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

02nd April 25

# Chairmans Report

The Last two years have been without precedent the region has been exceptionally busy not just in relation to consistent growth in callouts with 2024 being the regions busiest year on record, it was a complete coincidence that this also marked our 60th anniversary. We have also been busy in non operational ways to moving from to a new CIO charitable status which I have to thank Ian Donaldson and Keith Montgomery for all the work they put in to make it happen..

In 2023 we had some significant movement in the regions operations group, with our long serving regional training officer stepped down due to securing the roles of MREW National training officer replaced by Toby Green. We closed off 2023 with Ian Bunting stepping down as Operational support to take on the National Operations Director role, Patch Haley of GMRT stood up to replace Ian and has continued the great work of the OMG and revitalising the Emergency services liaison group.

In 2024 as mentioned above we celebrated our 60th anniversary in May thanks to great work by Edale's Thomo Thompson and Neil Roden we met with some of the original searchers from the 4 inns tragedy the catalyst for the foundation of the PDMRO, this meeting was recorded by the BBC and gained a lot of national coverage. Unfortunately a few weeks

after this we had of the passing of Ray Davis the team leader of Glossop who led the 4 Inns search and founding member of the region. Ray was a stalwart of Mountain Rescue and for many years was the secretary of the MRC (Later became MREW).

At the very first meeting post the 4 Inns to discuss forming a MR region Derbyshire Cave Rescue were present, DCRO have been an integral part of the region ever since and its fitting that as we moved to a new CIO status we fully bring in DCRO as a full member team, this was voted on unanimously by the exec in July 2024. With this new status the region supported DCRO's application to become a full member of MREW.

Moving on into late summer Toby Green and the OMG claimed we were going to have a celebration called Peak Diamond to mark 60 years, this as you will have seen in the opps report was the biggest MR led exercise of its kind and gained massive national attention from many of the media outlets, and I am sure this and the new PDMRO website has helped bring a steady stream of donations in to the region and teams.

The region has gone from strength to strength over the last two years our national representation is really strong, with Ian, Patch and Myself attending many of the Ops and regional chair meetings, all the subgroup leads keep the PDMRO share of voice high to.

The next few years will shape things to come Mountain Rescue as a volunteer led organisation is being stretched all 47 national teams busier than they have ever been some averaging more than a shout a day, some teams are now reflecting on years of mission creep and are consolidating the activities they do and returning to core Mountain Rescue jobs. Ian is leading the way nationally around risk assessments and the impact on team, add this to the ongoing what is the future of MR question from Mike Park and the whole organisation as we know it could be at a cross roads. That said I think we have a very strong and aligned region and will definitely be a driving force into the future, this is all thanks to each and every team member and the families that support them for the time it takes to get out and save lives.

Matt

Matt Dooley

Chairman PDMRO

PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>				
Donations	11,102	9,738	20,840	21,082
MREW Refund	2,117	-	2,117	2,228
TEAM Refund	375	-	375	320
VAT Refund	821	-	821	730
Charity Patches	945	-	945	1,104
Stripe	303	-	303	-
Interest Received	110	-	110	107
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<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>15,773</b>	<b>9,738</b>	<b>25,511</b>	<b>25,571</b>
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<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>				
<u>Management and Administration</u>				
Insurance	-	7,682	7,682	6,523
Communications	4,022	-	4,022	26,578
Travel	58	-	58	133
Training	14,281	-	14,281	4,803
Just Giving Fees	216	-	216	216
Administration	35	-	35	35
Accountancy	360	-	360	336
Bank Charges	60	-	60	60
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>19,032</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>26,714</b>	<b>38,684</b>
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<b><u>Net Incoming Resources</u></b>				
<b><u>For The Financial Year</u></b>	<b>(3,259)</b>	<b>2,056</b>	<b>(1,203)</b>	<b>(13,113)</b>
<b><u>Fund Balance at 1st January 2024</u></b>	<b>46,993</b>	<b>3,817</b>	<b>50,810</b>	<b>63,923</b>
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<b><u>Fund Balance at 31st December 2024</u></b>	<b>43,734</b>	<b>5,873</b>	<b>49,607</b>	<b>50,810</b>
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**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024**

1) **Principal Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been consistently applied in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's accounts.

a) **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

2) **Independent Examiner**

		<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Fees paid during year	360	336
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## PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

Registered Charity No. 506681

### ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023

At the Biennial General meeting in April 2023, the chair thanked the PDMRO Executive Committee for their support over the last two years. We have seen a number of role changes in teams during this time so it is important to recognise that the thanks is aimed at everyone who has input into the running of the region over the last two years. The Chair thanked Ian Bunting, for continuing to lead the Operational Management Group, its Subcommittee chairs and all those involved.

In 2023 the PDMRO received an honorary doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University in recognition of the volunteer work that we had done over the years and in supporting the local community through a number of positive ways, Sheffield Hallam University thought that this aligned to their values as a community focused university.

In December 2023 Ian Bunting handed over his role as lead for the OMG, to Patrick Haley. Ian has moved on to take on the role of Operations Director for MREW (Mountain Rescue England & Wales).

#### **Callouts:**

The total number of incidents during 2022 and 2023 was higher than in the previous 12 months. The nature of the callouts was varied with some blackspots being identified across several parts of the operational area. Unfortunately, the number of fatalities attended by the region's teams also remained high.

Incidents for 2022: 451

Incidents for 2023 481

Total number of rescuer hours recorded exceeds 33,500. This number excludes the number of hours dedicated by team members to team training, fundraising and attending regional and national meetings. The PDMRO is a voluntary organisation representing the 7 Mountain Rescue Teams and 1 Cave Rescue Team, all the team members and officers of the region are volunteers. The organisation and Teams within rely largely on public donations, quite often made by those rescued.

### **Regional Representation and Initiatives**

- The repeater project to support the change to digital communications throughout our area has continued to grow over the year with several extra sets now being established throughout the region.
- We have continued to represent the 7 teams at a national level with a strong representation in both the Operations Group and Regional Chairs. We have established a regional Wellbeing group under the leadership of Mike France who also acts as MREW Liaison Officer. Our subcommittee members represent the region in all national subgroups to ensure we have a strong input and voice in national matters.
- The PDMRO chair represented the Regional Chairs of MREW as a Trustee and is coming to the end of a second year as Chair of MREW Trustees. In the last few months he has been pushing for constitutional change which will see a more balanced board of trustees with less representation from the management group to give a more independent board. They have also been working through a new appointment strategy.
- As a PDMRO board of trustees we have been working towards changing our charitable status to CIO which has been led by Ian Donaldson, this work is nearing completion.
- We have discussed our risks and how we can help our member teams with escalation of grievances by ensuring all teams have an up to date set of policies and the sharing of best practice.
- We have allocated finances to support the Foundation Training Course and strengthen the Peak net repeater programme. We will continue to ensure we spend our finances on projects that benefit all teams and ensure the region is financially stable into the future

In summary we have achieved a lot and It is great to see new faces step into regional roles and for more regional representation into MREW. But none of this would be possible without our volunteers and the good will of our families and employers. We should be proud of the work we do but also mindful that the requirement for our assistance gets bigger every year and more and more time pressure is put onto our volunteers.

Matt Dooley

Chairman Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

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*9th February 2024*



**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

		£	2022	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
CAF Bank Account		50,810	63,923	
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<b>Net Assets</b>		50,810	63,923	
		=====	=====	
<b>Funds</b>				
Unrestricted Funds		46,993	60,759	
Restricted Funds		3,817	3,164	
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		50,810	63,923	
		=====	=====	

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

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**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>				
Donations	13,906	7,176	21,082	5,952
MREW Refund	2,228	-	2,228	2,619
TEAM Refund	320	-	320	658
VAT Refund	730	-	730	-
Charity Patches	1,104	-	1,104	1,073
Interest Received	107	-	107	63
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>25,571</b>	<b>10,365</b>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>				
<b><u>Management and Administration</u></b>				
Insurance	-	6,523	6,523	5,351
Communications	26,578	-	26,578	8,139
Travel	133	-	133	128
Training	4,803	-	4,803	7,786
Just Giving Fees	216	-	216	216
Administration	35	-	35	35
Accountancy	336	-	336	312
Bank Charges	60	-	60	81
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>32,161</b>	<b>6,523</b>	<b>38,684</b>	<b>22,048</b>
<b><u>Net Incoming Resources</u></b>				
<b><u>For The Financial Year</u></b>	<b>(13,766)</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>(13,113)</b>	<b>(11,683)</b>
<b><u>Fund Balance at 1st January 2023</u></b>	<b>60,759</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>63,923</b>	<b>75,606</b>
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		<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Fees paid during year	336	312
	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

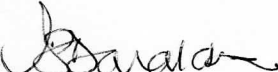
CHAIRMAN

MATT DOOLEY

 15/5/24 (Trustee)

SECRETARY

IAN DONALDSON

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<b><u>For The Financial Year</u></b>	<b>(13,766)</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>(13,113)</b>	<b>(11,683)</b>
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<b><u>Fund Balance at 1st January 2023</u></b>	<b>60,759</b>	<b>3,164</b>	<b>63,923</b>	<b>75,606</b>
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<b><u>Fund Balance at 31st December 2023</u></b>	<b>46,993</b>	<b>3,817</b>	<b>50,810</b>	<b>63,923</b>
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**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

1) **Principal Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been consistently applied in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's accounts.

a) **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

2) **Independent Examiner**

		<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Fees paid during year	336	312
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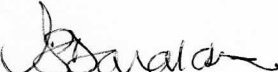
CHAIRMAN

MATT DOOLEY

 15/5/24 (Trustee)

SECRETARY

IAN DONALDSON

 15/5/24 (Trustee)



**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION P D M R O**

England & Wales - Charity number 506681

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## Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

### Trustees Annual Report 2022

As always, I'd like to thank the Executive Trustees and committee members for their support and Ian Bunting in particular, for continuing to lead the Operational Management Group, its Subcommittee chairs and all those involved. A special mention to Paul Besley for the work he has done as Regional Secretary. It is a loss to the region that he has had to prematurely stand down. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the trustees and committee members who have stood down at the end of the year, for their work and support.

In the last 12 months we have continued to be held in the grips of the global Covid-19 pandemic, with lots of uncertainty but teams have continued to adapt and maintained full availability throughout the entire pandemic.

The total number of incidents during 2021 was slightly down on the previous 12 months but still higher than the Pre-Covid era. The number of fatalities attended by the region's teams were high. The majority being despondents, who had taken their own life. The total number of incidents was 463 involving nearly 1500 team hours and nearly 19,000 rescuer hours.

All the region's teams have been impacted by continued high level of callouts whilst maintaining full operational capabilities. This has significantly increased day to day running costs at a time when team's ability to fund raise has been severely curtailed. But where needed, the public and companies have stepped up to support the work the teams do and for this we must thank everyone.

The repeater project to support the change to digital communications has continued to grow over the year with several extra sets now being established throughout the region. We are still looking at a new Memorandum of Understanding with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service who are looking to embrace more joint working where applicable. We have met with them on several occasions to progress this. We have also met with East Midlands Ambulance Service to establish an agreed way for teams to be call out ambulance resource directly if the job is initiated by the police.

The work on the conversion of the Charity to a CIO is nearing completion with Constitution document prepared and almost ready for submission.

At the request of the Treasurer, the Operational Management Group has been asked for ideas on which to spend PDMRO funds. A number of these were submitted back in January following the OMG. Namely funding the “zello” system for the teams, 2 years running costs for the foundation course and funding Mod 2 instructor training.

We have maintained strong regional influence over the national organisation with strong attendance by teams and via the now established CIO channels of Operations and Regional Chairs in addition the National Assistant Secretary and Equipment officer both being from this region.

Matt Dooley

Chair

Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

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PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**  
**OF PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION CHARITY**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021 set out on pages 2 to 4.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down by the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*P.A. Shepherd*

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ST13 6EH


*11th February 2022*

PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	£	<u>2020</u> £
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
NatWest Account	-	15,322
CAF Bank Account	75,606	29,519
Leek United Account	-	4,748
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<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>	<b>75,606</b>	<b>49,589</b>
	=====	=====
 <b><u>Funds</u></b>		
Unrestricted Funds	67,091	44,841
Restricted Funds	8,515	4,748
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	<b>75,606</b>	<b>49,589</b>
	=====	=====

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on  
and were signed on their behalf by:

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 } Trustee  
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**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>				
Donations	33,722	8,126	41,848	34,762
VAT Refund	-	-	-	734
Interest Received	-	10	10	18
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<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>33,722</b>	<b>8,136</b>	<b>41,858</b>	<b>35,514</b>
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<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>				
<u>Management and Administration</u>				
Insurance	-	4,369	4,369	4,664
Communications	2,486	-	2,486	2,350
Travel	-	-	-	-
Training	590	-	590	205
Just Giving Fees	216	-	216	216
Equipment	7,761	-	7,761	7,918
Administration	35	-	35	318
Accountancy	288	-	288	264
Bank Charges	96	-	96	60
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>11,472</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>15,841</b>	<b>15,995</b>
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<b><u>Net Incoming Resources</u></b>				
<b><u>For The Financial Year</u></b>	<b>22,250</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>26,017</b>	<b>19,519</b>
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<b><u>Fund Balance at 1st January 2021</u></b>	<b>44,841</b>	<b>4,748</b>	<b>49,589</b>	<b>30,070</b>
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<b><u>Fund Balance at 31st December 2021</u></b>	<b>67,091</b>	<b>8,515</b>	<b>75,606</b>	<b>49,589</b>
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**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021**

1) **Principal Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been consistently applied in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's accounts.

a) **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

2) **Independent Examiner**

		<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Fees paid during year	288	264
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**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION P D M R O**

England & Wales - Charity number 506681

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## **Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation**

### **Trustees Annual Report 2021**

As always, I'd like to thank the Executive Trustees for their support and Ian Bunting for continuing to lead the OMG, its Subcommittee chairs and all those involved. I would like to take the opportunity to thank, all the trustees and committee members who have stood down at the end of the year, for their work and support.

There has been significant work this year by members of the Executive Committee with the assistance of Eric and Roger of Buxton in rewriting the constitution of the region for us to move toward to becoming a CIO which we hope to progress in the new financial year.

We were officially the first region to be completely accepted into membership of the new MREW CIO, thanks to all the teams for putting the groundwork in, and to Phil Newing for working through the regional application.

In the last year we have unfortunately seen Mike France stand down as MREW SEO and our president David Coleman stand down as MREW external trustee, I was nominated by my regional peers to be Regional Chairs representative to the Trustee board and would like to thank both of them for the work they put into their roles and the excellent way they represented this region. We have maintained strong regional influence over the national organisation with strong attendance by teams and via the now established CIO channels of Operations and Regional Chairs in addition the National Assistant Secretary and Equipment officer both being from this region.

The move from an analogue to digital communications system has progressed well and will provide a robust network for the future when completed. This has been at a significant cost to both the teams and the time spent on the system by individuals, particularly Mick Blood of Edale MRT and John Hallstead of Woodhead MRT.

In the last 12 months we have been in the depths of the global Covid-19 pandemic, and Mountain Rescue has had to adapt to new ways of working both on incidents and the donning of PPE, and in training where the use of technology has embedded to

keep the day to day running of teams as seamless and interactive as in a non-pandemic year.

It is important to note the c40% increase in callouts the region has had this last year driven by the increased visitor numbers to the Peak District, due in-part to its accessibility to the surrounding conurbation's and the lock down of North Wales and Lakes. All the region's teams have been impacted by increased callouts whilst maintaining full operational capabilities. This has significantly increased day to day running costs at a time when teams ability to fund raise has been severely curtailed. But where needed, the public and companies have stepped up to support the work the teams do and for this we must thank everyone.

Matt Dooley

Chair

Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION CHARITY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on pages 2 to 4.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down by the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*P.A. Shepherd*

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*9th February 2021*



PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	£	<u>2019</u> £
<u>Current Assets</u>		
NatWest Account	15,322	10,343
Nationwide Account	-	10,693
CAP Bank Account	29,519	2,635
Leek United Account	4,748	6,399
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<u>Net Assets</u>	49,589	30,070
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 <u>Funds</u>		
Unrestricted Funds	44,841	23,671
Restricted Funds	4,748	6,399
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	49,589	30,070
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These accounts were approved by the Trustees on  
and were signed on their behalf by:

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) Trustee  
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**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>				
Donations	31,762	3,000	34,762	11,961
VAT Refund	734	-	734	634
MREW Refund	-	-	-	-
Interest Received	5	13	18	15
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<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>32,501</b>	<b>3,013</b>	<b>35,514</b>	<b>12,610</b>
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<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>				
<b><u>Management and Administration</u></b>				
Insurance	-	4,664	4,664	4,538
Communications	2,350	-	2,350	1,152
Travel	-	-	-	-
Training	205	-	205	2,521
Just Giving Fees	216	-	216	216
Equipment	7,918	-	7,918	-
Administration	318	-	318	109
Accountancy	264	-	264	252
Bark Charges	60	-	60	60
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>11,331</b>	<b>4,664</b>	<b>15,995</b>	<b>8,848</b>
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<b><u>Net Incoming Resources</u></b>				
<b>For The Financial Year</b>	<b>21,170</b>	<b>(1,651)</b>	<b>19,519</b>	<b>3,762</b>
	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Fund Balance at 1st January 2020</b>	<b>23,671</b>	<b>6,399</b>	<b>30,070</b>	<b>26,308</b>
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<b>Fund Balance at 31st December 2020</b>	<b>44,841</b>	<b>4,748</b>	<b>49,589</b>	<b>30,070</b>
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**PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

1) **Principal Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been consistently applied in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's accounts.

a) **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

2) **Independent Examiner**

	<u>2019</u>	
	f	£
Fees paid during year	264	252
	===	===



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	01	2020		31	12

**Section A Reference and administration details**

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

8A Hallsteads, Dove Holes	
Buxton	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>SK17 8BJ</b>

**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	Matt Dooley	Chairman		PDMRO
2	Keith Montgomery	Treasurer		PDMRO
3	Philip Newing	Secretary		PDMRO
4	Rick Mobbs			Buxton MRT
5	Julian Walden			Derby MRT
6	Ian Bunting			Edale MRT
7	Lee Grant			Glossop MRT
8	Nigel Taylor			Kinder MRT
9	Justin Parkinson			Oldham MRT
10	Brian Bailey			Woodhead MRT
11	Ian Burley			MRSDE

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**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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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To save life and alleviate distress, primarily in Upland and Mountain areas.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The charity supports the seven Peak District based Mountain Rescue teams that are tasked by the police in response to a 999 request for help from a member of the public or organisation. The person(s) requesting help will either be injured or lost or both. Or the ambulance, fire or police services will be unable to attend due to the terrain and/or need the specialist skills that the charity's members have.

The Charity represents the teams at the national level within Mountain Rescue England and Wales.

The Trustees are aware and have regard to the guidance in respect of public benefit, as issued by the Charity Commission.

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The charity has supported the 7 Mountain Rescue teams operating within the geographical area they respond. The charity has supported training and development of teams and individuals to further enhance their capabilities. The charity takes an overseeing role in major changes such as the recent move from analogue to a digital radio system that involved new radio sets and infrastructure across the operating area.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity reviews its reserves on a regular basis to ensure it has the necessary funds for any known future expenditure. The nature of the charity dictates that there will rarely be any unknown or unplanned expenditure.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F


## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul	Besley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

Date 23.09.2020

