



# Glenelg Mountain Rescue Association

Scottish Charity Number: SC007565

Established 19 July 1973

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## Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

for year ended 31 March 2026



## Contact Address

Piper's Knoll, Corran, Arnisdale, Kyle, IV40 8JH

## Current Trustees

Jacob Butcher – Team Leader  
Cameron McMurdoch – Deputy Team Leader  
Ronnie MacDonald – Team Member  
Johanne Crawford – Secretary  
Anna MacKenzie – Treasurer

## Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trusteeship is attached to the only Office Bearers named in the Constitution, namely the Team Leader, Deputy Team Leader, Equipments Officer, Secretary and Treasurer. All are appointed or re-appointed by the Team members at the AGM.

## Governing Document

The Association is a charitable unincorporated association whose purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our Constitution.

## Charitable Purposes

The saving of lives for the public benefit – predominantly within Glenelg, Arnisdale, and Glenshiel but also in areas beyond there 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.



## Activities and Achievements

The team has attended several callouts and has also been placed on standby for a further number of incidents.

The team will once again provide first aid cover for the Dirty Thirty Challenge, an annual event in which walkers and runners undertake a demanding 30-mile circuit around the local coastline and mountains.

Monthly training sessions continue, with new members attending to develop and learn the basic skills required for operational duties. We have also increased the number of qualified Remote Rescue Medical Technicians within the team to five. New members are not deployed to callouts until they have completed six months with the team, undertaken the required safety training, and been assessed as competent.

There have been changes to office bearer roles within the team. Uisdean Hawthorn has taken over the role of Equipment Officer from Ronnie MacDonald, while Lewis Warburton has assumed the role of Communications Officer from Barney MacAskill.

Additional training continues to be undertaken jointly with our neighbouring team, Kintail. Sharing knowledge and experience in this way is proving highly beneficial in informing operational responses and enhancing skills across both teams.

A formal offer of £40,000 has been submitted to the Free Church of Glenelg and Inverinate for the purchase of the former church building and land at the Ferry Road junction. A Planning in Principle application will be submitted to Highland Council, and a number of funding applications have also been lodged to help secure the necessary funding for the project. In the meantime, a modular office building has been purchased to serve as a temporary base.

Although progress has taken some time, there is now increasing optimism that the team is a significant step closer to securing a permanent base.

Training requirements and equipment needs continue to be kept under regular review by the relevant office bearers.

Date: 26 May 2026

Jacob Butcher  
Team Leader

Ronnie MacDonald  
Team Member

Johanne Crawford  
Secretary

Cameron McMurdoch  
Deputy Team Leader

Anna MacKenzie  
Treasurer

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

### **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Glenelg Mountain Rescue Association (SCOTTISH CHARITY No SC007565)**

I report to the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 5 to 7

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended ("the 2006 Regulations")). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:-
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Michael Cookson FCA**  
**Barnside**  
**Old Vicarage Gardens.**  
**Audlem**  
**Crewe**  
**Cheshire**  
**CW3 0AS**

**Signed**

*Michael D. Cookson*



**Dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

# GLENELG MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account  
Year Ended 31st March 2026  
Scottish Charity Number SC007565

	<u>2026</u> £	<u>2025</u> £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Grants & Funding	33,601	16,585
Donations	6,002	2,677
Bank Interest	3,458	4,550
VAT Refund	3,930	2,097
	<hr/> 46,991	<hr/> 25,909
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Equipment	6,262	11,083
Clothing	11,578	3,692
Motor	1,929	875
Insurance	1,191	1,234
Subsistence and Entertaining	93	1,085
Planning Application	761	-
Office	1,163	1,447
Training	865	-
Donation - Kintail Mountain Rescue	250	-
Website & Internet Costs	1,183	1,275
	<hr/> 25,275	<hr/> 20,691
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	21716	5,218
<b>OPENING FUNDS</b>	152,666	<hr/> 147,448
<b>CLOSING FUNDS</b>	<hr/> <u>174,382</u>	<hr/> <u>152,666</u>

All movements are in Unrestricted Funds



# GLENELG MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION

## Statement of Balances

As at 31st March 2026

Scottish Charity Number SC007565

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted Funds	
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Opening Bank Account	152,666	147,448
Surplus for the Year	21,716	5,218
Closing Bank Account (Note)	<u>174,382</u>	<u>152,666</u>
Bank Accounts:-		
The Co-operative Bank - Direct Plus Account	11,866	63,608
The Co-operative Bank - 95 Day Notice Account	61,038	717
Redwood Bank - 95 Day Notice Account	<u>101,478</u>	<u>88,341</u>
	<u>174,382</u>	<u>152,666</u>

There are no other assets or liabilities

**GLENELG MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026**

**1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts(Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2 NATURE AND PURPOSE OF FUNDS**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain the single unrestricted fund for the management of charity and to transfer to the restricted fund as when necessary.

**3 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no related Party Transactions.

**4 GOVERNANCE COSTS**

None