

Hebrides Mountain Rescue Team

Scotland · Charity number SC047799

Details

Known as	HebMRT, Hebrides Search and Rescue
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Part of	Scottish Mountain Rescue (SC045003)
Registered	2017-10-06
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Ravens Lane Laxdale Isle of Lewis HS2 0EG
Website	www.hebmrt.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the saving of lives'

What the charity does: Our role is the saving of lives through the provision of a voluntary mountain rescue service mainly in the Outer Hebrides area for any person or persons suffering an accident or who are injured, lost, immobilised or otherwise in need of such mountain rescue services. This includes missing person searches. This can be anywhere on the mountains, moorlands or any other place where the Team Leader or Depute Team Leaders may direct and to assist in the recovery of the bodies of those persons who have sustained a fatal accident in that area. This will be achieved by: Assisting and, where appropriate, organising cooperation amongst the Police, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, British Army and HM Coastguard. Acquiring, maintaining and holding in readiness all premises, equipment and apparatus necessary for providing a mountain rescue service.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 4 The Purpose of the Organisation is the saving of lives through the provision of a voluntary mountain rescue service in the Scottish Highlands particularly in the Outer Hebrides area for any person or persons suffering accident or who are, or may be, injured, lost, immobilised or otherwise in need of such mountain rescue services anywhere on the mountains, moorlands or any other place where the Team Leader or Depute Team Leaders may direct and to assist in the recovery of the bodies of those persons who have

sustained a fatal accident in that area, on the mountains, moorlands or such other place. This will be achieved by: 4.1 Assisting and, where appropriate, organising co-operation amongst the Police, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, British Army and Coastguard and others, as also other climbers or hill users (not being members of the Organisation). 4.2 Acquiring, maintaining and holding in readiness all premises, equipment and apparatus necessary for providing a mountain rescue service. 4.3 Affording opportunities for members of the Organisation to practise and improve the skills required for carrying out mountain rescues. and 4.4 Furthering the cause of mountain rescue in Scotland and elsewhere in the United Kingdom and promoting safety and safe practice amongst those who take part in recreational or leisure activities as are commonly carried out by persons in mountainous or remote parts of Scotland and elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Western Isles
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£73,091	£31,873	-	0
2024-03-31	£25,565	£24,160	-	0
2023-03-31	£91,737	£267,457	-	0
2022-03-31	£135,444	£20,411	-	0
2021-03-31	£57,077	£20,867	-	0

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Accounts

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

Mann Judd Gordon Ltd
Chartered Accountants
26 Lewis Street
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HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

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HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The organisation's purposes are to provide an effective voluntary search and rescue service for the benefit of the public and in furtherance thereof to prepare volunteers for related activities that promote an awareness of mountain rescue.

Significant activities

The Hebrides Mountain Rescue Team are a voluntary organisation based in Stornoway, dedicated to helping those in need across the Outer Hebrides. The team has a wide range of working environments including the hills, crags, moors, towns and villages across our islands.

HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Team Leader's Report

Background

Over the past 12 months, the team has continued to operate with a strong focus on maximising training opportunities and resources to enhance our emergency response capability. One of the main challenges we faced this year was a reduction in team member numbers. To address this, we organised a recruitment drive, including an open hill day, which successfully attracted seven new potential members. We are very pleased with this outcome and would like to extend a warm welcome to these new individuals.

Team training over the past year has been extremely positive, with several excellent events taking place. We have continued to prioritise advanced medical training, leading to three team members achieving the Remote Rescue Medical Technician (RRMT) qualification - a first for our team and a fantastic milestone. This accomplishment represents a significant enhancement in the level of medical care we can provide on callouts. We aim to build on this success and plan to send another group for assessment in 2026.

Looking ahead, several key projects are currently in development. We have been actively seeking funding for a new operations vehicle and a thermal imaging drone, both of which are nearing completion stages. We hope to place orders for these assets within the coming months, which will further strengthen our operational capabilities.

Callouts

During the 2024-2025 period, the team received 30 callouts, covering 13 separate incidents and one protracted search. The protracted search required 21 deployments, including ground personnel searches, aerial drone operations, and support from Dundonnell MRT. This also coincided with a simultaneous callout in Uist. This year has been notably busier than previous years, with a wide range of incidents occurring across the Western Isles.

It is a testament to the team's strength and commitment that, despite operating with reduced numbers, we not only maintained a full response capability but also continued to grow and develop, enhancing both our skill base and our interagency relationships. As a result, the team is now in its strongest position yet.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our funders and the countless hours of dedication, professionalism, and hard work that every team member has selflessly contributed. I would like to sincerely thank all of them for their continued efforts and commitment to the team.

HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

As a result of the surplus of £41,218 (2024 - deficit of £1405) for the year, unrestricted funds of £20,553 (2024 - £19,928) and restricted funds of £40,593 (2024 - £NIL) were held at year-end which the Trustees consider adequate to enable the group to continue for the forthcoming year.

Funds

General fund

The general fund represents unrestricted funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted funds

This represents grants, donations and fundraising income received to assist with particular projects. At the year-end, the following funds were held:

- Scottish Mountain Rescue - training - £815
- Stornoway Trust - new team vehicle - £7,000
- NHS - new team vehicle - £25,000
- SSEN - equipment - £7,778

VAT

The charity is eligible for refunds of VAT under sections 33C and 33D of the VAT Act 1994.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 6 October 2017 and is known as HebMRT, Hebrides Search and Rescue. The charity was previously an unincorporated association and changed its legal form to a SCIO. The purposes and administration of the charity are set out in our constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

All of the Charity's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

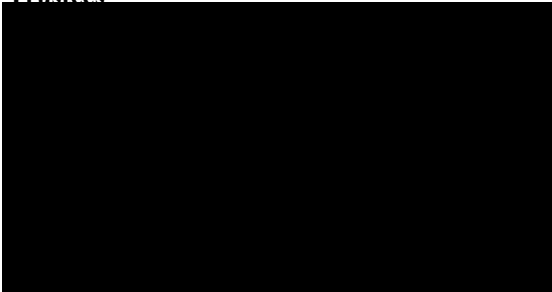
Registered Charity number

SC047799

Principal address

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Trustees



HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Bankers

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

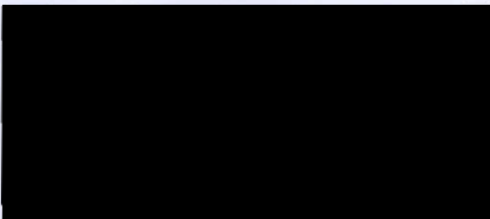
Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Hebrides Mountain Rescue Team**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages six to twelve.

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 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

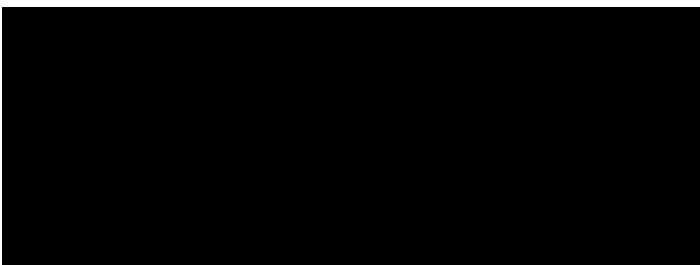
Independent examiner's statement

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
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts 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.



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27 November 2025

HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	1,625	-	1,625	-
Grants	18,851	51,308	70,159	18,671
Donations - Police Scotland	-	-	-	1,500
Donations - WI Lottery	-	-	-	500
Donations - Tesco	-	-	-	250
Donations - other	-	-	-	1,936
Room hire	-	-	-	170
	20,476	51,308	71,784	23,027
Other trading activities				
Fundraising	-	-	-	400
VAT refunds	1,307	-	1,307	2,138
	1,307	-	1,307	2,538
Total incoming resources	21,783	51,308	73,091	25,565
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Insurance	3,747	-	3,747	3,826
Utilities	2,115	-	2,115	1,373
Motor & travel	10,515	5,000	15,515	5,575
Sundries	1,853	-	1,853	2,000
Equipment	975	1,000	1,975	2,070
Team base costs	506	-	506	2,841
Training	-	4,715	4,715	6,019
Subscriptions	367	-	367	-
Accountancy	1,080	-	1,080	456
	21,158	10,715	31,873	24,160
Total resources expended	21,158	10,715	31,873	24,160
Net income	625	40,593	41,218	1,405

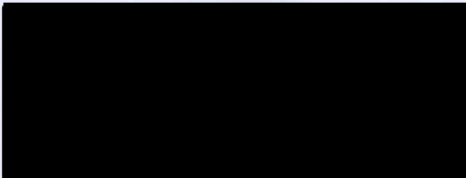
The notes form part of these financial statements

HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

**Statement of Balances
31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
Bank and Cash				
Opening balances	19,928	-	19,928	18,523
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	625	40,593	41,218	1,405
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Closing balances	<u>20,553</u>	<u>40,593</u>	<u>61,146</u>	<u>19,928</u>
Assets (at cost)				
Plant and equipment			47,208	47,208
Land			15,545	15,545
Team base (completed 2023)			<u>239,639</u>	<u>239,639</u>
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			<u>302,392</u>	<u>302,392</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



28/11/25.

HEBRIDES MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. GRANTS RECEIVED

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Scottish Mountain Rescue	24,381	16,321
SHECT	-	1,350
Galson Trust	-	1,000
Lewis Wind Power	1,000	-
Bakkafrost Scotland	5,000	-
Stornoway Trust	7,000	-
SSEN - Scottish Hydro Electric	7,778	-
NHS Western Isles	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>70,159</u>	<u>18,671</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.