

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales · Charity number 508877

Details

Other names	TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM, THE UPPER TEESDALE AND WEARDALE FELL RESCUE ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1979-07-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: The advancement of health and the saving of lives for the public benefit – predominantly within County Durham, but also in areas beyond the county borders in order to provide support on request, by:• Providing a ‘free to use’ Search and Mountain Rescue Service. • Aiming to provide on call services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. • Locating and evacuating injured and / or lost persons in upland environments and to provide appropriate casualty care. In addition to this the Team may:• Provide missing person searches in urban, suburban and lowland areas. • Support NHS Ambulance Services with difficult casualty evacuations. • Support government agencies / emergency services in severe weather. • Support government agencies / emergency services where the Team’s skills and equipment may be appropriate. • Support government agencies / emergency services at major incidents. • Provide swift water rescue. • Provide animal rescue. For the public benefit – to advance education about possible dangers in the hills and countryside by:• Providing guidance on how to recognise and avoid possible dangers, and minimise risks. • Giving talks and demonstrations.

Activities: TWSMRT operates 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. We provide a mountain, search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the high fells in the west to the coastal communities of the North Sea. The Team responds to requests by the Police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COUNTY DURHAM
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£83,707	£63,027	-	-
2024-07-31	£53,309	£64,896	-	-
2023-07-31	£46,103	£52,610	-	-
2022-07-31	£68,261	£58,589	-	-
2021-07-31	£51,765	£55,963	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
D W TOWARD		2018-11-23
Daniel Taylor		2024-11-08
Dr JOHN LITTLE		2018-11-23
Eric Gilhooley		2018-11-23
James CHILCOTT		2018-11-23
Jane Ascroft		2022-11-11
Mark Sauer		2023-11-10
Paul Aitken Fell		2024-11-08
Paul Renwick		2023-11-10
Richard Warne		2018-11-23
Sarah Broadbent		2024-11-04

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Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

31 July 2025

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2025

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name	Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team
Charity registration number	508877
Principal office	The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre Lanchester Road Durham County Durham DH1 5RA

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2025

The Trustees

Mr J S Owers	(Resigned 8 November 2024)
Mr D W Toward	
Dr J Little	
Mr P Bell	
Mr E Gilhooley	
Mr D Wigham	
Mr J Chilcott	
Mr R Warne	
Mr C Roberts	(Resigned 8 November 2024)
Mr D Taylor	(Appointed 8 November 2024)
Mr M Needham	(Appointed 8 November 2024)
Mrs J Ascroft	
Mr P Aitken Fell	(Appointed 8 November 2024)
Mr M Sauer	
Ms S Hall	(Resigned 30 June 2025)
Mr P Renwick	

Independent Examiner

Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
5 Coronation Terrace
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The trustees' annual report was approved on 5 November 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Dr J Little
Trustee

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
Independent Examiner

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	73,396	–	73,396	41,511
Charitable activities	5	2,128	–	2,128	2,503
Other trading activities	6	1,062	–	1,062	4,381
Investment income	7	7,121	–	7,121	4,914
Total income		<u>83,707</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>83,707</u>	<u>53,309</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	8	1,019	–	1,019	1,334
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	62,008	–	62,008	63,562
Total expenditure		<u>63,027</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>63,027</u>	<u>64,896</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>20,680</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>20,680</u>	<u>(11,587)</u>
Transfers between funds		331	(331)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>21,011</u>	<u>(331)</u>	<u>20,680</u>	<u>(11,587)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>281,060</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>281,391</u>	<u>292,978</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>302,071</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>302,071</u>	<u>281,391</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	24,888	31,202
Current Assets			
Debtors	15	17,109	13,785
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>260,430</u>	<u>238,835</u>
		277,539	252,620
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>356</u>	<u>2,431</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>277,183</u>	<u>250,189</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>302,071</u>	<u>281,391</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		–	331
Unrestricted funds		<u>302,071</u>	<u>281,060</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>302,071</u>	<u>281,391</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 5 November 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr J Chilcott
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2025

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2025

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2025

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations				
Donations	59,737	59,737	33,872	33,872
Collection boxes	1,135	1,135	1,510	1,510
Street collections	2,265	2,265	2,155	2,155
Gift aid income	2,985	2,985	2,221	2,221
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	144	144	253	253
Grants				
Durham County Council	5,630	5,630	–	–
	<u>73,396</u>	<u>73,396</u>	<u>41,511</u>	<u>41,511</u>

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Communications income	728	728	1,023	1,023
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Training income	400	400	480	480
	<u>2,128</u>	<u>2,128</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>2,503</u>

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6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising income	<u>1,062</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>4,381</u>	<u>4,381</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>7,121</u>	<u>7,121</u>	<u>4,914</u>	<u>4,914</u>

8. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising costs	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,334</u>	<u>1,334</u>

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Costs of charitable activities	<u>62,008</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>62,008</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities	<u>62,737</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>63,562</u>

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities	<u>62,008</u>	<u>62,008</u>	<u>63,562</u>

11. Net Income/(Expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>18,004</u>	<u>17,782</u>

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12. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2024	36,073	167,872	203,945
Additions	11,690	–	11,690
At 31 July 2025	<u>47,763</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>215,635</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2024	23,462	149,281	172,743
Charge for the year	3,645	14,359	18,004
At 31 July 2025	<u>27,107</u>	<u>163,640</u>	<u>190,747</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2025	<u>20,656</u>	<u>4,232</u>	<u>24,888</u>
At 31 July 2024	<u>12,611</u>	<u>18,591</u>	<u>31,202</u>

15. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	3,683	3,323
Gift aid recoverable	1,915	2,184
VAT debtor	4,131	6,461
Other debtors	7,380	1,817
	<u>17,109</u>	<u>13,785</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	356	2,431
	<u>356</u>	<u>2,431</u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2025

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	68,415	41,975	(14,863)	(21,700)	73,827
Fixed assets	31,202	–	(18,004)	11,690	24,888
Vehicle replacement fund	66,676	7,899	–	15,000	89,575
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	39,117	7,801	(30,160)	44,991	61,749
Audrey Jones legacy	5,813	–	–	(5,813)	–
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	(43,837)	–
In Memorium funds	–	26,032	–	–	26,032
	<u>281,060</u>	<u>83,707</u>	<u>(63,027)</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>302,071</u>

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	54,535	49,968	(8,830)	(27,258)	68,415
Fixed assets	45,661	–	(17,782)	3,323	31,202
Vehicle replacement fund	61,176	500	–	5,000	66,676
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	53,304	2,841	(35,963)	18,935	39,117
Audrey Jones legacy	7,309	–	(1,496)	–	5,813
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
In Memorium funds	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>291,822</u>	<u>53,309</u>	<u>(64,071)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>281,060</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Scotto Trust	277	–	–	(277)	–
Search Computers	54	–	–	(54)	–
	<u>331</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(331)</u>	<u>–</u>

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Scotto Trust	833	–	(556)	–	277
Search Computers	323	–	(269)	–	54
	<u>1,156</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(825)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>331</u>

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17. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	24,888	–	24,888
Current assets	277,539	–	277,539
Creditors less than 1 year	(356)	–	(356)
Net assets	<u>302,071</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>302,071</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	31,202	–	31,202
Current assets	252,289	331	252,620
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,431)	–	(2,431)
Net assets	<u>281,060</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>281,391</u>

19. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Management Information

Year Ended 31 July 2025

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	59,737	33,872
Collection boxes	1,135	1,510
Street collections	2,265	2,155
Gift aid income	2,985	2,221
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	144	253
Durham County Council	5,630	—
	<u>73,396</u>	<u>41,511</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	728	1,023
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000
Training income	400	480
	<u>2,128</u>	<u>2,503</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising income	<u>1,062</u>	<u>4,381</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>7,121</u>	<u>4,914</u>
Total income	<u>83,707</u>	<u>53,309</u>
Expenditure		
Costs of other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,334</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	3,134	2,756
Premises costs	1,654	683
Vehicle expenses	10,145	9,548
Bookkeeping fees	3,225	2,905
Communications	4,616	4,438
Depreciation	18,004	17,782
Equipment purchases	12,556	19,635
Training	5,153	4,422
Other costs	3,521	1,393
	<u>62,008</u>	<u>63,562</u>
Total expenditure	<u>63,027</u>	<u>64,896</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>20,680</u>	<u>(11,587)</u>

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 508877

Accounts

For Annual Report 2023-2024

Minutes of the
18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
Teesdale & Weardale
Search & Mountain Rescue Team

Held at Sniperley Fire Station, Durham
At 19.00hrs Friday 8th November 2024

1. Opening Remarks

Team President Graeme GILL welcomed all the members to the AGM and congratulated them on the voluntary work that they do.

2. Apologies

Tom Keenan, David Thompson, David Bartles-Smith, Alicia Stanley, Sutherland, Andy Bottrill, Gabriel Damaszk, Adam Hearn

Attendance

Steve Owers, Linda Owers, Clare Owers, Mike Needham, Jane Ascroft, Pete Bell, Andy Neill, Scott Bisset, Mark Sauer, James Chilcott, Des Toward, Dave Wigham, Sarah Hall, Eric Gilhooley, Paul Aitken-Fell, John Little, James Siddle, Dan Taylor, Ben Blackett-Ord, Graeme Gill, Alan Best, Chris Roberts, Sarah Broadbent, Karen Fisher, Ben Healy, Helen James, Rich Warne, David Clarke, Kay Wigham, Glenn Wigham.

3. Minutes of the 2024 AGM

The Minutes were accepted as a true and acceptable reflection of the 2024 AGM.

Agenda items 5.1-5.18: Team Officers had produced their reports (as contained herein) for the Team Members prior to this meeting.

4. Presentation of Service Certificates

10-year MREW certificates:

Tom DEAKIN
Mike NEEDHAM
Gabriel DAMASZK

The Team Leader Steve OWERS congratulated all on their achievement. Only Mike Needham was present this evening. A presentation would be arranged for Tom and Gabriel.

In recognition of outstanding service to the Team:

Alan BEST and Lesley Sutherland were both thanked for their very long and very valuable contribution to the Team now that both had decided to step down. Team Leader Steve Owers presented a Certificate of Service to Alan for his work and he accepted a certificate on behalf of Lesley who could not be here.

5. Presentation of Cheque

A cheque for £782 was presented to the team by Glenn Wigham who had raised the money by being sponsored for completing the Great North run this year.

6. Team Leader's Report

Steve OWERS

Team Leader's Report

Tonight's AGM brings to an end our 56th year as an operational Team, an achievement in itself. The year started out with us finding the body of a young man after a search, spread over 5 weeks, involving not only the Hill team but 3 extensive searches by our Canoe Team. While this was a sad outcome it brought some closure to the family which we have witnessed in the very positive reaction to us as a team from the family. We have had many training opportunities this year and it is really pleasing to see how both our crag and medical skills have really developed. For the first time I can recall we had a summer training weekend in the Lakes. The highlight of this was probably playing a major part in a rescue from England's highest mountain Scafell Pike alongside Wasdale MRT.

Callouts this year are up from 35 in 2023 to 40 this year. Unlike last year when we had a quiet Jan-Mar, this year's callouts have been spread throughout the year. Looking at the type of calls, the number of searches for missing vulnerable people on behalf of the Police is down this year although 5 of the callouts were to the one incident I mentioned previously. The number of requests for assistance from North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) e.g. injured mountain bikers in Hamsterley Forest is up considerably on last year.

31 Team members were presented with the Kings Coronation medal awarded to mountain rescue volunteers who have been operational for at least 5 years. These were presented on behalf of the King by Michael Poole the Vice Lord-Lieutenant at a garden party organised by John and his family. At the same event the family of Marc Tomlinson unveiled Marc's Mobile in remembrance of Marc who passed away in 2022

We continue to work closely with partner agencies Police, Fire, Ambulance, Coast Guard, Great North Air Ambulance and Local Resilience Forum (LRF) etc. Examples include assisting with training of Police search teams which is ongoing, working with Fire & Rescue on plans for underground incidents, hosting a regional day for NEAS Critical Incident Dispatch Team and again this year assisting with the training of prospective helimed medics for The Great North Air Ambulance. This shows the high regard we are held in by the statutory emergency services.

The running of the Team takes a great deal of organising and I would particularly like to thank all of our committee members who often work away unnoticed in background. I would also like to thank all of our Team members whether they be Hill Team, Canoe Team or Operational Support members. You have all contributed to the team and without the time and effort you put in we would not be able to provide the service we do.

A number of long serving Team members are either stepping down from committee roles within the Team or leaving us.

Allan Best, a former Team Leader and his partner Lesley Sutherland, former A list member and Members rep were on the Team when I joined. They were both instrumental in raising the money and designing our previous base at Bede Kirk. They have been looking after of collection boxes since I took over as Team Leader. We all should be grateful to them for all their work over more than 44 and 31 years respectively. Adam Hearn, who normally would have been with us at the AGM smartly dressed in suit and tie. Adam is currently enjoying a life on the ocean wave in the Med. Adam for as long as I can remember looked after all aspects of a radio comms, developing and introducing Teir 3 as well as being at various times a group leader and deputy team leader.

Chris Roberts, another former Team Leader is stepping down as Support Members Lead. Chris as well as being team leader also played a major part in developing our Youth section, at the time we were the only Team in the UK to involve young people. Andy Neill, our Secretary, is also standing down this year. If you have not been in the Team long or on the committee you may not know much about Andy. Previously a Hill Team member he has worked for many years in the background working on most of the projects the Team has been involved with. Andy has been a fantastic help to me over the years and I must personally thank him for that. The present Team and future Team also owe a dept of gratitude to Andy. I vividly recall a meeting in the plush offices of a top solicitors firm in Newcastle where Andy convinced 2 sets of solicitors and a top planning officer that they were wrong and he was right. Had it not been for Andy's dogged determination we would not have the lease agreement we have with Fire & Rescue for our bases.

As you all know, I am standing down after 8 years as Team Leader and 7 years as Deputy Team Leader before that.

When I took on the Team Leader role we had a day in this very room where we all discussed how we would like to progress as a Team. Some of these things we have achieved, one or two we haven't. However I did say that my main aim was to strengthen our foundations and I feel we have achieved this. We are living in a different world than we were 20-30 years ago where all organisations, including Mountain Rescue, have to be much more accountable. We now have SOP's and/or risk assessments in place for most of our activities, we have a minimum training requirement so that Team members are trained to a standard to make us as safe as they can be when out on callouts and we have much improved financial governance. I am sure the Team will progress over the next few years under John's leadership but please don't forget the best progress is built on solid foundations.

I decided last year that now was the time to hand over the responsibility for the Team to someone else, because the ultimate responsibility does rest with the Team Leader. This at times can be challenging and onerous and I hope Team members can recognise this and support John in the way you have supported me over many years. You can't however get rid of me that easily, I'll still be on the hill team, shouting to 'keep the stretcher level' and being a search manager pestering you over the radio for a METHANE message.

I would finally like to thank Linda my wife and Claire my daughter for all the support they have given me over the 29 years I have been in the team. Only a few weeks ago Linda was cutting up my dinner so I could answer the radio, make phone calls and fill in SARCALL while dealing with incident as duty controller. Without Linda and Claires support and understanding I could not have given the time and commitment I have to the Team.

It has been a great honour for me to say for the last 8 Years I was Team Leader of TWSMRT and that honour comes from you all making the Team what it is today.

Thank you.

7. Deputy Team Leader's Reports

7.1 Deputy Team Leader's / MRSDE Lead's Report **Des TOWARD**

DTL

It's been a strange year for me as DTL, I've dealt with personnel issues, day to day running of the team issue and helped the training lead when required. I have found it hard at times to adjust to the expected changes that the MRC and other agencies are trying to implement and struggle to see where we are going to find the time to do this. To this end I have decided to stand down as DTL, a quick thank you to those that have assisted me over the past two years.

MRSDE

We as a small group of the Team continue to train most weeks and try to meet for a full days training every month, we also have to attend National training weekends and this doe's take up a lot of our time .We currently have 3 operational dog's for callouts and 3 dog's in the training program .I am not able to give numbers of callouts attended but a point of note is that we are now being called to assist the Lake District dogs. A big thank you to all our "bodies" and instructor's. As always thank you to land clearance team, land owner's and Game keeper's.

7.2 Deputy Team Leader's / Canoe Group Lead's Report **John LITTLE**

Proposal for AGM: That we increase the number of Deputy Team Leaders from three to four prior to the 2024 election.

Reason: As we know, historically, the Team Leader role has been very demanding and time consuming. One aspect of this work load has been that the Team Leader has effectively, in addition to role of Team Leader, also covered the role of a DTL where it comes to overseeing routine Team business. In order to make the Team Leaders work load more manageable I believe we should increase the number of DTL roles from 3 to 4. We already know we have the volunteers willing to fill the role.

DTL

It has felt like another busy year for the Team particularly behind the scenes. Over the last few months I have attended a number of external meetings with our partner organisations. Earlier in the year I attended several workshops organised by MREW to help determine their "Shared Values".

The Team has had about 40 callouts over the last 12 months. Again the majority of these callouts have been to assist NEAS with remote incidents. Of the searches, most were resolved within a few hours with only one involving a prolonged search effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Steve for his work as Team leader over the last 8 years, as Deputy Team Leader before that and as Publicity Officer before that. The Team has moved a long way over this time and I'm confident the new Committee will feel they're building on solid foundations. Those foundations are also in no small part due to Andy Neill's 14 years hard work in the role of secretary. The role of secretary is not a glamorous one but Andy has worked diligently behind the scenes keeping the team on the right track. I would also like to thank Chris Roberts who is also standing down from the committee this year, however, I am very pleased to know Steve, Andy and Chris have all offered to support the new committee in any way they can. I would also like to thank everyone who's continued to support me in my role this year.

Canoe Team

It's been another quiet year operationally for the Canoe Team. We had a couple of follow up searches early in the year and a search through Durham City in the summer. After leading the Canoe Team for the best part of 20 years I believe it is in a strong place with some fantastic Team members. I will continue to support the new Canoe Team lead going forward and intend to remain an active member of the group.

8. Equipment Lead's Report

Eric GILHOOLEY

The past year has been quite busy in terms of the replacement of equipment which has reached the end of its working life. Where possible the replacements chosen have been an upgrade on the old equipment.

Crag Kit

Most of the team's ropes and harnesses reached the end of their working lives during the year and were replaced. The ropes were replaced with 100m ropes rather than the 50m ones that had been used. The longer ropes allow greater flexibility in use, especially when used for belay placement.

Casualty helmets an

d casualty harnesses were also replaced. The new helmets are more compact and allow casualties being carried on stretchers to lie in a more natural position. They also have integral visors for eye protection. The harnesses can be used with a wider range of casualty sizes than the old ones.

Additional grillons, pulleys and 'Oxan' carabiners have also been purchased, increasing the options for deployment of crag kit.

Water Kit

The team water kit had been in use for five years at the start of the year. This meant that the PFD's (Personal Floatation Devices) required a buoyancy test which they all passed by a factor of 2.

The helmets and throwlines reached the end of their working life after five years and were replaced. The helmets were replaced with a more versatile model which can be used for both bankside and crag activities. This means that they can be used in situations such as searches of very steep river banks. The helmets were expensive at twice the cost of the previous type but they do have a 10 year working life, so are in fact cost neutral. They are also adjustable in size which makes their deployment more straightforward.

I tried to find replacement rope for our throwlines but it was actually more cost effective to purchase complete throwlines with bags rather than just replacing the throwline and keeping the bag!

Bell Stretchers

The Bell Stretchers are nearing the time for their five yearly check, load test and refurbishment. I applied for testing slots before the suggested time to do so but was given dates well beyond those required. Nationally there is a bottleneck with this work. I have been informed that MREW and Lyon Equipment, the contractor, are working to resolve the problem. Actions include training more staff to carry out the work.

Vacuum Mattresses

There had been concerns about the level of rigidity and therefore spinal protection offered by the traditional model of vacuum mattress. MREW offered a 50% subsidise on the purchase of up to three replacement vacuum mattresses/ body splints to teams who were still using the older design. We took advantage of this offer and ordered replacements for all three of our vacuum mattresses.

Team Work

I have to say that my role as equipment lead has been manageable because of the support given by my fellow team members. I am grateful to all of those who are willing and eager to assist and carry out the regular equipment checks before the Wednesday training sessions. I would also be unable to carry out the role without the guidance and advice given by our technical advisors, Rich Warne and Paul Renwick.

The guidance, support and encouragement of Steve, our team leader, has been a major influence on myself and my development in the role of equipment lead. Without his oversight the organisation of team equipment would not be as effective as it is. I have found Steve to be an outstanding leader, with a natural ability to motivate those around him. It really has been an honour to have worked with him.

9. Training Lead's Report

Jane ASCROFT

During the last 12 months training has run smoothly with training sessions being well attended and of good quality.

The CORE Wednesday sessions ran as in 2023 with some attempt made to vary the content or delivery method to maintain interest in the subject. Thanks to Rich Warne, Steve Owers, James Chilcott and our medical trainers for delivering these sessions.

We moved away from the "Free" Wednesday sessions where nothing was planned as the lack of structure wasn't working as well as hoped. Instead we arranged less formal, non-core sessions on different topics including hypothermia, vehicles, small wounds and search techniques which encouraged Team members to attend the sessions and also gave less experienced Team members an opportunity to deliver some training.

We have had 11 Sunday exercises since the last AGM. 5 of these have been "Fell" exercises, 2 have been at Hamsterley Forest, 1 at Deepdale and we have had one medical weekend, one crag weekend and one weekend in the Lakes. Unfortunately the water weekend in April was cancelled due to high water levels and no instructors being available. Many thanks to everyone who has helped to organise a Sunday exercise.

The weekend in the Lakes in May was a huge success with 16 Team members attending in beautiful weather. The training included navigation, steep ground and leading groups in the mountains, and we also assisted Wasdale Team with a call out on Scafell Pike. I hope this kind of summer training weekend can form a regular part of our training programme in the years when we do not have a Winter training weekend in Scotland.

We introduced new “Core Skills for Steep Ground” training during 2024 which was another huge success with the majority of Team members being signed off as competent at the basic skills. This allows them to carry out single or twin line rescues on non-vertical terrain under supervision.

Six out of seven of the trainees who started in 2023 passed their assessment at the start of 2024 which is the largest intake we have had for some time. The Committee made the decision in 2023 not to recruit for entry in 2024 and this has meant that the 2023 intake have had an extra 12 months to consolidate their learning before they lose their status as new Team members. Recruitment is now in progress for entry in January 2025.

10. Support Members’ Lead’s Report **Chris ROBERTS**

Support members continue to provide important roles within the team. Currently roles fulfilled by support members include: Secretary , Fund raising officer, vehicle support, support to dog handlers, newsletter, Associate membership.

The recruitment of support members is driven by the needs of the team and identified by the Lead Officers.

This year it was agreed that Associate membership would no longer continue. Over the past few years recruitment has not been very successful and membership had only grown by a few new members. Collecting subscriptions from new and existing members had become time consuming. Financially the reward for effort has been very poor.

A new 'Friends' of the Team is being investigated. The idea is that with a one off donation a person can become a Friend. Their name will be added to a data base - they will receive the newsletter, and kept informed of any fund raising events. All of our existing Associate members have been informed of this change, and will continue to receive the newsletter.

As in previous years two editions of the Newsletter have been published; January (New Year) and September (Summer). Many thanks to all of those who have contributed articles to make this an interesting read.

11. Hon. Secretary’s Report **Andy NEILL**

Nothing of value to report.

12. Fundraising Lead’s Report **Sarah HALL**

So far this year we haven’t had the same success as we usually would with fundraising. Unfortunately, we did not receive any funds from the 3 peaks this year as it did not take place. I also tried to tie our Darlington Street Collection in with the Emergency Services

Day in Darlington this year which I thought would work to our advantage however, it did not. I've therefore decided to keep the street collection in Darlington as an independent fundraising event moving forward. We also held a street collection in Barnard Castle but unfortunately, we had a call out and so had to leave not long after lunchtime. We do have another street collection taking place in Durham City on 7th December, which is usually a successful day given it is the same day at the Christmas Market.

We also secured 5 places in the Great North Run and the supporters who ran the race for us raised a decent amount of money for the team. I have just applied for further places for the Great North Run in 2025 and am hopeful that we should secure at least 5 places.

As already mentioned in my Treasurer's report, support from team members at small events such as street collections is vital as the more presence we have, the more money we raise. Thank you to the team members for your support throughout the year.

13. Treasurer's Report

Sarah Hall

As you may or may not already be aware, I have recently taken on the role of Treasurer and have been shadowing Steve so far as possible to get to grips with the role.

The Team remains in a healthy financial position. Donations from the public, in one form or another, make up 85% of our income. We have a wide variety of funding streams including donations, events we run like the 3 Peaks (which unfortunately hasn't taken place this year however, we are hopeful it will take place next year), entries to the Great North Run, street collections, collection boxes, medical cover etc. This has the advantage for us that we do not have to rely on one major income stream such as a large event and a poor year from one income stream is often balance out by an increase in another. Support from team members at the smaller events such as street collections and anything team members can do to raise money for the team is still vital.

I am grateful to Steve for all of the support and guidance he has provided to me during the handover. There is no way I am able to do the Treasurers role without a great deal of help, in particular from our bookkeeper Alison. During my short period of time as Treasurer, I have already seen the great amount of work Alison puts in and so I'd like to thank her on behalf of the Team.

14. Group Leaders' Report

James CHILCOTT

I am sure the whole team share my appreciation to the professionalism and time Steve has been our team leader. We are fortunate Steve is not leaving the team and so will still be an active team member who continues to support all of us when we ask for his help or guidance. Big thank you to John for taking on the team leader role, I hope everyone remembers no one else was prepared to step forward for this position so let's give John as much support as we can to make his team life balance sustainable.

Unfortunately 3 Peaks did not happen in 2024, I still do not know reasons the Durham Students charity group DUCK dropped out of communication or potentially ceased to exist. I am confident we are going to make the 2025 3 Peaks event happen in partnership the Durham Uni hill walking society replacing DUCK previous role. We will aim for just 1 fundraising bus with 2 hill leaders and 2 drivers so if interested in taking part early June please contact me.

I have not had much time to be part of team training or activities this year due to new family commitments. However from what I have seen team numbers at each session seem good and credit to the 6 newest team members who continued their impressive training year and all become an active part of the main team this year. I look forward to helping at the new trainee introduction day that Jane has organised and hope we receive a 2025 intake as good as the 2023 intake.

I am keen to continue supporting team training outside of the local area. We had a really good Lake District training weekend in May this year which offered a good training location, team social aspect and chance to work with a different Mountain Rescue team on a challenging callout. Next year we are organising a visit back to Aviemore for winter skills training to hopefully continue this theme for training in a different location and team social building.

15. Search Management Lead's Report

Pete BELL

As of this year from a search management view there has been activity in the following areas; However with much still required to maintain progress for the future.

- The use of an adapted briefing tool to more efficiently brief search group leaders and in turn search group members to ensure all receive consistent information.
- The use of a METHANE incident site report to ensure efficient reporting to Search Control ensuring commonality with other Emergency Services.
- Sarcall is our incident logging tool, and incident logs in general have been much improved over the year.
- Ensuring where possible, we have a PoISA allocated, and we are co-located with the PoISA on searches.
- There have been discussions with the Durham Police drone supervisor, to ensure we have an understanding of the drone capability, and availability. Interfacing drone operations into our search management planning is still in its infancy, but will become increasingly important in the future, as evidenced from other teams using drones as a viable and valuable search asset.
- The search managers have a pre-plan for incidents in Hamsterley Forest and at High Force, both are useful aids, but need a review.
- We currently have four search managers and five duty controllers; this is not enough, and I would encourage team members to consider these key jobs.
- After much effort and discussion with CDDFRS over a considerable period of time, with regard to underground rescue in caves and disused metal mines in County Durham, they have finally concluded a CDDFRS document as to how they will manage underground rescue. Essentially, they recognise that CDDFRS do not have the expertise to perform search and rescue in caves and disused metal mines in our area, and in the event of an incident in these areas, CDDFRS will refer the

incident to TWSMRT, who will call in expertise from cave and mine rescue. There is still more work required with Police, particularly with primacy on such incidents.

- Building upon our excellent relationship with Durham Police PoISA's we are conducting five training sessions with 'new' PoISAs giving them an overview of the team and our search management and search capability.

16. Vehicle Lead's Report

Dave WIGHAM

Vehicles

By the time this report is read Alpha will have a new MOT and Service. The Walkway issue is still unresolved as the original fitters have proved impossible to contact. A new system has been designed with H&R services which utilises a factory built adventure roof rack that would perform the same job. A quote has been submitted to the Committee.

AdBlue issues:

AdBlue usage has been monitored closely as Alpha was using surprisingly little and the danger of AdBlue going stale and crystallising in the tank and the associated repair bills was a concern. This issue has resolved itself as AdBlue use has now substantially increased above previously levels. No warning lights or fault codes are showing up. Damage to vehicles and repairs has decreased this year, likely due to the increased training.

Mob2:

The Blue Light system on Mob2 was failing bit by bit and a like for like replacement was unavailable as the manufacturers no longer exist. Initial investigations into repair and replacement brought in quotes for £2700 and £3000 as starting prices and Mob2 being unavailable for several days. After several visits to specialist vehicle outfitters and the Durham Fire Brigade Rebuild Program, the work was completed by the same people that are rebuilding Durham FB Land Rovers at an all in cost of £1700

Mob1 may be moving to Durham base as the DPF systems don't like being parked in constantly damp garages. This was exactly the problem Durham FB had with their Ranger and why they swapped to a Land Rover parked at the Quad Base.

I had attended a Saturday demo at Cleveland Base for a demo and drive of the Ineos Grenadier. Whilst it is a superb vehicle people were concerned about the likelihood of Ineos ceasing trading and manufacturing problems they are experiencing.

Mass on vehicles: Any future 4x4 will have a lower carrying (mass kg) capacity than the Defender we currently use. The Team need to start thinking about what things can be removed from the equipment load to lower the mass carried by the vehicles.

Training

We only really started to question training at the beginning of 2024. We are now offering Team Drivers on road driving courses for 4x4 vehicles and during exercises are rotating Team drivers through vehicles to avoid skill fade. We'll look more at Driver Training after the AGM.

17. IT & Radio Lead's Report

Mark SAUER

This is my first annual report as the IT and Radio Lead for the Team. Learning within the Team never stops, and to say the learning curve has been large taking over this role would be an understatement. It has been one that as a whole I have enjoyed along with its challenges and opportunities. Here's my report covering the past year, along with planned initiatives for the future that I will be leading if I am re-elected.

Summary of 2023-2024 Achievements:

Knowledge Transfer and Skill Building:

- Initiated and completed handovers with key members to mitigate risks associated with specialist knowledge being concentrated within a few individuals, especially those that are leaving the team.
- Organised and participated in training face-to-face sessions with other MR teams, enhancing collaboration and collective expertise in maintaining our Tier 3 network.

IT Infrastructure Improvements:

- Conducted an audit and gradual upgrade of our office, base and support computers to Windows 11, ensuring readiness for Windows 10's end-of-life and securing our systems against potential cyber threats.
- Initiated Office 365 audits and streamlined team member support
- Audited IT and Radio infrastructure so we know what we have, and where it is located.

Stability Enhancements:

- Implemented measures to bolster the reliability of the radio and IT systems, including:
 - Site visits and troubleshooting at repeater sites affected by external factors such as power disruptions.
 - Developing proactive strategies to ensure our Tier 3 network remains resilient and operational with minimal downtime.
 - Coordinating with specialists and external experts to address and resolve complex radio network issues efficiently.

Technological Integration:

- Advocated for the potential adoption of Zello, a versatile push-to-talk app, as a supplemental communication tool. This has involved weighing associated costs and benefits to determine its value to our operational readiness. This has been delayed due to enhanced developments but should be completed by end-November helping to increase our Tier 3 radio coverage.

Key Challenges:

1. Complex Network Infrastructure: Maintaining a stable and responsive Tier 3 network proved challenging due to its complexity and dependency on a limited number of knowledgeable team members.

This has highlighted the need for broader team awareness and training. This will continue into 2025.

2. Support Overhead: Resolving issues often required significant time commitment, including site visits and coordination with external partners. Over the next year, work needs to be performed to reduce the reliance on site visits as much as possible, or to reduce the dependency on just one team member.

Looking Ahead: 2025 and Beyond:

If I am re-elected there are three main priority areas I would like to concentrate:

1. Strategic Planning:

- I plan to establish a dedicated working group to draft a long-term IT and radio strategy. This group will focus on assessing current systems, exploring new technologies like Starlink for internet connectivity, GPS radios for satellite communication, assessing what changes are needed to our current Tier 3 network and evaluating future needs.
- The goal is to create a clear roadmap that ensures any new technology is aligned with our mission and is cost-effective, sustainable, and easy to maintain.

2. Resilience and Knowledge Sharing:

- Continue to develop easy-to-follow standard operating procedures (SOPs) and training material to spread expertise and reduce dependency on key individuals.
- Implement a monitoring and alert system that ensures real-time awareness of system statuses, minimising reactive management of our Tier 3 network.

4. Enhancing Communication Capabilities:

- Complete the integration of Zello into our operations, enhancing our ability to communicate effectively when T3 radio coverage is limited or non-existent.

Summary

This year has laid the groundwork for more sustainable and strategic IT and radio operations. I would like to continue with this momentum and ensuring that our systems are robust, our knowledge is shared, and our team remains equipped with the IT and Radio tools required. I look forward to contributing further.

18. Acceptance of 2023/2024 Financial Statement

Steve OWERS

The Team Accounts (*running until end July 2024*) had been circulated to Team Members previously. They were formally agreed at this meeting

19. Proposals;

19.1 That the references to Associate Membership are removed from the Team Constitution following a decision to revise this scheme taken by the Committee in January 2024. *(From Secretary on behalf of Committee).*
Agreed

19.2 That the number of Deputy Team Leaders is increased from 3 to 4, and if accepted, the Team Constitution is amended in line with this proposal.
(From John Little, Deputy Team Leader. Agreed. This change was to come into immediate effect and allow for 4 deputy Team Leaders to be selected at this meeting

20. Election of President and Vice Presidents

The following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
President	Graeme GILL
Vice Presidents	Alan BEST, David CLARK, David THOMPSON, Pete BELL. Chris ROBERTS David BARTLES-SMITH

21. Election of Officers and Committee Members

A secret ballot for the 4 Deputy Team Leader posts was overseen by the President Graeme Gill, Secretary Andy Neill and Group Leader James Chilcott.

Before this the 5 applicants - Jane Ascroft, Paul Aitken-Fell, Scott Bisset, Mike Needham and Rich Warne each was allowed 3 minutes to present their individual case.

The Following were approved:

Role	Candidate
Team Leader	John LITTLE
Deputy Team Leaders	Jane ASCROFT Paul AITKEN-FELL Mike NEEDHAM Rich WARNE

Hon Secretary	Sarah BROADBENT
Hon. Treasurer	Sarah HALL
Training Lead	Jane ASCROFT
Group Leaders (<i>up to 4</i>)	James CHILCOTT
Press & Public Relations Lead	Daniel TAYLOR
Equipment Lead	Eric GILHOOLEY
Fundraising Lead	Sarah HALL
Transport Lead	Dave WIGHAM
Casualty Care Lead	Paul RENWICK
Radio & IT Systems Lead	Mark SAUER
Operational Support Team Lead	<i>Vacant</i>
Search Management Lead	Pete BELL
Crag Lead	Rich WARNE
Water Lead	Rich WARNE
Canoe Group Lead	<i>Vacant</i>
MRSD (England) Lead	Des TOWARD

22. Presentation for Steve OWERS as outgoing Team Leader

A speech was given by Deputy Team Leader Des Toward thanking Steve on behalf of the Team for all of his hard work and achievements as Team Leader and the huge amount of work that he had done beyond this role. These sentiments were echoed in the many individual tributes paid to Steve during the course of the AGM.

The Team President Graeme Gill then presented Steve and his wife Linda with a number of gifts purchased from donations from the Team Members in appreciation of the roles played by both of them.

23. Date & Time of 2025 AGM

TBA

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

31 July 2024

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Accounts

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2024

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Charity registration number 508877

Principal office The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre
Lanchester Road
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The trustees' annual report was approved on 8 November 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Dr J Little
Trustee



Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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8 November 2024

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	41,511	–	41,511	35,835
Charitable activities	5	2,503	–	2,503	6,794
Other trading activities	6	4,381	–	4,381	6,015
Investment income	7	4,914	–	4,914	459
Total income		<u>53,309</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>53,309</u>	<u>49,103</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	8	1,334	–	1,334	7,360
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>62,737</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>63,562</u>	<u>46,806</u>
Total expenditure		<u>64,071</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>64,896</u>	<u>54,166</u>
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	31,202	45,661
Current Assets			
Debtors	15	13,785	17,255
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>238,835</u>	<u>236,401</u>
		252,620	253,656
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>2,431</u>	<u>6,339</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>250,189</u>	<u>247,317</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>281,391</u>	<u>292,978</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		331	1,156
Unrestricted funds		<u>281,060</u>	<u>291,822</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>281,391</u>	<u>292,978</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 8 November 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Ms S Hall
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2024

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	33,872	–	33,872
Collection boxes	1,510	–	1,510
Street collections	2,155	–	2,155
Gift aid income	2,221	–	2,221
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	–	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	253	–	253
	<u>41,511</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>41,511</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	22,460	–	22,460
Collection boxes	2,855	–	2,855
Street collections	2,637	–	2,637
Gift aid income	3,094	–	3,094
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	–	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	289	–	289
Grants			
Weardale AAP	–	3,000	3,000
	<u>32,835</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>35,835</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2024

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Communications income	1,023	1,023	2,014	2,014
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	3,500	3,500
Training income	480	480	1,280	1,280
	<u>2,503</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>6,794</u>	<u>6,794</u>

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising income	4,381	4,381	6,015	6,015

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	4,914	4,914	459	459

8. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising costs	1,334	1,334	7,360	7,360

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 16)	62,737	825	63,562

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 16)	45,250	1,556	46,806

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2024

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 16)	<u>63,562</u>	<u>63,562</u>	<u>46,806</u>

11. Net Expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>17,782</u>	<u>15,201</u>

12. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2023	32,750	167,872	200,622
Additions	3,323	—	3,323
At 31 July 2024	<u>36,073</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>203,945</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2023	20,043	134,918	154,961
Charge for the year	3,419	14,363	17,782
At 31 July 2024	<u>23,462</u>	<u>149,281</u>	<u>172,743</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2024	<u>12,611</u>	<u>18,591</u>	<u>31,202</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>12,707</u>	<u>32,954</u>	<u>45,661</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2024

15. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	3,323	2,646
Gift aid recoverable	2,184	3,600
VAT debtor	6,461	8,507
Other debtors	1,817	2,502
	<u>13,785</u>	<u>17,255</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	<u>2,431</u>	<u>6,339</u>

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2024 £
General funds	54,535	49,968	(8,830)	(27,258)	68,415
Fixed assets	45,661	-	(17,782)	3,323	31,202
Vehicle replacement fund	61,176	500	-	5,000	66,676
Contingency fund	26,000	-	-	-	26,000
Specific team areas	53,304	2,841	(35,963)	18,935	39,117
Audrey Jones legacy	7,309	-	(1,496)	-	5,813
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	-	-	-	43,837
	<u>291,822</u>	<u>53,309</u>	<u>(64,071)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>281,060</u>

	At 1 August 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2023 £
General funds	76,799	40,744	(19,628)	(43,380)	54,535
Fixed assets	49,235	-	(15,201)	11,627	45,661
Vehicle replacement fund	41,176	-	-	20,000	61,176
Contingency fund	26,000	-	-	-	26,000
Specific team areas	37,627	5,359	(14,882)	25,200	53,304
Audrey Jones legacy	10,208	-	(2,899)	-	7,309
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	-	-	-	43,837
	<u>284,882</u>	<u>46,103</u>	<u>(52,610)</u>	<u>13,447</u>	<u>291,822</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2024

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Scotto Trust	833	–	(556)	–	277
Search Computers	323	–	(269)	–	54
	<u>1,156</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(825)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>331</u>

	At 1 August 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	(2,162)	–
Base Security	1,410	–	(941)	(469)	–
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	(3,667)	833
Search Computers	584	–	(261)	–	323
Weardale AAP	4,503	3,000	(354)	(7,149)	–
	<u>13,159</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(1,556)</u>	<u>(13,447)</u>	<u>1,156</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2024

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	31,202	–	31,202
Current assets	252,289	331	252,620
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,431)	–	(2,431)
Net assets	281,060	331	281,391

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	45,661	–	45,661
Current assets	252,500	1,156	253,656
Creditors less than 1 year	(6,339)	–	(6,339)
Net assets	291,822	1,156	292,978

19. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Management Information

Year Ended 31 July 2024

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	33,872	22,460
Collection boxes	1,510	2,855
Street collections	2,155	2,637
Gift aid income	2,221	3,094
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	253	289
Weardale AAP	—	3,000
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Communications income	1,023	2,014
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Fundraising income	<u>4,381</u>	<u>6,015</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>4,914</u>	<u>459</u>
Total income	<u>53,309</u>	<u>49,103</u>
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs	1,334	7,360
Insurance	2,756	2,440
Premises costs	683	1,100
Vehicle expenses	9,548	6,159
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	2,905	2,247
Communications	4,438	3,979
Depreciation	17,782	15,201
Equipment purchases	19,635	8,256
Training	4,422	6,408
Other costs	1,393	1,016
Total expenditure	<u>64,896</u>	<u>54,166</u>
Deficit for the year	<u>(11,587)</u>	<u>(5,063)</u>

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

31 July 2024

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Accounts

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2024

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Trustee



Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2024

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Tangible fixed assets	14	31,202	45,661
Current Assets			
Debtors	15	13,785	17,255
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>238,835</u>	<u>236,401</u>
		252,620	253,656
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>2,431</u>	<u>6,339</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>250,189</u>	<u>247,317</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>281,391</u>	<u>292,978</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		331	1,156
Unrestricted funds		<u>281,060</u>	<u>291,822</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>281,391</u>	<u>292,978</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 8 November 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Ms S Hall
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2024

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	33,872	–	33,872
Collection boxes	1,510	–	1,510
Street collections	2,155	–	2,155
Gift aid income	2,221	–	2,221
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	–	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	253	–	253
	<u>41,511</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>41,511</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	22,460	–	22,460
Collection boxes	2,855	–	2,855
Street collections	2,637	–	2,637
Gift aid income	3,094	–	3,094
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	–	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	289	–	289
Grants			
Weardale AAP	–	3,000	3,000
	<u>32,835</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>35,835</u>

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5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Communications income	1,023	1,023	2,014	2,014
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	3,500	3,500
Training income	480	480	1,280	1,280
	<u>2,503</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>6,794</u>	<u>6,794</u>

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising income	4,381	4,381	6,015	6,015

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	4,914	4,914	459	459

8. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising costs	1,334	1,334	7,360	7,360

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 16)	62,737	825	63,562

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 16)	45,250	1,556	46,806

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10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 16)	<u>63,562</u>	<u>63,562</u>	<u>46,806</u>

11. Net Expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>17,782</u>	<u>15,201</u>

12. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

14. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2023	32,750	167,872	200,622
Additions	3,323	–	3,323
At 31 July 2024	<u>36,073</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>203,945</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2023	20,043	134,918	154,961
Charge for the year	3,419	14,363	17,782
At 31 July 2024	<u>23,462</u>	<u>149,281</u>	<u>172,743</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2024	<u>12,611</u>	<u>18,591</u>	<u>31,202</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>12,707</u>	<u>32,954</u>	<u>45,661</u>

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15. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	3,323	2,646
Gift aid recoverable	2,184	3,600
VAT debtor	6,461	8,507
Other debtors	1,817	2,502
	<u>13,785</u>	<u>17,255</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	<u>2,431</u>	<u>6,339</u>

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2023	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2024 £
General funds	54,535	49,968	(8,830)	(27,258)	68,415
Fixed assets	45,661	-	(17,782)	3,323	31,202
Vehicle replacement fund	61,176	500	-	5,000	66,676
Contingency fund	26,000	-	-	-	26,000
Specific team areas	53,304	2,841	(35,963)	18,935	39,117
Audrey Jones legacy	7,309	-	(1,496)	-	5,813
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	-	-	-	43,837
	<u>291,822</u>	<u>53,309</u>	<u>(64,071)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>281,060</u>

	At 1 August 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2023 £
General funds	76,799	40,744	(19,628)	(43,380)	54,535
Fixed assets	49,235	-	(15,201)	11,627	45,661
Vehicle replacement fund	41,176	-	-	20,000	61,176
Contingency fund	26,000	-	-	-	26,000
Specific team areas	37,627	5,359	(14,882)	25,200	53,304
Audrey Jones legacy	10,208	-	(2,899)	-	7,309
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	-	-	-	43,837
	<u>284,882</u>	<u>46,103</u>	<u>(52,610)</u>	<u>13,447</u>	<u>291,822</u>

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17. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Scotto Trust	833	—	(556)	—	277
Search Computers	323	—	(269)	—	54
	<u>1,156</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(825)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>331</u>

	At 1 August 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	—	—	(2,162)	—
Base Security	1,410	—	(941)	(469)	—
Scotto Trust	4,500	—	—	(3,667)	833
Search Computers	584	—	(261)	—	323
Weardale AAP	4,503	3,000	(354)	(7,149)	—
	<u>13,159</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(1,556)</u>	<u>(13,447)</u>	<u>1,156</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

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Year Ended 31 July 2024

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	31,202	–	31,202
Current assets	252,289	331	252,620
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,431)	–	(2,431)
Net assets	281,060	331	281,391

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	45,661	–	45,661
Current assets	252,500	1,156	253,656
Creditors less than 1 year	(6,339)	–	(6,339)
Net assets	291,822	1,156	292,978

19. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Management Information

Year Ended 31 July 2024

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	33,872	22,460
Collection boxes	1,510	2,855
Street collections	2,155	2,637
Gift aid income	2,221	3,094
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	253	289
Weardale AAP	—	3,000
	<u>41,511</u>	<u>35,835</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	1,023	2,014
Income from medical cover	1,000	3,500
Training income	480	1,280
	<u>2,503</u>	<u>6,794</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising income	<u>4,381</u>	<u>6,015</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>4,914</u>	<u>459</u>
Total income	<u>53,309</u>	<u>49,103</u>
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs	1,334	7,360
Insurance	2,756	2,440
Premises costs	683	1,100
Vehicle expenses	9,548	6,159
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	2,905	2,247
Communications	4,438	3,979
Depreciation	17,782	15,201
Equipment purchases	19,635	8,256
Training	4,422	6,408
Other costs	1,393	1,016
Total expenditure	<u>64,896</u>	<u>54,166</u>
Deficit for the year	<u>(11,587)</u>	<u>(5,063)</u>

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 508877

Accounts

For Annual Report 2022-2023

Minutes of the
17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
Teesdale & Weardale
Search & Mountain Rescue Team

Held at Chris Scott Base, Durham
At 18.45hrs Friday 10th November 2023

1. Opening Remarks

Team President Graeme GILL welcomed all the members to the AGM and congratulated them on the voluntary work that they do.

2. Apologies

Tom Keenan, David Thompson, David Clarke, Pete Bell, David Bartles-Smith, Alicia Stanley, Alan Best, Leslie Sutherland, Andy Bottrill, Gabriel Damaszk, Paul Fell, Claire White, Scott Bisset, Helen James, Rich Warne

Attendance

Steve Owers, Mike Needham, Jane Ascroft, Don McCartney, Andy Neill, Mark Sauer, James Chilcott, Des Toward, Dave Wigham, Sarah Hall, Eric Gilhooley, Adam Hearn, John Little, Mark Sauer, James Siddle, Russ West, Dan Taylor, Ben Blackett-Ord, Hamish Carrick, Graeme Gill

3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The Minutes were accepted as a true and acceptable reflection of the 2022 AGM.

Agenda items 5.1-5.18: Team Officers had produced their reports (as contained herein) for the Team Members prior to this meeting.

4. Presentation of Service Certificates

30-year MREW certificates:

Paul FELL

25-year MREW certificates:

Adam HEARN
Rich WARNE

20-year MREW certificates:

Pete BELL
Russ WARNE

10-year MREW certificates:

Damian BUBB
Eric GILHOOLEY
Helen JAMES

The Team Leader Steve OWERS congratulated all on their achievement. Only two were present this evening and MREW were yet to deliver the certificates. A proper presentation would be arranged.

5. Team Leader's Report
Steve OWERS

Team Leader's Report

Callouts this year are down from a very high number in 2022 of 53 to 35 this year. This lower number appears to be because we had had a particularly quiet start to the year Jan-Mar. Our average over the last few years callouts has been between 35-45. Looking at the type of calls the number of searches for missing vulnerable people on behalf of the Police is down this year while the number of 'ambulance assist' e.g. injured mountain bikers in Hamsterley Forest is up. On 2 occasions this year we have had to call on helicopter assistance, both at Cauldron Snout, once utilising the Great North Air ambulance and the other occasion HM Coastguard Helicopter from Prestwick

During the summer we sadly lost a retired member of the Team, Ian Findlay at the age of 87. Ian was a true gentleman and a valued team member until he retired from the team at the age of 70. He had an encyclopaedic knowledge of the flora and fauna of upper Teesdale and could walk or carry a stretcher for miles all in his trade mark wellington boots. A true character

We had hoped to present the Kings Coronation medals awarded to mountain rescue volunteers who have been operational for at least 5 years by now. Unfortunately they have not yet been delivered to MREW who distribute them to the Teams despite a number of requests by MREW to the Home Office.

We continue to work closely with partner agencies Police, Fire, Ambulance, Coast Guard and Local Resilience Forum (LRF) etc. Examples include assisting with training of Lost Person Search Managers for the Police, working with Fire & Rescue on plans for underground incidents, working with NEAS on a regional response to severe weather and sitting on various groups within the Local Resilience Forum

The pressure on all Team members continues to grow and we are trying to make the commitment to the Team as easy as possible but maintaining the high standards we expect in relation to response and safety. This is the first year of modified minimum training requirement which clearly sets out what is required over a 2-year period to maintain competency. We have also introduced a number of 'free' training sessions which allows individual Team members to maintain their skills at a time better suited to them.

All of the above takes a great deal of organising and I would particularly like to thank all of our committee members who often work away unnoticed in background. Without them the Team could not function. I would like to say a special thanks to one of our committee members and his wife, Dave and Kay Wigham. To say it has been a baptism of fire for Dave's first year as Vehicle Lead is a bit of an understatement. Dave has put hundreds of hours into trying to keep all of our vehicles on the road ably assisted as his support driver Kay. Thank you both very much.

Last but certainly not least I would like to thank all team members and their families for the commitment they have shown over the last 12 months. Without this commitment we would not be able to provide the service we do to the people of County Durham and Darlington.

Finance Lead's Report

The Team remains in a health financial position despite donation from the public being down this year. Our accountant will explain the reason for this in a minute during Acceptance of Accounts.

Donations from the public, in one form or another, make up 85% of our income. We have a wide variety of funding streams including donations, events we run like the 3 Peaks, entries to the Great North Run, street collections, collecting boxes, medical cover etc. This has the advantage for us that we do not have to rely on one major income stream such as a large event and a poor year from one income stream is often balance out by an increase in another. Working with the Fundraising Lead we have been trying to promote events which do not require a large commitment from Team members. However support from team members at the smaller events such as street collections is still vital. Having a Treasurer who is also the Team Leader is not ideal. Looking forward I finally have a team member who will shadow me this year and may, and I do stress may, take on the role in the future.

There is no way I could do the Treasurers role without a great deal of help, in particular from our bookkeeper Alison and I want to thank her on behalf of the Team for all of the work she puts in.

6. Deputy Team Leader's Reports

6.1 Deputy Team Leader's / Crag Lead's / Water Lead's Report Rich WARNE

Deputy Team Leader's Report

The end of my first year as a DTL feels as though it has come in a heartbeat. In that time, the Team has experienced its share of highs, lows, and challenges. As usual, we have come through it all together thanks to the effort, skill, and dedication of each and every one of you.

The amount of work it takes to keep the Team running, often behind the scenes, is significant to say the least and I would like to thank everyone who has taken on or contributed to that work.

This meeting sees Alicia Wheeler standing down as Medical Lead. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her (and her band of helpers) for all her efforts in keeping our Team members trained and our patients safe.

Much of the past year has been spent trying to find ways to simplify and streamline processes to make ourselves operationally more efficient. Over the next year, I plan to further drive improvement and look forward to supporting our new Medical Lead in their role.

Water Lead's Report

This last year has seen further bedding in of our in-water training programme, which I am pleased to say was well attended. The skills and abilities of those taking part have been high, as has their enthusiasm for getting cold and wet.

In the coming year we will look to develop our training package as well as invest in equipment to support us in both training and operational deployments. Thanks to all those who have assisted me over the past year.

Crag Lead's Report

The past year has seen the implementation of our 'simplifying rope rescue' project which aimed to bring technical rope rescue firmly into the mainstream of Team activity. This has been achieved by merging rope skills into as many training activities as possible as well as investing heavily in newer, more efficient, and intuitive equipment.

It has been pleasing to see the Team put these skills into practice on a number of callouts to effect the safe, effective, and efficient rescue of people in need.

The coming year will see further developments in this area and changes to embed rope rescue skills at the core of our foundation training.

Thanks to all those attending and assisting with this as usual. Special thanks to Eric who's persistent and herculean efforts to keep our kit inspected and maintained underpin everything we do.

6.2 Deputy Team Leader's / MRSDE Lead's Report **Des TOWARD**

DTL

Although I seem to be on the phone most days dealing with Team related issues, I probably would be telling porkies if I said I was as busy as the TL and other DTL's.

Over the past year I have tried to make myself available to answer any questions and "put things" right if possible.

As a Team I think we are pretty damn good and can hold our heads up in the world of MR. Thank you.

From what I have noted over the past year 3 people have stood out as going well beyond and in my opinion deserve a special thank you - Eric for his constant attention to detail with the equipment, Dave W for his constant fight to keep our fleet on the road and finally Steve as Team leader for steering us all in the right direction.

MRSDE

We currently have 4 operational search dogs on the Team although I am very selective where and when I deploy Wisp due to her age and a historic injury that occasionally flares up.

We have 2 puppies that have just started the long and sometimes painful training journey.

We continue to train locally and nationally.

As always thanks to our local landowners, farmers, and gamekeepers for allowing us to work the dogs on their land .

6.3 Deputy Team Leader's / Canoe Group Lead's Report **John LITTLE**

DTL

It has felt like another busy year for the Team particularly behind the scenes. This year's vehicle troubles have been exceptional by any standards and we're all very grateful to Dave for the hours and miles he's put in getting problems fixed. As things stand there are still issues to resolve and I'll continue working with Dave over the coming months to seek resolutions.

Also behind the scenes, three Search Managers have completed a three-day MREW Advanced Search Management Course (let's hope we don't need it!). Radio and Comms have also given us a few challenges over the year, and I'd like to thank Adam, Andy, and Mark for their behind the scenes work keeping these essential systems operating.

The Team has had about 35 callouts over the last 12 months. The majority of these callouts have been to assist NEAS with remote incidents. Of the searches most were resolved very quickly with only about half a dozen involving a prolonged search effort. I would also like to thank everyone who's continued to support me in my role this year.

Canoe Team

It's been another quiet year operationally for the Canoe Team - December last year we had a long and successful search of the River Tees where the Canoe Team found the missing male 28km below Broken Scar. More recently we had a 20km search on the River Wear down to Durham but didn't find anything. We have recruited two new Canoe Team members and have equipped most of the Canoe Team members with buoyancy aids, helmets, dry suits etc. I would like to thank everyone who's supported our training and searches and Dave Wigham deserves a particular mention.

7. Equipment Lead's Report

Eric GILHOOLEY

Equipment purchases

This year the majority of purchases have been in three areas:

- Consumables such as blizzard bags and heater pads.
- Toughtags for crag kit labelling.
- Equipping team members e.g. T-shirts, helmets, torches, and insulated mats.
- Developing some spare capacity with crag kit e.g. carabiners and maillons.

We also had a major upgrade with the replacement of our Petzl I'D descenders with 'Maestro' descenders for use in crag rescue. Although more expensive than I'Ds the

'Maestro's' are more mechanically efficient. It was also quite a shock to find that one of these had to be replaced by Petzl after a defect was found.

Next year things will be a little busier, and expensive as some textile and plastic based equipment is coming to the end of its working life and will need replacing e.g. ropes and harnesses.

Equipment issues

The major equipment issue during the year has been concern over possible problems with the safety of our vacuum mats. There has been an issue with the rigidity of recently designed vacuum mats. Our vacuum mats are an older design and were checked and found to be safe. However, the leadership of MREW has decided to subsidise the purchase of new vacuum mats for all teams and we will be taking advantage of this to upgrade our mats and we will be purchasing three Ferno Rescue-lite body splint kits with a 50% discount.

The Bell stretchers are currently showing a little more wear than I would expect at this stage in their checking and servicing cycle. I would be grateful if team members handle them gently when loading and unloading them from vehicles.

Equipment checking programme.

The equipment checking programme is up to date and I am very grateful, as usual, for the support of those who come to the team training sessions and enthusiastically get involved in the checking programme. The programme could not be completed without your help. Thank you.

8. Training Lead's Report

Don McCARTNEY

This year saw the introduction of a new, bi-annual approach to training. It was envisaged that this would reduce our over-reliance on the core few within the team who constantly go above and beyond to deliver training as well as supporting the operation of the team. To this end, we have been semi-successful. Whilst we still rely on these experts in their respective fields to run the majority of our core sessions and weekend exercises, we have seen several others come forwards and run sessions on a Wednesday evening. The training sessions have been well attended and as a result a good proportion of the team have already met the minimum training requirements for this period. I should reiterate however, that these are minimum requirements, and all team members are still encouraged to continue attending training sessions.

We also saw the introduction of a new training requirement recording system. We are still experiencing some technical issues with this which should hopefully be ironed out in the not too distant future.

I am indebted, as are the team for the wealth of high-quality training opportunities we have put on over the last twelve months. From the Winter Skills Weekend in the Cairngorms, our joint capabilities discussion with Coast Guard (to a packed-out auditorium) to our rope play within the garage. Each session has allowed us as a team to hone our skills and allow us to present our best selves when we are called upon.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my eye-opening year as training lead. Thank you to everyone who has supported the organisation, running and attendance throughout the year. Unfortunately other draws on my time have grown over the year, so I will be passing over the baton. Thank you.

9. Support Members' Lead's Report

Chris ROBERTS

There are currently a number of Support Team Members within the Team, either providing essential support to an officer, or in their own right.

In no particular order these include:

- Managing the Team collecting tins.
- Fundraising officer
- Team Secretary
- Dogs bodies
- Vehicle officer support including administration and vehicle checks.
- Driver support
- Book keeper
- Newsletter and Associate Members
- Support with training provision

Thanks to all who have provided this work.

Two newsletters have been produced and circulated this year; a New Year, and a Summer edition. Thanks to all those team members who have submitted articles and photographs to make this possible.

10. Hon. Secretary's Report

Andy NEILL

Nothing of value to report.

11. Press & PR Lead's Report

Jane ASCROFT

Our presence on social media has continued to grow in the last 12 months with our Facebook audience increasing to 6,330 and our Instagram audience increasing to 1,180.

There have been 94 posts on Facebook over the last 12 months, up 18% on the previous year. Reach has been good with 12 posts having a reach of over 6,000. It always helps when MREW share our posts and there is scope to link in more with MREW, SARDA and our neighbouring Teams.

Six articles have been published in the Teesdale Mercury and one in the Northern Echo. As is evident from the numbers, it is much harder to get articles published in the Northern Echo.

The website has been updated with the older photos being replaced with more recent ones and the text tidied up where necessary. Thanks to John Little for his patience with my many amendments.

Finally, 100+ of the better quality Team photos have been transferred to a folder on SharePoint within the Press & Publicity Working Group area. This means that we have a central storage point for our photos rather than being reliant upon photos stored on individual members' computers or cloud storage.

Some of you may be aware that I am stepping down as Press and Publicity officer. Thank you for the support over the last 12 months, not least to Steve who has tried in vain to teach me how to write good press releases. Please support my replacement by continuing to provide high quality photos from any Team activity.

12. Fundraising Lead's Report

Sarah HALL

We have had a busy year fundraising.

We had 7 runners this year who took part in the Great North Run for us. Unfortunately, I couldn't partake in the Great North Run as I was unwell, but I have deferred my place to next year and I also did the Kielder Half Marathon instead... which was awful!

We also had 3 successful street collections so far this year. We held a collection in Durham in December of last year, raising £1,085, Barnard Castle in May of this year, raising £740 and Darlington in September raising £1,015. Thank you to all who attended. There will also be a further street collection in Durham City on Saturday 2nd December.

Some of our team members attended the Raby Castle Open Farm Day in June. Also, in June, one of our Team members and his neighbours opened their gardens, which they do each year to raise money for the team.

Towards the start of June, 4 of our team members guided a group of 9 Durham University students who were taking part in a National 3 Peaks challenge. The students were all raising funds to help support Teesdale & Weardale Mountain Rescue while getting chance to walk the highest mountains in Scotland, England, and Wales for the first time. Well done to everyone who took part.

13. Group Leaders' Report

James CHILCOTT

Winter training in the Cairngorms was great to have back in the calendar for 2023 and give us chance to train on some terrain and conditions not available in our region. The visit to another MR team and time with their team members for insight into their region callouts along with our own team building and social side made for good weekend. Hopefully the 2024 weekend trip to the Lake District will be a similar benefit to train in a different area and possibly chance to work with some MR team members from another team.

The 3 Peaks event was a success from a team fundraising and event challenge completion. The single bus seems to not be too taxing of our team member time and good will as only requires 4 team members to attend but generates a good value fundraising return. I think important we maintain this yearly event as if the team ever struggles financially, it would be possible to scale up number of buses with just a few more team members and so team fundraising would increase. At the current time while team is financially stable, I feel limiting event to one bus per year will help ensure team members remain available for more important training/callout involvement.

Commitment from current team members and new trainees to training sessions seems to have been good in 2023 and makes the sessions better for session planners when maximum number of people are there so great if we can continue that into 2024.

Finally I would like to thank the people that continue to put vast amounts of work in behind the scenes to keeping the team running. Equipment, vehicles, financial, team management, numerous training sessions organised for medical, crag, water, trainees all go into keeping the team operational while all unpaid voluntary. It is the responsibility of all of us in team to keep reminding those people their efforts are worth it.

14. Casualty Care Lead's Report

Alicia WHEELER

I have enjoyed my short but sweet year of being the medical lead and would like to thank all of those that have supported me throughout the year both in terms of helping out with training as well as behind the scene helping with medical equipment and medications.

I have tried to focus medical training on basic skills and have been really pleased with the effort and commitment put in by team members to continue to improve their skills. We had 6 team members pass their casualty care exam last year (a mixture of recertifying and first time candidates) and hope to have several more again in the upcoming exam.

I wish the incoming medical lead all the best and hope that everyone will continue to support them in this busy role.

15. Search Management Lead's Report

Pete BELL

Search management has continued in 2023 against a background of reduced searches for missing persons. This is not because of a decrease in missing persons in County Durham, but due to the success of social media influencing them being found.

However progress has been made in documenting 'pre-plans' for searches in Hamsterley forest, missing/injured at the Weardale ski centre and similarly at High Force with Raby personnel.

Discussions with CDDFRS regarding underground rescue in disused metal mines in County Durham, have resulted in FRS document detailing their position for these incidents. This document is currently with them, awaiting its final sign-off.

Three team members have attended the MREW advanced search managers course at the Emergency Planning College at Easingwold, all successfully completed the course and are certified for five years.

Work has been ongoing with improving communication flow in searches and this will continue.

There are many areas of development within search management, one of which is the challenge of integrating drones into searches. Drone technology is constantly evolving with respect to hardware such as the drone platforms, cameras etc. Drone software is a field of development external to MR, but also within MR, and very recently this has been used in to bring a search to closure, this being the first time this technology has been used 'live'.

16. Vehicle Lead's Report

Dave WIGHAM

The vehicles this year have had no major problems, though minor problems have sometimes proved difficult to get on top of.

Mob2

Mob2 is mechanically reliable but its electronics are now close to ten years old, and some systems are no longer supported by either Land Rover or Lucas the OEM supplier. The lack of support for the electronic side of the vehicle may cause the Team problems in the future. The breakdown of the immobiliser unit was just such an example. The Team was looking at a very expensive multi thousand-pound repair and the lack of a vehicle for months until a cottage industry repair shop was located that could carry out the repair to the immobiliser unit.

Mob1

Mob1 this year had only been off road with easily fixable operator error problems until a MAF and Turbo electronic problem. This has proved difficult to get on top for reasons again outside of the Team's control. These are National problems such as, long lead times to get access to external workshops, rarity of spare parts and rarity of special tools. This is compounded by the fact that Mob1 is actually quite a rare specification that went out of production shortly after the team bought it.

Alpha

Alpha / Control as a vehicle is a very reliable unit. Current concerns are the height of the vehicle mast which has led to a number of tree branch strikes, other than training of drivers to avoid routes with overhanging trees there's little that can be done on this front. A roof walkway needs to be ordered and fitted assist maintenance of the mast and to improve safety for those working on the roof. This has been designed and priced and only needs the OK from the committee to be bought fitted. The onboard generator is another concern due to lack of UK support. It will be serviced shortly and have its software controls reset. In the long term we will look at what options there are for a replacement if needed.

Future replacement of a 4X4 vehicle

Currently there is no UK option for a cost-effective vehicle to replace Mob2 Land Rover. New vehicles are entering the market. The Ineos Grenadier is being marketed as a Land Rover replacement; however it is still in its Series 1 phase, and we should avoid it until it becomes a more established brand, and more is known about the vehicle. Toyota are releasing the latest commercial Land Cruiser which shows some promise. Undoubtedly another team will buy and convert one of these vehicles at which point we would be wise to go and have a look at theirs.

17. Acceptance of 2022/2023 Financial Statement **Steve OWERS**

The Team Accounts (*running until end July 2023*) had been circulated to Team Members previously. They were formally agreed at this meeting

18. Election of President and Vice Presidents

The following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
President	Graeme GILL

Vice Presidents	Alan BEST, David CLARK, David THOMPSON, Pete BELL. Chris ROBERTS David BARTLES-SMITH
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19. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
Team Leader	Steve OWERS
Deputy Team Leader	Rich WARNE
Deputy Team Leader	John LITTLE
Deputy Team Leader	Des TOWARD
<i>Hon Secretary</i>	<i>To be co-opted</i>
Hon. Treasurer	Steve OWERS
Training Lead	Jane ASCROFT
Group Leaders (4)	James CHILCOTT Rich WARNE
<i>Press & Public Relations Lead</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
Equipment Lead	Eric GILHOOLEY
Fundraising Lead	Sarah HALL
Transport Lead	Dave WIGHAM
Casualty Care Lead	Paul RENWICK
Radio & IT Systems Lead	Mark SAUER
Operational Support Team Lead	Chris ROBERTS
Search Management Lead	Pete BELL
Crag Lead	Rich WARNE
Water Lead	Rich WARNE
Canoe Group Lead	John LITTLE
MRSD (England) Lead	Des TOWARD

20. Date & Time of 2024 AGM

TBA

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

31 July 2023

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2023

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report (*continued*)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Charity registration number 508877

Principal office The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre
Lanchester Road
Durham
County Durham
DH1 5RA

The Trustees

Mr J S Owers
Mr D W Toward
Dr J Little
Mr P Bell
Mr E Gilhooley
Mr D Lee (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mr M Tomlinson (Resigned 18 September 2022)
Mr J Chilcott
Mr A Neill (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mr A Bottrill (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mr D Miller (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mr R Warne
Mr M Colledge
Mr C Roberts
Mr M Needham (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mrs J Ascroft (Appointed 11 November 2022)
Ms A Stanley (Appointed 11 November 2022)
Mr D McCartney (Appointed 11 November 2022)

Independent Examiner Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
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The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
Independent Examiner

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	32,835	3,000	35,835	58,480
Charitable activities	5	6,794	–	6,794	2,203
Other trading activities	6	6,015	–	6,015	7,404
Investment income	7	459	–	459	84
Other income	8	–	–	–	90
Total income		<u>46,103</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>49,103</u>	<u>68,261</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	7,360	–	7,360	3,415
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	45,250	1,556	46,806	55,174
Total expenditure		<u>52,610</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>54,166</u>	<u>58,589</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(6,507)</u>	<u>1,444</u>	<u>(5,063)</u>	<u>9,672</u>
Transfers between funds		13,447	(13,447)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>6,940</u>	<u>(12,003)</u>	<u>(5,063)</u>	<u>9,672</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		284,882	13,159	298,041	288,369
Total funds carried forward		<u>291,822</u>	<u>1,156</u>	<u>292,978</u>	<u>298,041</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	45,661	49,235
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	17,255	8,437
Cash at bank and in hand		236,401	241,673
		<u>253,656</u>	<u>250,110</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>6,339</u>	<u>1,304</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>247,317</u>	<u>248,806</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>292,978</u>	<u>298,041</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		1,156	13,159
Unrestricted funds		<u>291,822</u>	<u>284,882</u>
Total charity funds	18	<u>292,978</u>	<u>298,041</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee

Dr J Little
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2023

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	22,460	–	22,460
Collection boxes	2,855	–	2,855
Street collections	2,637	–	2,637
Gift aid income	3,094	–	3,094
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	–	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	289	–	289

Grants

Weardale AAP	–	3,000	3,000
	<u>32,835</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>35,835</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	40,448	–	40,448
Collection boxes	1,069	–	1,069
Street collections	2,360	–	2,360
Gift aid income	4,104	–	4,104
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	–	1,668
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	–	413

Grants

Weardale AAP	–	8,418	8,418
	<u>50,062</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>58,480</u>

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Communications income	2,014	2,014	1,063	1,063
Income from medical cover	3,500	3,500	1,000	1,000
Training income	1,280	1,280	140	140
	<u>6,794</u>	<u>6,794</u>	<u>2,203</u>	<u>2,203</u>

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Associate member subscriptions	–	–	150	150
Fundraising income	6,015	6,015	7,254	7,254
	<u>6,015</u>	<u>6,015</u>	<u>7,404</u>	<u>7,404</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	459	459	84	84

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Sale of equipment	–	–	90	90

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising costs	7,360	7,360	3,415	3,415

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Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>45,250</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>46,806</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>51,259</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>55,174</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>46,806</u>	<u>46,806</u>	<u>55,174</u>

12. Net (Expenditure)/Income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>15,201</u>	<u>20,991</u>

13. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2022: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2022	21,123	167,872	188,995
Additions	11,627	–	11,627
At 31 July 2023	<u>32,750</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>200,622</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2022	19,205	120,555	139,760
Charge for the year	838	14,363	15,201
At 31 July 2023	<u>20,043</u>	<u>134,918</u>	<u>154,961</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2023	<u>12,707</u>	<u>32,954</u>	<u>45,661</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>1,918</u>	<u>47,317</u>	<u>49,235</u>

16. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	2,646	1,912
Gift aid recoverable	3,600	1,800
VAT debtor	8,507	4,574
Other debtors	2,502	151
	<u>17,255</u>	<u>8,437</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	<u>6,339</u>	<u>1,304</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2023 £
General funds	76,799	40,744	(19,628)	(43,380)	54,535
Fixed assets	49,235	–	(15,201)	11,627	45,661
Vehicle replacement fund	41,176	–	–	20,000	61,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	37,627	5,359	(14,882)	25,200	53,304
Audrey Jones legacy	10,208	–	(2,899)	–	7,309
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
	<u>284,882</u>	<u>46,103</u>	<u>(52,610)</u>	<u>13,447</u>	<u>291,822</u>

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2022 £
General funds	62,444	57,201	(17,346)	(25,500)	76,799
Fixed assets	70,226	–	(20,991)	–	49,235
Vehicle replacement fund	36,176	–	–	5,000	41,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	29,547	2,642	(15,062)	20,500	37,627
Audrey Jones legacy	11,483	–	(1,275)	–	10,208
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
	<u>279,713</u>	<u>59,843</u>	<u>(54,674)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>284,882</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2023 £
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	(2,162)	–
Base Security	1,410	–	(941)	(469)	–
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	(3,667)	833
Search Computers	584	–	(261)	–	323
Weardale AAP	4,503	3,000	(354)	(7,149)	–
	<u>13,159</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(1,556)</u>	<u>(13,447)</u>	<u>1,156</u>

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2022 £
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	584	–	–	–	584
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	(3,915)	–	4,503
	<u>8,656</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>(3,915)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,159</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

The Youth Section fund represents money that was specifically donated to run the youth section of the team. We no longer have a youth section but the fund will remain until a decision is made as to whether restarting the youth section is viable. This remains a restricted fund.

The grant from Weardale AAP is for base security and the installation of an additional radio repeater and wireless licence to enable us to expand the radio network.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	45,661	–	45,661
Current assets	252,500	1,156	253,656
Creditors less than 1 year	(6,339)	–	(6,339)
Net assets	<u>291,822</u>	<u>1,156</u>	<u>292,978</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	49,235	–	49,235
Current assets	236,951	13,159	250,110
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,304)	–	(1,304)
Net assets	<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>

20. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Management Information

Year Ended 31 July 2023

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	22,460	40,448
Collection boxes	2,855	1,069
Street collections	2,637	2,360
Gift aid income	3,094	4,104
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	1,668
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	289	413
Weardale AAP	3,000	8,418
	<u>35,835</u>	<u>58,480</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	2,014	1,063
Income from medical cover	3,500	1,000
Training income	1,280	140
	<u>6,794</u>	<u>2,203</u>
Other trading activities		
Associate member subscriptions	–	150
Fundraising income	6,015	7,254
	<u>6,015</u>	<u>7,404</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	459	84
Other income		
Sale of equipment	–	90
	<u>–</u>	<u>90</u>
Total income	<u>49,103</u>	<u>68,261</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs		
Fundraising costs	7,360	3,415
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	2,440	2,628
Premises costs	1,100	3,935
Vehicle expenses	6,159	8,127
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	2,247	1,182
Communications	3,979	2,699
Depreciation	15,201	20,991
Equipment purchases	8,256	8,447
Training	6,408	6,228
Other costs	1,016	937
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	46,806	55,174
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total expenditure	54,166	58,589
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net (expenditure)/income	(5,063)	9,672
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Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

31 July 2023

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Accounts

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report (*continued*)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Charity registration number 508877

Principal office The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre
Lanchester Road
Durham
County Durham
DH1 5RA

The Trustees

Mr J S Owers
Mr D W Toward
Dr J Little
Mr P Bell
Mr E Gilhooley
Mr D Lee (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mr M Tomlinson (Resigned 18 September 2022)
Mr J Chilcott
Mr A Neill (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mr A Bottrill (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mr D Miller (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mr R Warne
Mr M Colledge
Mr C Roberts
Mr M Needham (Resigned 11 November 2022)
Mrs J Ascroft (Appointed 11 November 2022)
Ms A Stanley (Appointed 11 November 2022)
Mr D McCartney (Appointed 11 November 2022)

Independent Examiner Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
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The trustees' annual report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
Independent Examiner

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	32,835	3,000	35,835	58,480
Charitable activities	5	6,794	–	6,794	2,203
Other trading activities	6	6,015	–	6,015	7,404
Investment income	7	459	–	459	84
Other income	8	–	–	–	90
Total income		<u>46,103</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>49,103</u>	<u>68,261</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	7,360	–	7,360	3,415
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	45,250	1,556	46,806	55,174
Total expenditure		<u>52,610</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>54,166</u>	<u>58,589</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(6,507)</u>	<u>1,444</u>	<u>(5,063)</u>	<u>9,672</u>
Transfers between funds		13,447	(13,447)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>6,940</u>	<u>(12,003)</u>	<u>(5,063)</u>	<u>9,672</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		284,882	13,159	298,041	288,369
Total funds carried forward		<u>291,822</u>	<u>1,156</u>	<u>292,978</u>	<u>298,041</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	45,661	49,235
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	17,255	8,437
Cash at bank and in hand		236,401	241,673
		<u>253,656</u>	<u>250,110</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>6,339</u>	<u>1,304</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>247,317</u>	<u>248,806</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>292,978</u>	<u>298,041</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		1,156	13,159
Unrestricted funds		<u>291,822</u>	<u>284,882</u>
Total charity funds	18	<u>292,978</u>	<u>298,041</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee

Dr J Little
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2023

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	22,460	–	22,460
Collection boxes	2,855	–	2,855
Street collections	2,637	–	2,637
Gift aid income	3,094	–	3,094
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	–	1,500
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	289	–	289

Grants

Weardale AAP	–	3,000	3,000
	<u>32,835</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>35,835</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	40,448	–	40,448
Collection boxes	1,069	–	1,069
Street collections	2,360	–	2,360
Gift aid income	4,104	–	4,104
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	–	1,668
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	–	413

Grants

Weardale AAP	–	8,418	8,418
	<u>50,062</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>58,480</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Communications income	2,014	2,014	1,063	1,063
Income from medical cover	3,500	3,500	1,000	1,000
Training income	1,280	1,280	140	140
	<u>6,794</u>	<u>6,794</u>	<u>2,203</u>	<u>2,203</u>

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Associate member subscriptions	–	–	150	150
Fundraising income	6,015	6,015	7,254	7,254
	<u>6,015</u>	<u>6,015</u>	<u>7,404</u>	<u>7,404</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	459	459	84	84

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Sale of equipment	–	–	90	90

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising costs	7,360	7,360	3,415	3,415

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>45,250</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>46,806</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>51,259</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>55,174</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>46,806</u>	<u>46,806</u>	<u>55,174</u>

12. Net (Expenditure)/Income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>15,201</u>	<u>20,991</u>

13. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2022: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2022	21,123	167,872	188,995
Additions	11,627	–	11,627
At 31 July 2023	<u>32,750</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>200,622</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2022	19,205	120,555	139,760
Charge for the year	838	14,363	15,201
At 31 July 2023	<u>20,043</u>	<u>134,918</u>	<u>154,961</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2023	<u>12,707</u>	<u>32,954</u>	<u>45,661</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>1,918</u>	<u>47,317</u>	<u>49,235</u>

16. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	2,646	1,912
Gift aid recoverable	3,600	1,800
VAT debtor	8,507	4,574
Other debtors	2,502	151
	<u>17,255</u>	<u>8,437</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	<u>6,339</u>	<u>1,304</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2023 £
General funds	76,799	40,744	(19,628)	(43,380)	54,535
Fixed assets	49,235	–	(15,201)	11,627	45,661
Vehicle replacement fund	41,176	–	–	20,000	61,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	37,627	5,359	(14,882)	25,200	53,304
Audrey Jones legacy	10,208	–	(2,899)	–	7,309
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
	<u>284,882</u>	<u>46,103</u>	<u>(52,610)</u>	<u>13,447</u>	<u>291,822</u>

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2022 £
General funds	62,444	57,201	(17,346)	(25,500)	76,799
Fixed assets	70,226	–	(20,991)	–	49,235
Vehicle replacement fund	36,176	–	–	5,000	41,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	29,547	2,642	(15,062)	20,500	37,627
Audrey Jones legacy	11,483	–	(1,275)	–	10,208
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
	<u>279,713</u>	<u>59,843</u>	<u>(54,674)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>284,882</u>

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18. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2023 £
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	(2,162)	–
Base Security	1,410	–	(941)	(469)	–
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	(3,667)	833
Search Computers	584	–	(261)	–	323
Weardale AAP	4,503	3,000	(354)	(7,149)	–
	<u>13,159</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(1,556)</u>	<u>(13,447)</u>	<u>1,156</u>

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2022 £
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	584	–	–	–	584
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	(3,915)	–	4,503
	<u>8,656</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>(3,915)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,159</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

The Youth Section fund represents money that was specifically donated to run the youth section of the team. We no longer have a youth section but the fund will remain until a decision is made as to whether restarting the youth section is viable. This remains a restricted fund.

The grant from Weardale AAP is for base security and the installation of an additional radio repeater and wireless licence to enable us to expand the radio network.

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19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	45,661	–	45,661
Current assets	252,500	1,156	253,656
Creditors less than 1 year	(6,339)	–	(6,339)
Net assets	<u>291,822</u>	<u>1,156</u>	<u>292,978</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	49,235	–	49,235
Current assets	236,951	13,159	250,110
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,304)	–	(1,304)
Net assets	<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>

20. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

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Management Information

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The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	22,460	40,448
Collection boxes	2,855	1,069
Street collections	2,637	2,360
Gift aid income	3,094	4,104
Vehicle fuel donation	1,500	1,668
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	289	413
Weardale AAP	3,000	8,418
	<u>35,835</u>	<u>58,480</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	2,014	1,063
Income from medical cover	3,500	1,000
Training income	1,280	140
	<u>6,794</u>	<u>2,203</u>
Other trading activities		
Associate member subscriptions	–	150
Fundraising income	6,015	7,254
	<u>6,015</u>	<u>7,404</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	459	84
Other income		
Sale of equipment	–	90
	<u>–</u>	<u>90</u>
Total income	<u>49,103</u>	<u>68,261</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs		
Fundraising costs	7,360	3,415
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	2,440	2,628
Premises costs	1,100	3,935
Vehicle expenses	6,159	8,127
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	2,247	1,182
Communications	3,979	2,699
Depreciation	15,201	20,991
Equipment purchases	8,256	8,447
Training	6,408	6,228
Other costs	1,016	937
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>46,806</u>	<u>55,174</u>
Total expenditure	<u>54,166</u>	<u>58,589</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(5,063)</u>	<u>9,672</u>

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 508877

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Minutes of the
16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING^(11th SEP) of the
Teesdale & Weardale
Search & Mountain Rescue Team
Held at Chris Scott Base, Durham
At 19.00hrs Friday 11th November 2022

1. Opening Remarks

Steve OWERS

The Team Leader thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Apologies

Tom Keenan, David Thompson, David Clarke, Chris Roberts, Ian Findlay, Pete Bell, David Bartles-Smith, Izzy De Santis, Des Lee, John Little, Karen Fisher

Attendance

Steve Owers, Mike Needham, Jane Ascroft, Don McCartney, Andy Neill, Mark Sauer, James Chilcott, Alicia Stanley, Damian Bubb, James Wheeler, Alan Best, Leslie Sutherland, Andy Bottrill, Des Toward, Rich Warne, Katrin Watkin-Rees, Dave Wigham, Miles Wilson, Sarah Hall

3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM

The Minutes were accepted as a true and acceptable reflection of the 2021 AGM.

Agenda items 5.1-5.18: Team Officers had produced their reports (as contained herein) for the Team Members prior to this meeting.

4. Presentation of Service Certificates

10 year MREW certificates:

John BRABBAN joined 28/4/12
Willian COOMBS joined 24/4/12

The Team Leader Steve OWERS congratulated both on this achievement. Neither were present this evening. A proper presentation would be arranged.

5. Team Leader's Report

Steve OWERS

This year has been our busiest for some time with 53 call outs. A number of these occurred as a result of Storm Arwen. I was extremely proud of the team for the way they carried out a number of snow related rescues on the Friday night and Saturday then spending three days later in the week carrying out welfare checks in the more remote parts of Weardale and Teesdale to support the local community.

Just last month we sadly lost a much light and add made team member, Marc Tomlinson. Marc sadly died on a wild camping trip in Scotland leaving a wife two young sons and an older son. We were able to say our goodbyes to Marc at his funeral attended by over 40 past and present team members.

We also recently lost another team member, Sam, the search dog belonging to Karen Fisher. Some may the number of fines for us as well as attending many call outs.

We are continuing to develop and test emergency plans with High Force (Raby Estates), Hamsterley Forest and Swinhope ski centre.

With increasing pressure on all our statutory services we are working closely with our police, fire and ambulance services so they can make best use of our resources

Team members are not immune from the increasing pressures of life we are all encountering at the moment. This increased pressure is one of the factors why we are at times finding it difficult to run the team in the way we have in the past. The committee are very aware of this and going forward into 2023 we have plans in place to address some of the issues around training and call outs. I am optimistic that with a small increasing effort from all of us that these difficulties will be resolved.

Last but certainly not least I would like to thank all team members and their families for the commitment they have shown over the last 12 months. Without this commitment we would not be able to provide the service we do to the people of County Durham and Darlington.

6. Deputy Team Leader's Reports

6.1 Deputy Team Leader's / Search Management Group Lead's Report

Pete BELL

Another year over, it's amazing how fast a year passes!

The year has as usual brought a series of challenges, the main one being recovery from covid, and its effect on the team and team members, mainly in attendance at training and callouts.

Steve will need everybody's help and support to ensure we are robust in ensuring standards are maintained, by training, and our prime function of callout attendance is ramped up.

Medical matters have been progressed thanks to Dan and his cohort of doctors and other HCPs. We have five validated ESCC till Easter 2024 and several team members are taking their three year validation exams in December this year.

Dr Dan is standing down after his stint as Medical lead and rightly deserves the praise for his pragmatic leadership of the team medical aspects.

Eric continues his sterling work in equipment matters, and over the year has done his usual detailed job in all things equipment.

Work has progressed with CDDFRS on water incidents, concluding in a MOU where we are called at the same time as CDDFRS, to facilitate bankside searches in the event of a person(s) missing as a result of the incident.

Discussions are progressing with CDDFRS in respect to underground incidents driven by an incident in a County Durham disused metal mine. A joint exercise was held with two underground teams, ourselves as overhead incident management and CDDFRS observing. This and other discussions with CDDFRS have resulted in a recognition by them that their expertise in the mine and cave rescue is extremely limited and can't be expanded by training, and that rescues in these environments should be done by those versed in these environments, which for us is COMRU and Swale underground. This work continues and we are hopeful of that this will result in a MOU where the rescue will be done by the underground teams, with ourselves managing the overground.

Search management still needs some work in some areas, mainly in the areas of new technology, such as integrating Police drones as a search tool, and a look at IR/Image intensifiers for night searches.

Three new Duty Controllers, have been trained to add to the DC pool, more are always welcome, and it is a potential route into search management, for those who wish to progress down this route.

Finally - I am standing down as deputy team leader, now is the time to hand over to younger team members, (*which is now most of the team*), who will bring new ideas and insight to the role, and hopefully will provide a progression path to Team Leader, at the appropriate time.

I wish Rich, Des and John all the best in coming year(s) with providing support to Steve and the team to overcome the challenges that will surely occur.

I would like to end with a thanks to everybody who has helped me over the years, there are too many to name, but you know who you are, so thanks again.

6.2 Deputy Team Leader's / Transport Lead's Report

Des LEE

Reflection

It's been a sad time for the team this year we lost Marc Tomlinson our teammate & friend, I like to think of him walking on the fells on a sunny day, there's a slight wind and he is looking for a camp site while eating sweets. Pepper Pot you will always be with us.

Training

It's been a difficult year again for our Training Lead Andy Bottrill he's struggled to get people to help run sessions, but he still managed to organise some quality sessions, due to other commitments Andy is standing down from this role, I would like to thank him for all his hard work he has done.

Note - Whoever takes on Training Leads role we need to support them, offer to run sessions, get involved, suggest other ways of training.

Reminder - if we don't practice what we learn we will lose that skill/knowledge, there is now a lot of training information on SharePoint so please have a look, and there's nothing stopping you dropping into base at any time to practicing.

Transport

No Vehicle accidents this year, another clean sheet. Massive thanks to all drivers. Drivers yearly licence check has been carried out in accordance with our insurance provider requirements.

All vehicles have been Mot, serviced, taxed and insured.

Driver training is going to plan

Big thanks to all drivers and helpers for washing / cleaning vehicles off after a Callout or training

Standing Down

I am standing down from all my roles. I've had a fantastic time, learnt loads, met some cracking people, now friends, who all have the same passion & desire to help people, with added bonus working with kindred spirit who all like the outdoors. Thanks for a great time

Parting thought - I think we are the best team in the North East we have cracking guidance from Steve and have the passion & drive to help others, what more could you ask.

Just a point to think about and to keep us on the right track, we only operate efficiently as a team if we "All work together" and don't leave all the work to a few and take responsibility for what happens within the team & during training and callouts.

Example - All team members have a say on which trainees can join the team, yet we get very little feedback during their training period, when I joined the team I was encouraged to speak up if I thought something was wrong or I had concern over trainee or another teammates ability.

Keeping quiet does not resolve the problem "We are only as good as the weakest link" if you do have a concern then please contact a Group Leader, DTLs, TL or teammate. "It's your team"

Wishing you all the best, & keep safe

6.3 Deputy Team Leader's / Canoe Group Lead's Report

John LITTLE

Deputy Team Leader

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the AGM this year due to a long standing personal commitment.

Who would have thought 12 months ago that Covid would be the least of the world's troubles. Closer to home, the loss of Marc is indeed a great loss for the Team, and of course and I'm sure has made us all pause and reflect on our priorities. It's been another busy year for the team on many fronts with around 50 callouts alongside all the regular and additional training. For example we are currently in a run of nine weekends with team training activities on seven of them - fortunately this isn't typical!

This year we also have a lot of change on the committee and I would like to thank both these standing down for their time and commitment and offer my support to those who have agreed to take on new roles - if there's something I might be able to help with please do ask.

I would also like to thank everyone who's supported me in my role this year - let's hope next year is a bit gentler on everyone.

Canoe Team Leader

It's not been a busy year operationally for the Canoe Team - there's been a couple of standby's and near deployments and one search of the river Tees where the Canoe Team searched nearly 20km of river below Winston. We're still in the process of personally equipping the Canoe Team members with buoyancy aids, helmets, drysuits etc. We have also identified a need to expand the Canoe Team to ensure resilience and would welcome any links to suitably paddlers who meet the membership requirements.

7. Equipment Lead's Report

Eric GILHOOLEY

One of the highlights of the year, equipment-wise was attendance by myself and Don McCartney at a two day PPE Inspector Course ("Protective Personal Equipment for Mountain Rescue") delivered by a member of staff from Lyon Work and Rescue Training. The course gave a comprehensive and detailed insight into how crag and water equipment should be inspected as well as what records should be kept. The course confirmed that our procedures comply with current best practice. With Don's help the inspection process can be carried out in a shorter time frame.

I have changed the system of marking crag kit that is 'in-date', replacing colour coded cable ties with colour coded 'Tough Tags'. The tags are more prominent and are printed with the team's details to help stop equipment going astray.

Over the past few years the bankside kit in bags one to four has been inspected in the same way as crag kit. An additional bag (3 x P.F.D.'s, 3 x water helmets and 3 x throwlines) has been assembled and will be kept in the quad base garage. Bankside kit not currently in use will be inspected and held in reserve, although some items need their dates of manufacture to be determined and a number of helmets have exceeded their manufacturer's working lifespan.

Major expenditure during the year has included an 'Obelisk' and replacement helmets for 19 team members. We have also replaced the group shelters as there had been a few observations that the ones in service were leaking.

Other purchases during the year included:

- Fenix torches, Kongur jackets and salopettes/overtrousers for new hill team members.
- Blizzard bags and heater pads for use with hypothermic casualties.
- Replacement headguard attachment bracket for Ferno stretcher.
- Two 50m ropes.
- Scene lighting charger.
- Split stretcher casualty straps.

The problems encountered last year with equipment orders have still not been entirely resolved and there have been some delays and shortages this year.

Having regular training away from the Durham base, along with mobile 1 being based in Barnard Castle makes the logistics of equipment checking more difficult. I am grateful to those team members who have been very helpful in carrying out equipment checks

during the year and bringing mobile 1 to training sessions so that kit can be switched over.

I would also like to thank Des (Lee) for his help and advice over the past few years. The enthusiasm that Des has shown for all aspects of the team's work, along with his knowledge and resourcefulness has been very helpful to me personally. His input to the team will be sadly missed.

8. Radio & IT Systems Lead's Report

Mark COLLEDGE

Firstly I would like to start by thanking everyone who has assisted with the IT and Comms this year, especially Adam and Andy. If anyone feels they are able to help and support the team from an IT and comms view, please do get in touch.

The radio network, which is shared across many northern teams continues to grow. We are planning on putting another repeater in our area thanks to the funding we received. The radio network is becoming increasingly stable and very little issues being reported. In the near future, the radio network computer will need to be replaced, this is a joint project with the other teams involved.

ESN is delayed again, and it is unlikely we will see any new sim cards or hardware associated in the new future. We are still on Durham Police's list to receive this once the network becomes live.

The team's IT hardware is operating as it should and no reported issues. We continue to ensure there are up to date and ready for use. Our Microsoft package is working correctly, there has been a couple of issues recently, but this is user related and not system.

There are no future IT hardware/software project planned for the next year as of now. We are still looking at rebuilding the website in the near future.

As mentioned above, if you are an IT or radio guru and can offer support to myself and the team, please get in touch.

9. Support Members' Lead's Report

Chris ROBERTS

There are now a number of Support Team members within the Team who are providing essential duties. These include: The secretary, the fund raising officer, the bookkeeper, our collecting tin managers, vehicle support, equipment support, dogs bodying, Associate Membership support, and newsletter.

My hope is that now we are coming out of Covid restrictions there will be more opportunities for support membership to the Team, and that I will be able to pursue it more actively.

The Newsletter is now published twice a year, a summer edition, and a New Year's edition. This seems to prove to be a good balance.

Newsletters are sent via email to all of our Associate members, and all other Team members. We have a small number of Associate, and Team members who require a print version sending to them.

We continue to recruit Associate members, the hope being that next year with restrictions being lifted we will be able to hold a meeting in one of our bases so as to give these members a thank you for their continued support.

10. Hon. Secretary's Report

Andy NEILL

Nothing of value to report.

11. Press & PR Lead's Report

Mike NEEDHAM

For the last year our level of engagement has been challenged on a number of fronts. It is becoming more challenging to get any meaningful press coverage for a number of reasons, in my experience as press officer over the last year people appear to be shifting more so to the use of social media and web-based sources of information. This is more apparent with the number of interactions that the team has over its social media platforms; Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

At the outset of my post last year I reached out to the local press offices and managed to secure a main point of contact who has shared team media posts but not picked up on the articles or invites sent across, this includes an invite to our HM QE2 Platinum Jubilee presentation.

For the above reasons I have attempted to build on the base of our social media accounts growing our followings with meaningful posts over the last year and preceding 6 years of involvement. Our followings are now:

Facebook; grown from 1500 to 5776

Instagram; grown over the last 2 years to 1055

Twitter; 483 followers

My recommendation would be to continue to grow the Instagram and Facebook followings as our reach within twitter is much less predictable and less targeted. It will be apparent to all that in this digital age this is where we, as a team, get the majority of our publicity. This has resulted in the sharing of mispers, fundraisers, donations and many other activities or messages, including messages of thanks from casualties or family members.

This role relies heavily on input from all of you here tonight, whether that be sharing of training experiences, callouts or other team related activities. Just sending a photo without any content makes things more challenging.

As most of you will recognise for a number of reasons, I have taken the decision to step down as Press/PR/Media officer having been in post for the last year. This year due to work needs has made it very difficult to provide the level commitment needed to really fulfil this role for the team.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that have taken the time to send content for me to use over the last 6years, it really does make a difference to what can be shared.

It is with above in mind that ask you to provide support and input to the incoming Press Officer. As a team we cannot function with 20% of the membership doing 80% of the work.

12. Fundraising Lead's Report

Sarah HALL

Over the past 12 months we have continued as a small team to help support fundraising activities for the team.

The charity text number is now up and running, in response to fewer people carrying cash than they used to. The card machine has also proved valuable during street collections this year.

We now have fundraising packs to share with individuals who are wanting to fundraise for the team to give them advice, resources and support.

In April, we won the Lakes & Dales Cooperative Community Connect funding and were awarded £5,000 to be used towards the purchase of kit and equipment.

We have also held our first street collections post COVID. We attended Darlington in November last year and Durham in December of last year. We have had two street collections this year, one in Barnard Castle in the Spring (raising £1,000) and another in Darlington in September (raising £650). We have another street collection due to take place in Durham in December.

We also secured 7 places for the Great North Run this year and are hopeful to secure more places next year.

13. Group Leaders' Report

James CHILCOTT

The untimely passing of Marc Tomlinson was a shock and big loss to the team. I hope one of the ways we can honour his time in the team is to all be a bit like Marc; positive and nice to other team members, enjoy ourselves when on training or callouts and try not to take ourselves too seriously as we are all just volunteers at the end of the day.

This year we are losing a lot of key people from all areas of the committee but on the positive side it sounds as though most will still be an active part of the team. Specifically, from the group leaders' side I would like to say a big thanks to Andy, Dan and Des who have organised and provided a lot of training to team members and trainees for several years now which we have all benefitted from.

Thank you to the team members that volunteered to be part of the 3 Peaks and Wainwrights event in 2022. The events had a significant impact on the team fundraising side with over £12,000 raised and a good social during the weekends. The 2023 3 Peaks event is slow of the mark on planning side as waiting to find out the names of relevant people on the DUCK side for next year.

The 2023 winter training weekend at end of February is booked from accommodation side and has 13 team members who have said they are likely to go. We need the numbers to be higher though to fill the bed spaces we reserved so if planning to attend please ensure you have signed up on the message board.

It appears the big emphasis and push to all team members in 2023 will be attending training and callouts. Each training session or callout that is well attended encourages us all to feel part of an important team, so please for 2023 do your best to make training and callouts that you are available for.

14. Water Lead's Report

Rich WARNE

A significant amount of work has been undertaken this year in order to clarify what approach the Team will take with regards to operating in or around water and what services it will provide.

Following a number of committee meetings, it was decided that the Team will continue to offer only water-margin searching and will not undertake any in-water activity with the exception of the canoe team. This approach will follow the DEFRA flood rescue concept of operations, annex H as guidance.

This position will be reviewed over coming years, subject to Team Member's commitment to training and CPD, and operational demand.

Over the weekend of the 15th and 16th October 2022, the Team provided the first in-water training since before the onset of the COVID pandemic. This was well subscribed, with twenty-eight Team Members attending over two days. Comments received following the event appeared overwhelmingly positive, with a number of requests to provide further in-water training opportunities. The net result of this training should hopefully be to better equip Team Members to safeguard themselves and others whilst undertaking search and rescue activity in the water-margin area.

Water related equipment remains generally in good order, with only three drysuits damaged throughout the course of the water training weekend. Such damage is to be expected and is commensurate with the age of the equipment. Water helmets, PFD's and throwlines are being regularly inspected by the Equipment Lead and have been repaired or replaced as required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Team Members for their efforts in recent training and look forward to continuing and progressing this area over the coming year.

15. MRSDE Lead's Report

Des TOWARD

Yearly thanks to our Heroic Dogs Bodies, local landowners, game keepers and the Team for their continued support.

Dog teams continue to practice locally and attend National courses in other parts of the country.

Dog teams have continued to support TWSMRT and other NESRA teams during the year.

Well done to Paul Fell and Blythe for their recorded find at Cow Green.

A big thank you for the support shown to Karen Fisher during the illness of retired Search Dog Sam and the messages following his passing.

As always, any dog issues please come and talk to me first and I will do my best to sort them.

16. Acceptance of 2021/2022 Financial Statement

Steve OWERS

The Team Accounts (*running until end July 2022*) had been circulated to Team Members previously. They were formally agreed at this meeting

17. Election of President and Vice Presidents

The following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
President	Graeme GILL
Vice Presidents	Alan BEST, David CLARK, Ian FINDLAY, David THOMPSON, Pete BELL. Chris ROBERTS David BARTLES-SMITH

18. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
Team Leader	Steve OWERS
Deputy Team Leader	Rich WARNE
Deputy Team Leader	John LITTLE
Deputy Team Leader	Des TOWARD
Hon Secretary	Andy NEILL
Hon. Treasurer	Steve OWERS
Training Lead	Don McCARTNEY
Group Leaders (4)	James CHILCOTT Rich WARNE
Press & Public Relations Lead	Jane ASHCROFT
Equipment Lead	Eric GILHOOLEY
Fundraising Lead	Sarah HALL
Transport Lead	Dave WIGHAM
Casualty Care Lead	Alicia WHEELER
Radio & IT Systems Lead	Mark COLLEDGE
Operational Support Team Lead	Chris ROBERTS
Search Management Lead	Pete BELL
Crag Lead	Rich WARNE
Water Lead	Rich WARNE
Canoe Group Lead	John LITTLE
MRSD (England) Lead	Des TOWARD

19. Date & Time of 2023 AGM

TBA

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

Reference and Administrative Details

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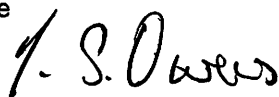
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Mr J S Owers
Mr D W Toward
Dr J Little
Mr P Bell
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Mr E Gilhooley
Mr D Lee
Mr M Tomlinson (Deceased 18 September 2022)
Mr J Chilcott
Mr P Morrison (Resigned 4 November 2021)
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Mr M Colledge
Mr C Roberts
Ms H Story (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr M Needham (Appointed 4 November 2021)

Independent Examiner Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
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The trustees' annual report was approved on 11th November 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments	Note				
Donations and legacies	4	50,062	8,418	58,480	35,713
Charitable activities	5	2,203	–	2,203	1,638
Other trading activities	6	7,404	–	7,404	12,108
Investment income	7	84	–	84	278
Other income	8	90	–	90	2,028
Total income		<u>59,843</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>68,261</u>	<u>51,765</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	3,415	–	3,415	1,725
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	51,259	3,915	55,174	54,238
Total expenditure		<u>54,674</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>58,589</u>	<u>55,963</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>5,169</u>	<u>4,503</u>	<u>9,672</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

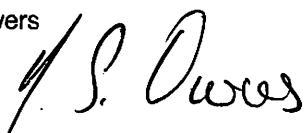
Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	49,235	70,226
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	8,437	8,200
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>241,673</u>	<u>212,046</u>
		250,110	220,246
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>1,304</u>	<u>2,103</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>248,806</u>	<u>218,143</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		13,159	8,656
Unrestricted funds		<u>284,882</u>	<u>279,713</u>
Total charity funds	18	<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11th November 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Mr R Warne
~~Mr P Bell~~
Trustee



The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2022

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2022

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	40,448	–	40,448
Collection boxes	1,069	–	1,069
Street collections	2,360	–	2,360
Gift aid income	4,104	–	4,104
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	–	1,668
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	–	413
Grants			
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	8,418
	<u>50,062</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>58,480</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations	26,714	–	26,714
Collection boxes	716	–	716
Street collections	–	–	–
Gift aid income	5,443	–	5,443
Vehicle fuel donation	1,875	–	1,875
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	965	–	965
	<u>35,713</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>35,713</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2022

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Communications income	1,063	1,063	638	638
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Training income	140	140	–	–
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>2,203</u>	<u>1,638</u>	<u>1,638</u>

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Associate member subscriptions	150	150	210	210
Fundraising income	7,254	7,254	11,898	11,898
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>7,404</u>	<u>12,108</u>	<u>12,108</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	84	84	278	278

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Sale of equipment	90	90	2,028	2,028

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	<u>3,415</u>	<u>3,415</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,725</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2022

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>51,259</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>55,174</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>53,822</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>54,238</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>55,174</u>	<u>55,174</u>	<u>54,238</u>

12. Net Income/(Expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>20,991</u>	<u>21,050</u>

13. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2021: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022	<u>21,123</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>188,995</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2021	18,866	99,903	118,769
Charge for the year	339	20,652	20,991
At 31 July 2022	<u>19,205</u>	<u>120,555</u>	<u>139,760</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2022	<u>1,918</u>	<u>47,317</u>	<u>49,235</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>2,257</u>	<u>67,969</u>	<u>70,226</u>

16. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	1,912	1,654
Gift aid recoverable	1,800	1,808
VAT debtor	4,574	4,363
Other debtors	151	375
	<u>8,437</u>	<u>8,200</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	<u>1,304</u>	<u>2,103</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2022

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2022 £
General funds	62,444	57,201	(17,346)	(25,500)	76,799
Fixed assets	70,226	–	(20,991)	–	49,235
Vehicle replacement fund	36,176	–	–	5,000	41,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	29,547	2,642	(15,062)	20,500	37,627
Audrey Jones legacy	11,483	–	(1,275)	–	10,208
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
	<u>279,713</u>	<u>59,843</u>	<u>(54,674)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>284,882</u>
	At 1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2021 £
General funds	50,959	48,153	(12,069)	(24,599)	62,444
Fixed assets	89,177	–	(21,050)	2,099	70,226
Vehicle replacement fund	7,681	–	–	28,495	36,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	21,494	3,612	(13,059)	17,500	29,547
Audrey Jones legacy	29,735	–	(9,369)	(8,883)	11,483
Pam Wright legacy	58,449	–	–	(14,612)	43,837
	<u>283,495</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>(55,547)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>279,713</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	584	–	–	–	584
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	(3,915)	–	4,503
	<u>8,656</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>(3,915)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,159</u>

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	1,000	–	(416)	–	584
	<u>9,072</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,656</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

The Youth Section fund represents money that was specifically donated to run the youth section of the team. We no longer have a youth section but the fund will remain until a decision is made as to whether restarting the youth section is viable. This remains a restricted fund.

The grant from Weardale AAP is for base security and the installation of an additional radio repeater and wireless licence to enable us to expand the radio network.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	49,235	–	49,235
Current assets	236,951	13,159	250,110
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,304)	–	(1,304)
Net assets	<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	70,226	–	70,226
Current assets	211,590	8,656	220,246
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,103)	–	(2,103)
Net assets	<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>

20. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Management Information

Year Ended 31 July 2022

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	40,448	26,714
Collection boxes	1,069	716
Street collections	2,360	–
Gift aid income	4,104	5,443
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	1,875
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	965
Weardale AAP	8,418	–
	<u>58,480</u>	<u>35,713</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	1,063	638
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000
Training income	140	–
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>1,638</u>
Other trading activities		
Associate member subscriptions	150	210
Fundraising income	7,254	11,898
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>12,108</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	84	278
Other income		
Sale of equipment	90	2,028
Total income	<u>68,261</u>	<u>51,765</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising costs		
Fundraising costs	<u>3,415</u>	<u>1,725</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	2,628	2,162
Premises costs	3,935	81
Vehicle expenses	8,127	5,676
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	1,182	1,514
Communications	2,699	2,392
Depreciation	20,991	21,050
Equipment purchases	8,447	17,870
Training	6,228	2,997
Other costs	937	496
	<u>55,174</u>	<u>54,238</u>
Total expenditure	<u>58,589</u>	<u>55,963</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>9,672</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

31 July 2022

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team
Charity registration number 508877
Principal office The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre
Lanchester Road
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County Durham
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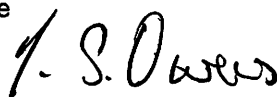
The Trustees

Mr J S Owers
Mr D W Toward
Dr J Little
Mr P Bell
Mr S Bissett (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr E Gilhooley
Mr D Lee
Mr M Tomlinson (Deceased 18 September 2022)
Mr J Chilcott
Mr P Morrison (Resigned 4 November 2021)
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Trustee



Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2022

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Investment income	7	84	–	84	278
Other income	8	90	–	90	2,028
Total income		<u>59,843</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>68,261</u>	<u>51,765</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	3,415	–	3,415	1,725
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	51,259	3,915	55,174	54,238
Total expenditure		<u>54,674</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>58,589</u>	<u>55,963</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds					
		<u>5,169</u>	<u>4,503</u>	<u>9,672</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

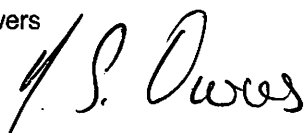
Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	49,235	70,226
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	8,437	8,200
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>241,673</u>	<u>212,046</u>
		250,110	220,246
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>1,304</u>	<u>2,103</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>248,806</u>	<u>218,143</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		13,159	8,656
Unrestricted funds		<u>284,882</u>	<u>279,713</u>
Total charity funds	18	<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11th November 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Mr R Warne
~~Mr P Bell~~
Trustee



The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2022

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	40,448	–	40,448
Collection boxes	1,069	–	1,069
Street collections	2,360	–	2,360
Gift aid income	4,104	–	4,104
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	–	1,668
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	–	413
Grants			
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	8,418
	<u>50,062</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>58,480</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations	26,714	–	26,714
Collection boxes	716	–	716
Street collections	–	–	–
Gift aid income	5,443	–	5,443
Vehicle fuel donation	1,875	–	1,875
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	965	–	965
	<u>35,713</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>35,713</u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2022

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Communications income	1,063	1,063	638	638
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Training income	140	140	–	–
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>2,203</u>	<u>1,638</u>	<u>1,638</u>

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Associate member subscriptions	150	150	210	210
Fundraising income	7,254	7,254	11,898	11,898
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>7,404</u>	<u>12,108</u>	<u>12,108</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	84	84	278	278

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Sale of equipment	90	90	2,028	2,028

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	<u>3,415</u>	<u>3,415</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,725</u>

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10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>51,259</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>55,174</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>53,822</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>54,238</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>55,174</u>	<u>55,174</u>	<u>54,238</u>

12. Net Income/(Expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>20,991</u>	<u>21,050</u>

13. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2021: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

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15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022	<u>21,123</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>188,995</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2021	18,866	99,903	118,769
Charge for the year	<u>339</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u>20,991</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>19,205</u>	<u>120,555</u>	<u>139,760</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2022	<u>1,918</u>	<u>47,317</u>	<u>49,235</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>2,257</u>	<u>67,969</u>	<u>70,226</u>

16. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	1,912	1,654
Gift aid recoverable	1,800	1,808
VAT debtor	4,574	4,363
Other debtors	<u>151</u>	<u>375</u>
	<u>8,437</u>	<u>8,200</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	<u>1,304</u>	<u>2,103</u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2022

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2022 £
General funds	62,444	57,201	(17,346)	(25,500)	76,799
Fixed assets	70,226	–	(20,991)	–	49,235
Vehicle replacement fund	36,176	–	–	5,000	41,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	29,547	2,642	(15,062)	20,500	37,627
Audrey Jones legacy	11,483	–	(1,275)	–	10,208
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
	<u>279,713</u>	<u>59,843</u>	<u>(54,674)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>284,882</u>

	At 1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2021 £
General funds	50,959	48,153	(12,069)	(24,599)	62,444
Fixed assets	89,177	–	(21,050)	2,099	70,226
Vehicle replacement fund	7,681	–	–	28,495	36,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	21,494	3,612	(13,059)	17,500	29,547
Audrey Jones legacy	29,735	–	(9,369)	(8,883)	11,483
Pam Wright legacy	58,449	–	–	(14,612)	43,837
	<u>283,495</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>(55,547)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>279,713</u>

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Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	584	–	–	–	584
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	(3,915)	–	4,503
	<u>8,656</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>(3,915)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,159</u>

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	1,000	–	(416)	–	584
	<u>9,072</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,656</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

The Youth Section fund represents money that was specifically donated to run the youth section of the team. We no longer have a youth section but the fund will remain until a decision is made as to whether restarting the youth section is viable. This remains a restricted fund.

The grant from Weardale AAP is for base security and the installation of an additional radio repeater and wireless licence to enable us to expand the radio network.

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Year Ended 31 July 2022

19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	49,235	–	49,235
Current assets	236,951	13,159	250,110
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,304)	–	(1,304)
Net assets	<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	70,226	–	70,226
Current assets	211,590	8,656	220,246
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,103)	–	(2,103)
Net assets	<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>

20. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Management Information

Year Ended 31 July 2022

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	40,448	26,714
Collection boxes	1,069	716
Street collections	2,360	–
Gift aid income	4,104	5,443
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	1,875
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	965
Weardale AAP	8,418	–
	<u>58,480</u>	<u>35,713</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	1,063	638
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000
Training income	140	–
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>1,638</u>
Other trading activities		
Associate member subscriptions	150	210
Fundraising income	7,254	11,898
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>12,108</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	84	278
Other income		
Sale of equipment	90	2,028
Total income	<u>68,261</u>	<u>51,765</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising costs		
Fundraising costs	<u>3,415</u>	<u>1,725</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	2,628	2,162
Premises costs	3,935	81
Vehicle expenses	8,127	5,676
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	1,182	1,514
Communications	2,699	2,392
Depreciation	20,991	21,050
Equipment purchases	8,447	17,870
Training	6,228	2,997
Other costs	937	496
	<u>55,174</u>	<u>54,238</u>
Total expenditure	<u>58,589</u>	<u>55,963</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>9,672</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

England & Wales - Charity number 508877

Accounts

For Annual Report 2020-2021

Minutes of the
15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING^(SEP) of the
Teesdale & Weardale
Search & Mountain Rescue Team

Held remotely via 'MS Teams'
At 19.00hrs Thursday 4th November 2021

1. Opening Remarks

Steve OWERS

The Team Leader thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Apologies

Alan & Leslie Best, Tom Keenan, Andy Bottrill, Anthony Tubbs, Helen James, Des Toward, David Thompson,

Attendance

David Clarke, Chris Roberts, Steve Owers, Pete Bell, Adam Hearn, Des Lee, Marc Tomlinson, Mike Needham, Kim Jones, Dan Miller, Mark Colledge, David Bartles-Smith, Izzy De Santis, Jane Ashcroft, Don McCartney, Andy Neill, Mark Sauer, James Chilcott, Alicia Stanley, Holly Story, Damian Bubb, John Little, James Wheeler, Ben Healy, Jodie Surenrdran, Dan Taylor, Josh Lawton

3. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

The Minutes were accepted as a true and acceptable reflection of the 2020 AGM.

Agenda items 5.1-5.18: Team Officers had produced their reports (as contained herein) for the Team Members prior to this meeting.

4. Presentation of Service Certificates

This year saw Des TOWARD qualify for his 40 year certificate from MRE, Karen FISHER and John LITTLE for their 20 year certificates and James CHILCOTT his 10 year certificate.

Note: MREW has recently changed its policy from only issuing certificates at 25 and 40 years service to presenting them for every 10 years. This meant that we had also got certificates for team members who had already passed these milestones some time previously. They were as follows:

20 year MREW certificates:

Jan 2018 - Rich WARNE
Mar 2018 - Adam HEARN
Jun 2020 - Scott BISSET

10 year MREW certificates:

Mar 2012 - Paul RENWICK
Mar 2013 - Pete BELL
Mar 2013 - Russ WARNE
Jan 2014 - Richard WILLIAMS
Apr 2015 - Tom KEENAN
Apr 2015 - Anthony TUBBS
Feb 2017 - Tony HIGH
Feb 2017 - Dave WIGHAM
Dec 2018 - Des LEE
Dec 2018 - Marc TOMLINSON
Sep 2020 - Andy BOTTRILL

The Team Leader Steve OWERS congratulated all on these achievements. The certificates would be presented at a suitable time when we were able to get together without COVID restrictions.

5. Team Leader's Report

Steve OWERS

I would have hoped that my report this year would make minimum reference to covid, unfortunately as we all know it still plays a major part in our lives both within and outside the Team.

I would like to thank all team members for continuing to follow our COVID procedures. This has helped us to protect team members and prevented the virus from spreading within the team.

COVID has had a knock on effect on many of our team activities. Because of the uncertainties we have not achieved as much as a team as we would have in previous years. However, the bottom line is we have successfully attended 49 call outs this year only two down on last year, our busiest year for some time.

As part of our annual plan, we have completed a number of standard operating procedures which will go towards making us a safer and more effective team. We have also been working with the management a number of locations where we seem to get repeated callouts High Force, Hamsterley Forest and Swinhope Ski Centre to produce Emergency Plans. After some initial work we have put on hold for now the issue of becoming a charitable incorporated organisations.

We continue to play an active role with our neighbouring teams throughout NESRAS and NO-SARCOG. We have assisted NESRA teams on two occasions this year and required their assistance ourselves at three incidents, two of these being underground.

Our relationship with our local blue light agencies continues to develop.

We are currently working on procedures for incidents in caves and abandoned ore mines within the County with Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service.

We have been involved in the training of Durham Constabulary's Lost Person Search Managers as well as their control room staff.

North East Ambulance Service were instrumental in obtaining initial COVID vaccinations for all of our team members.

Looking forward to the next 12 months I am hoping we will get back to 'business as usual' within the team while still not dropping our guard in relation to COVID. Many of us have got out of the habit of regular attendance at training sessions and other team activities. Getting together on a regular basis as a group is the cornerstone of operating a successful mountain rescue team like ours.

Last but certainly not least a big thank to all of you and your families. Without your continued support for the Team and your families supporting you we would not be able to provide the service we do to the people of County Durham and Darlington and beyond. Let's hope and strive for a better 2022.

5. Deputy Team Leader's Reports

5.1 Deputy Team Leader's / Search Management Group Lead's Report

Pete BELL

This has again been a challenging year due to the pandemic and the condition imposed by it.

However, progress continues to be made by the team.

Search management moves forward with an agreement with CDDFRS regarding our role in water incidents and we have been written into their callout procedures, and this has worked well.

We are in discussion with CDDFRS regarding a similar arrangement for underground incidents in County Durham, and whilst these are relatively uncommon, we have been to two this year, and with the increase activity by 'mine' and 'urbex' explorers there is potential for more incidents.

With the above in mind the team has discussions with COMRU and SMRT for aid in underground incidents and we have agreed a procedure

Search management could do with more reinforcements to spread the load and further progression. We have a training ladder for duty controllers and progression to search manager, which has been agreed and we will be looking for prospective duty controllers/search managers in the near future.

Thanks to all our current search managers for their efforts over the year.

Challenges to come in the next year include integrating technology such as drones into search management.

Equipment continues to be managed by Eric in his enthusiastic and detailed manner. Can I ask all team members to look after team equipment, put it in the correct place and report any faults or deficiencies to Eric.

Medical continues to run smoothly and its thanks to Dan and his assistants. Dan in particular has brought his knowledge to the team with respect to our COVID procedures.

Several team members are due to revalidate their extended skills casualty care certificates at Easter 2022.

In conclusion thanks to all team members for their time and commitment in a difficult year, we can but hope 2022 will be less constrained and easier.

5.2 Deputy Team Leader's / Transport Lead's Report

Des LEE

Training

It's been a difficulty year again for our Training Lead Andy Bottrill mainly due to the effect Covid had on the way we train and interaction with each "we missed the crack" throughout this time Andy has managed to organise quality training sessions for us, at the same time made-sure our training complied with Covid /Team procedures to help keep us all safe.

I think you would all agree that Andy and all the Trainers who organised or delivered a session this year and not forgetting guys who arranged land clearance All deserve a Massive thanks for all their hard work & commitment.

Note: Guys it's been a hard year for us all, but we need to remember if we don't practice the skills we learn, we will lose that skill, there is now a lot of training information on SharePoint, so please have a look and there's nothing stopping you dropping into Base and practicing with equipment.

Transport

No Vehicle accidents this year, another clean sheet Massive thanks to all drivers Drivers yearly licence check has been carried out in accordance with our insurance provider requirements.

All vehicles have been Mot, Serviced, taxed and insured.

Driver training is going to plan and with the trailer towing law changes we are introducing some trailer training.

Big thanks to all Drivers and helpers for washing / clean vehicles off after a Callout or training

5.3 Deputy Team Leader's / Canoe Group Lead's Report

John LITTLE

Canoe Team

It's been a quiet year for the Canoe Team however we have run a number of on water training sessions and have re-assessed every Canoe Team members basic skill level. We may need to consider recruiting some more members to ensure there's enough resource to respond to every request for help.

DTL

A few numbers to reflect on: The Team has been called upon 49 times in the last 12 month - this is an unprecedented level of demand given there has not been an extreme weather event. Many of these callouts have come from NEAS requesting assistance - these calls often have a very rapid turnaround. The Team currently consists of 60 Team members including trainees and supporters. We have a total of 1174 attendances recorded across all Team activities (and we know there's a lot of good work behind the scenes that isn't formally recorded). Thank you to everyone who's supported the Team - it has felt like a busy year. I suspect with difficult times ahead; we could yet get busier.

Work behind the scenes has continued this year. There are a number of key policies which are still in development, hopefully they will make it to implementation in the not too

distant future. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my role. If you want me to do something to support you, please ask.

6. Treasurer's Report

Steve OWERS

For the past three years we have been able to approve our financial accounts at the AGM. Unfortunately, this year this will not be possible. With the AGM date being brought forward and a number of COVID related delays I made the decision to delay the production of the final accounts. I envisage there should be completed in the next few weeks and be available for approval by the committee before Christmas. The deadline for submission to the Charity Commission is May 2022.

On a positive note, we are in a healthy financial position, our income for 20/21 was down as anticipated however our expenditure was also less than usual allowing us to show a surplus at the end of the year.

Going forward we now have two new and enthusiastic members of our fundraising working group to assist Holly. We are looking at a number of fundraising activities for the coming year which involve minimal input from team members.

I would like to finish by thanking all of the people involved in helping me as a Treasurer, our bookkeeper Alison, our accountant Jane, Holly our Fundraising Lead and the members of the fund raising working group.

7. Training Officer's Report

Andy BOTTRILL

Training again this year has been difficult, but we have managed to run a number of good training events. Let's hope that the coming year looks a whole lot more normal and training is less disrupted. I am slightly concerned that attendance at training seems a little down on usual numbers and would like to remind team members about the need to remain operationally ready. I would also always be happy to receive any help with the large job that is sorting out all the elements of the training program.

8. Equipment Officer's Report

Eric GILHOOLEY

This has been a 'full' year of covid, and as such it has seemed to be a very long one. Issues with delays to delivery of some equipment started to occur later in the year but otherwise 'business' has been as normal.

After a long, convoluted ordering process the Mountain Equipment Kongur jackets finally arrived early in the year and were issued to hill team members. Some team members have made very positive comments about them, but I would appreciate more team members giving me their opinions, especially after use in less 'pleasant' weather conditions. They certainly look very impressive!

The stretcher wheel which was purchased last year produced many positive comments about its effectiveness in allowing rapid and smooth extraction of casualties in most circumstances. Unfortunately, it developed a puncture problem which seemed to be caused by the design of the wheel (the puncture occurred next to the inside rim of the wheel). When contacted, Lyon the manufacturer responded quickly and sent out a higher quality wheel. Hopefully the problem will have been resolved.

A second wheel was also ordered so that the stretcher on Mobile One can be used in the same way as the one on Mobile Two, or the Ferno stretcher on Control. I would like to note that Lyon (and Petzl) have always been very supportive and helpful to myself and the team: advice has been given quickly; equipment ordered has been sent out promptly; and problems, particularly with Alveo Vent helmets have been resolved rapidly and free of charge.

In the second part of the year problems started to arise with the ordering and delivery of equipment. The most prominent of these has been the ordering of P.F.D.'s for the canoe team. All of the suppliers I browsed on the internet were out of stock of the models we required. I did contact one supplier and they agreed to us placing an order with the proviso that we only made a payment when the company actually had the equipment in stock. The P.F.D.'s were promised for the end of August, but confirmation that part of the order was ready did not arrive until 29th. October.

Keela have had a 10 week delay on supply of their jackets and kit with some items also out of stock. Delivery of kit for trainee team members and 'dogsbodies' has been delayed.

Equipment has been checked according to the timetable. As usual team members have been very supportive in helping with this and highlighting any problems which have occurred.

9. Casualty Care Officer's Report

Dan MILLER

With the COVID 19 pandemic ongoing it's been another challenging year within the team. Unfortunately, a few team members have contracted COVID but thanks to robust SOPs and everyone's adherence to protocol, there hasn't been any spread within the team. We are still continuing to protect out vulnerable team members as best as we can and are in regular contact.

Training has been going well and I envisage a fair few coming through the casualty care course next year with a view to sitting the exam Dec 2022.

Thanks to James, Eric, Alicia and Kat for ongoing help with medical equipment and drugs.
CD audit remains up and running with no issues raised.

Quality improvement has taken a back seat mostly due to the pandemic, but I hope we'll be able to pursue more projects this coming year as we have in previous years.

As usual thanks to all who help out with delivery of training.

10. Radio & IT Systems Lead's Report

Mark COLLEDGE

What a year 2021 has been! Firstly, I would like to start by thanking everyone for their continued professionalism and support. There haven't been any big changes to our IT and Comms in the last 12 months thankfully!

Our office 365 system has continued to be stable and team members haven't reported any issues to me. This has allowed us to continue to train virtually, hold meetings and importantly has become a pre-callout collaboration system for the search managers. I don't envision any complications with the system moving forward.

SharePoint is continuing to grow, and many seem to be accessing this often. This has been critical moving forward with our data storage solutions and a big thanks to Andy N for his time making the system work.

All IT hardware remains operational in both base and printing facilities are now working again. Even with the recent flooding of the base at Durham, no IT hardware was damaged with is good news!

Our communications network is continuing to grow across the north east teams with radio coverage on T3 all the way down to York now! A big thanks to Adam H for his continued work on this.

Trainees will be issued with personal radios shortly and no current hill team member has reported any issues with their personal radio. Recently the teams old police airwave sets were replaced with new ones thanks to Durham constabulary. Our relationship with them has continued to grow and the support we receive is exceptional. Recently we provided airwave coverage due to an issue they were having in the south of the region, this was much appreciated by their radio engineers.

I would like to continue in the role of the IT and Comms lead for 2022 should I be re-appointed. As always, and IT gurus who feel they could assist the team please get in touch. If anyone has any problems at all, please drop me a text/call/email.

11. Support Members' Lead's Report

Chris ROBERTS

Two newsletters have been sent to our Associate Members, and circulated to all Team Members (past and present). The majority of the newsletters are sent via email; there are however about a dozen members who require a paper copy. Two editions a year, New Year and Summer, seem to fit the bill well.

The newsletters have been well received, so a big thanks to everyone who has contributed. Keep the articles coming!

The concept of Support Members is having a positive impact on the Team. Our support members have contributed in many ways this year:

- book-keeping
- collection tin management
- equipment packing and tidying
- fundraising
- driving

I expect that once we have got through current Covid 19 restrictions it will be easier for people to come forward to offer their services as Support Members, and for existing members to have more face to face interactions.

12. Hon. Secretary's Report

Andy NEILL

Nothing of note to report.

13. Press & PR Lead's Report

Scott BISSET

Press opportunities have been relatively low this year although we have had some reports and photographs in the local and north East papers and i even managed to get a couple in the MR magazine.

Media PR continues to be mainly through our Facebook page giving me very little to do in that area.

I am standing down as Press and PR Lead, but remain available to help the team wherever possible. It just remains for me to thank those who have helped and supported me during my time in this position.

14. Fundraising Lead's Report

Holly STORY

Over the past 12 months we have built up a small team to help support fundraising activities for the team. Gemma Siddle and Sarah Hall have joined us as support team members and have been helping to build our fundraising activities and promote them more widely.

We now have a charity text number, partly in response to fewer people carrying cash than they used to.

We are working on a new supporter's t-shirt and a fundraising pack to share with individuals who are wanting to fundraise for the team to give them advice, resources and support.

Our first street collections 'post COVID' are also in the diary - Darlington street collection has been confirmed for the 27th November and Durham for the 18th December.

15. Group Leaders' Report

James CHILCOTT

Given what has been going on in the world since 2020 the team and team members should be proud that the team has remained operational and able to provide the MR service when needed.

As team members we are all likely to have suffered skill fade over the last 1-2 years due to not attending as much training as we should in a normal year. Hopefully in 2022 we can get back to similar pre covid training attendance on Wednesday and Sunday sessions.

The trainers planning these sessions (Andy in particular, medical leads, technical leads, group leaders) have to put a lot of pre work in and usually takes the same planning time to run the session for 25x team members as it does for 10x team members so the more people attending the better return it is for all.

Looking forward to the 2022 Winter training weekend in February and helping to organise this event which has been a big benefit in every previous year from a team training and team bonding view.

3 Peaks 2021 was able to proceed with a lot of covid pre event work to minimise risks to students/drivers/leaders. Fortunately, there were no covid cases as a result of the event and the fundraising contribution was likely our most successful 3 Peaks in history with over £13,000 raised for the team. We are still waiting on a DUCK payment for the event running costs to fully wrap the 2021 event up.

The 2022 event is already well under way on planning side with a signup talk having taken place and minibuses planned for 11th/12th June 2022. There is also a one off separate fundraising event planned for 2nd/3rd July in Lake District which is done in conjunction with Durham University Hill walking club to celebrate their 70th year in existence which should also be a valuable fundraiser for our team in 2022.

16. Water Lead's Report

Rich WARNE

As with all other areas of training, water-specific training has suffered over the past year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Training at MOD 1 level has been provided for all Team members and received a good uptake; especially from our newer members.

Discussion around where the Team intends to go with regard to water operations and training continues. As a result, no further investment has been made in equipment or logistics and training at any level above MOD 1 has been suspended.

It is imperative that movement be made on these matters over the coming year so that Team members are safeguarded by means of adequate and appropriate training and equipment, and that Team policy addresses operational need and resilience.

17. MRSDE Lead's Report

Des TOWARD

2021 saw us return to national training and assessments. We have held training courses in Northumberland, Dartmoor, Yorkshire Dales and the Peak District.

Local training continues on a weekly basis.

Assessments have taken place on Dartmoor and in Northumberland,

Karen Fisher and Paul Renwick attended and graded their dogs at the Northumberland assessment, well done both.

Land clearance and permission to run the dogs is always an emotive issue so to those organising training events please check that landowners are happy to have dogs there, we currently have really good support from local gamekeepers and landowners, and it would be a shame to lose this due to poor communication.

Big thank you as always to landowners/keepers and farmers, but a massive thank you must go to our regular "dogs' bodies" who support our training by lying out there in some horrendous conditions to allow us to train the dogs, and ultimately provide the team with a fantastic search facility.

18. Acceptance of 2020/2021 Financial Statement

Steve OWERS

We were not in a position to present the accounts at the AGM

Addendum: The Annual Accounts were subsequently agreed at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting (via MS Teams) held at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 23rd March 2022

19. Election of President and Vice Presidents

The following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
President	David BARTLES-SMITH
Vice Presidents	Alan BEST, David CLARK, Ian FINDLAY, David THOMPSON, Pete BELL. Chris ROBERTS

20. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
Team Leader	Steve OWERS
Deputy Team Leader	Pete BELL
Deputy Team Leader	John LITTLE
Deputy Team Leader	Des LEE
Hon Secretary	Andy NEILL
Hon. Treasurer	Steve OWERS
Training Lead	Andy BOTTRILL
Group Leaders (4)	Marc TOMLINSON James CHILCOTT Rich WARNE
Press & Public Relations Lead	Mike NEEDHAM
Equipment Lead	Eric GILHOOLEY
Fundraising Lead	Holly STORY
Transport Lead	Des LEE
Casualty Care Lead	Dan MILLER
Radio & IT Systems Lead	Mark COLLEDGE
Operational Support Team Lead	Chris ROBERTS
Search Management Lead	Pete BELL
Crag Lead	Vacant
Water Lead	Rich WARNE
Canoe Group Lead	John LITTLE
MRSD (England) Lead	Des TOWARD

21. Date & Time of 2022 AGM

TBA

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

31 July 2021

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Accounts

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2021

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team
Charity registration number 508877
Principal office The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre
Lanchester Road
Durham
County Durham
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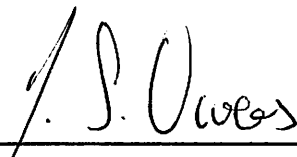
The Trustees

Mr J S Owers
Mr D W Toward
Dr J Little
Mr P Bell
Mr S Bissett (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr E Gilhooley
Mr D Lee
Mr M Tomlinson
Mr J Chilcott
Mr P Morrison (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr A Neill
Mr A Bottrill
Mr D Miller
Mr R Warne
Mr M Colledge
Mr C Roberts (Appointed 4 November 2020)
Ms H Story (Appointed 4 November 2020)

Independent Examiner Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
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The trustees' annual report was approved on ...02/02/22... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
Independent Examiner

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	35,713	–	35,713	89,693
Charitable activities	5	1,638	–	1,638	2,236
Other trading activities	6	12,108	–	12,108	10,382
Investment income	7	278	–	278	221
Other income	8	2,028	–	2,028	115
Total income		<u>51,765</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>102,647</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	1,725	–	1,725	288
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	53,822	416	54,238	63,610
Total expenditure		<u>55,547</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>55,963</u>	<u>63,898</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds					
		<u>(3,782)</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>	<u>38,749</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		283,495	9,072	292,567	253,818
Total funds carried forward		<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	16	70,226	89,177
Current Assets			
Debtors	17	8,200	8,053
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>212,046</u>	<u>195,753</u>
		220,246	203,806
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>2,103</u>	<u>416</u>
Net Current Assets		218,143	203,390
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		8,656	9,072
Unrestricted funds		<u>279,713</u>	<u>283,495</u>
Total charity funds	19	<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 02/02/22 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Mr D Lee
Trustee



The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2021

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2021

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations				
Donations	26,714	26,714	24,595	24,595
Collection boxes	716	716	622	622
Street collections	–	–	2,885	2,885
Gift aid income	5,443	5,443	1,982	1,982
Vehicle fuel donation	1,875	1,875	1,125	1,125
Teesdale and Weardale Stone	965	965	35	35
Legacies				
Legacies	–	–	58,449	58,449
	<u>35,713</u>	<u>35,713</u>	<u>89,693</u>	<u>89,693</u>

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Communications income	638	638	1,396	1,396
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	330	330
Training income	–	–	510	510
	<u>1,638</u>	<u>1,638</u>	<u>2,236</u>	<u>2,236</u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2021

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Associate member subscriptions	210	–	210
Fundraising income	11,898	–	11,898
	<u>12,108</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>12,108</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Associate member subscriptions	210	–	210
Fundraising income	10,112	60	10,172
	<u>10,322</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>10,382</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest receivable	278	278	221	221
	<u>278</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>221</u>

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other income	–	–	115	115
Sale of equipment	2,028	2,028	–	–
	<u>2,028</u>	<u>2,028</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>115</u>

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fundraising costs	1,725	1,725	288	288
	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>288</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2021

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>53,822</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>54,238</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>63,102</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>63,610</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2021 £	Total fund 2020 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>54,238</u>	<u>54,238</u>	<u>63,610</u>

12. Net (Expenditure)/Income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>21,050</u>	<u>20,750</u>

13. Independent Examination Fees

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the accounts	<u>—</u>	<u>200</u>

14. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2020: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

15. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2021

16. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2020	19,024	167,872	186,896
Additions	<u>2,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,099</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>21,123</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>188,995</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2020	18,468	79,251	97,719
Charge for the year	<u>398</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u>21,050</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>18,866</u>	<u>99,903</u>	<u>118,769</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2021	<u>2,257</u>	<u>67,969</u>	<u>70,226</u>
At 31 July 2020	<u>556</u>	<u>88,621</u>	<u>89,177</u>

17. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	1,654	1,633
Gift aid recoverable	1,808	1,792
VAT debtor	4,363	4,488
Other debtors	<u>375</u>	<u>140</u>
	<u>8,200</u>	<u>8,053</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	<u>2,103</u>	<u>416</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2021

19. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	50,959	48,153	(12,069)	(24,599)	62,444
Fixed assets	89,177	–	(21,050)	2,099	70,226
Vehicle replacement fund	7,681	–	–	28,495	36,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	21,494	3,612	(13,059)	17,500	29,547
Audrey Jones legacy	29,735	–	(9,369)	(8,883)	11,483
Pam Wright legacy	58,449	–	–	(14,612)	43,837
	<u>283,495</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>(55,547)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>279,713</u>

	At 1 August 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	50,043	41,141	(14,374)	(25,851)	50,959
Fixed assets	109,273	–	(20,750)	654	89,177
Vehicle replacement fund	2,681	–	–	5,000	7,681
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	20,918	2,997	(22,467)	20,046	21,494
Audrey Jones legacy	35,534	–	(5,799)	–	29,735
Pam Wright legacy	–	58,449	–	–	58,449
	<u>244,449</u>	<u>102,587</u>	<u>(63,390)</u>	<u>(151)</u>	<u>283,495</u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2021

19. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	1,000	–	(416)	–	584
	<u>9,072</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,656</u>

	At 1 August 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Specific donors fund	7,207	–	–	(7,207)	–
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Avalanche Kit	–	60	(508)	448	–
Base Security	–	–	–	1,410	1,410
Scotto Trust	–	–	–	4,500	4,500
Search Computers	–	–	–	1,000	1,000
	<u>9,369</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>(508)</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>9,072</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

The Youth Section fund represents money that was specifically donated to run the youth section of the team. We no longer have a youth section but the fund will remain until a decision is made as to whether restarting the youth section is viable. This remains a restricted fund.

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Year Ended 31 July 2021

20. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	70,226	–	70,226
Current assets	211,590	8,656	220,246
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(2,103)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(2,103)</u>
Net assets	<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	89,177	–	89,177
Current assets	194,734	9,072	203,806
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(416)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(416)</u>
Net assets	<u>283,495</u>	<u>9,072</u>	<u>292,567</u>

21. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	26,714	24,595
Collection boxes	716	622
Street collections	–	2,885
Gift aid income	5,443	1,982
Vehicle fuel donation	1,875	1,125
Teesdale and Weardale Stone	965	35
Legacies	–	58,449
	<u>35,713</u>	<u>89,693</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	638	1,396
Income from medical cover	1,000	330
Training income	–	510
	<u>1,638</u>	<u>2,236</u>
Other trading activities		
Associate member subscriptions	210	210
Fundraising income	11,898	10,172
	<u>12,108</u>	<u>10,382</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	278	221
Other income		
Other income	–	115
Sale of equipment	2,028	–
	<u>2,028</u>	<u>115</u>
Total income	<u>51,765</u>	<u>102,647</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Expenditure		
Costs of other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	1,725	288
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	2,162	3,827
Premises costs	81	745
Vehicle expenses	5,676	5,932
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	1,514	2,267
Communications	2,392	5,060
Depreciation	21,050	20,750
Equipment purchases	17,870	15,547
Training	2,997	7,209
Other costs	496	2,273
	<u>54,238</u>	<u>63,610</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total expenditure	55,963	63,898
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net (expenditure)/income	(4,198)	38,749
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2021

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team
Charity registration number 508877
Principal office The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre
Lanchester Road
Durham
County Durham
DH1 5RA

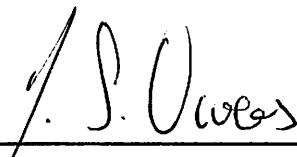
The Trustees

Mr J S Owers
Mr D W Toward
Dr J Little
Mr P Bell
Mr S Bissett (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr E Gilhooley
Mr D Lee
Mr M Tomlinson
Mr J Chilcott
Mr P Morrison (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr A Neill
Mr A Bottrill
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Independent Examiner Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
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The trustees' annual report was approved on ...02/02/22... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
Independent Examiner

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	35,713	–	35,713	89,693
Charitable activities	5	1,638	–	1,638	2,236
Other trading activities	6	12,108	–	12,108	10,382
Investment income	7	278	–	278	221
Other income	8	2,028	–	2,028	115
Total income		<u>51,765</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>102,647</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	1,725	–	1,725	288
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	53,822	416	54,238	63,610
Total expenditure		<u>55,547</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>55,963</u>	<u>63,898</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds					
		<u>(3,782)</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>	<u>38,749</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		283,495	9,072	292,567	253,818
Total funds carried forward		<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2021


	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	16	70,226	89,177
Current Assets			
Debtors	17	8,200	8,053
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>212,046</u>	<u>195,753</u>
		220,246	203,806
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>2,103</u>	<u>416</u>
Net Current Assets		218,143	203,390
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		8,656	9,072
Unrestricted funds		<u>279,713</u>	<u>283,495</u>
Total charity funds	19	<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 02/02/22 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Mr D Lee
Trustee



The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2021

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations				
Donations	26,714	26,714	24,595	24,595
Collection boxes	716	716	622	622
Street collections	–	–	2,885	2,885
Gift aid income	5,443	5,443	1,982	1,982
Vehicle fuel donation	1,875	1,875	1,125	1,125
Teesdale and Weardale Stone	965	965	35	35
Legacies				
Legacies	–	–	58,449	58,449
	<u>35,713</u>	<u>35,713</u>	<u>89,693</u>	<u>89,693</u>

5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Communications income	638	638	1,396	1,396
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	330	330
Training income	–	–	510	510
	<u>1,638</u>	<u>1,638</u>	<u>2,236</u>	<u>2,236</u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2021

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Associate member subscriptions	210	–	210
Fundraising income	11,898	–	11,898
	<u>12,108</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>12,108</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Associate member subscriptions	210	–	210
Fundraising income	10,112	60	10,172
	<u>10,322</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>10,382</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest receivable	278	278	221	221
	<u>278</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>221</u>

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other income	–	–	115	115
Sale of equipment	2,028	2,028	–	–
	<u>2,028</u>	<u>2,028</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>115</u>

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fundraising costs	1,725	1,725	288	288
	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>288</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2021

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>53,822</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>54,238</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>63,102</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>63,610</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2021 £	Total fund 2020 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>54,238</u>	<u>54,238</u>	<u>63,610</u>

12. Net (Expenditure)/Income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>21,050</u>	<u>20,750</u>

13. Independent Examination Fees

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the accounts	<u>—</u>	<u>200</u>

14. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2020: Nil).

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Year Ended 31 July 2021

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Prepayments	1,654	1,633
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18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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19. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	50,959	48,153	(12,069)	(24,599)	62,444
Fixed assets	89,177	–	(21,050)	2,099	70,226
Vehicle replacement fund	7,681	–	–	28,495	36,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	21,494	3,612	(13,059)	17,500	29,547
Audrey Jones legacy	29,735	–	(9,369)	(8,883)	11,483
Pam Wright legacy	58,449	–	–	(14,612)	43,837
	<u>283,495</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>(55,547)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>279,713</u>
	At 1 August 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	50,043	41,141	(14,374)	(25,851)	50,959
Fixed assets	109,273	–	(20,750)	654	89,177
Vehicle replacement fund	2,681	–	–	5,000	7,681
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	20,918	2,997	(22,467)	20,046	21,494
Audrey Jones legacy	35,534	–	(5,799)	–	29,735
Pam Wright legacy	–	58,449	–	–	58,449
	<u>244,449</u>	<u>102,587</u>	<u>(63,390)</u>	<u>(151)</u>	<u>283,495</u>

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19. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	1,000	–	(416)	–	584
	<u>9,072</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,656</u>

	At 1 August 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Specific donors fund	7,207	–	–	(7,207)	–
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Avalanche Kit	–	60	(508)	448	–
Base Security	–	–	–	1,410	1,410
Scotto Trust	–	–	–	4,500	4,500
Search Computers	–	–	–	1,000	1,000
	<u>9,369</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>(508)</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>9,072</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

The Youth Section fund represents money that was specifically donated to run the youth section of the team. We no longer have a youth section but the fund will remain until a decision is made as to whether restarting the youth section is viable. This remains a restricted fund.

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20. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	70,226	–	70,226
Current assets	211,590	8,656	220,246
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,103)	–	(2,103)
Net assets	<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	89,177	–	89,177
Current assets	194,734	9,072	203,806
Creditors less than 1 year	(416)	–	(416)
Net assets	<u>283,495</u>	<u>9,072</u>	<u>292,567</u>

21. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

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Management Information

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The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	26,714	24,595
Collection boxes	716	622
Street collections	–	2,885
Gift aid income	5,443	1,982
Vehicle fuel donation	1,875	1,125
Teesdale and Weardale Stone	965	35
Legacies	–	58,449
	<u>35,713</u>	<u>89,693</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	638	1,396
Income from medical cover	1,000	330
Training income	–	510
	<u>1,638</u>	<u>2,236</u>
Other trading activities		
Associate member subscriptions	210	210
Fundraising income	11,898	10,172
	<u>12,108</u>	<u>10,382</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	278	221
Other income		
Other income	–	115
Sale of equipment	2,028	–
	<u>2,028</u>	<u>115</u>
Total income	<u>51,765</u>	<u>102,647</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Expenditure		
Costs of other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	1,725	288
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Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	2,162	3,827
Premises costs	81	745
Vehicle expenses	5,676	5,932
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	1,514	2,267
Communications	2,392	5,060
Depreciation	21,050	20,750
Equipment purchases	17,870	15,547
Training	2,997	7,209
Other costs	496	2,273
	<u>54,238</u>	<u>63,610</u>
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Total expenditure	55,963	63,898
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Net (expenditure)/income	(4,198)	38,749
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