

# **LONGTOWN MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM**

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## **Longtown Mountain Rescue Team**

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March,  
2020

*Registered Charity 518928*

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## Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020

The Trustees/Committee during the year were:

- Tim Potts - Chairman
- Graeme Adkin - Treasurer
- Hazel Highfield - Secretary
- Marc Ashton
- Neil Rothwell Hughes
- Stuart Lovejoy
- Nick Hooton

The Annual General Meeting is held in June each year.

Longtown Mountain Rescue Team is a registered charity, registered with the Charity Commissioners under charity number 518928 and affiliated to Mountain Rescue England and Wales.

### *Objects, Organisation and Activities*

The objects of the Team are to save life and relieve suffering and distress amongst persons endangered by accidents, or who are missing, on the hills or in open country or on cliff faces, predominantly but not exclusively in the area of South and Mid Wales, the England/Wales border and adjoining areas.

### *Public Benefit*

The charity is operated by volunteers to an extremely high standard. The service provided is professional and as such has proved a valuable addition to police resources in their response to SAR land and water and major disaster. The team responds to requests for a wide range of incidents from mountains to urban and semi rural searches for missing people. These services are provided to any member of the public, without charge. The trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

### *Review of the year*

The team continues to respond to a high volume of callouts during the year. It responds to calls from the police, offering its services to members of the public who find themselves in difficulties whether in the mountains, on open land or in lowland or urban areas. The team assists other teams, the armed forces and other search and rescue organisations.

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The team's main fundraising event is the Big Black Mountains Challenge and this continues to be the biggest source of income. The team also supports other events including:

- South Wales Three Peaks
- Darren's Dash
- Abergavenny Round Table Fireworks
- Abergavenny Steam Rally
- St. Michael's Hospice fundraising event

## *Financial Review*

### **Financial Performance against expectations**

There have been no major changes in either the sources of income, or the amounts received from each of these. They are similar to those in previous years.

As for expenditure, the major change during the year was that the Team were able to complete the replacement of our old Land Rover Defender with a new Toyota Hi-Lux. The Team has been planning for this over two to three years. There was a slight increase in the amounts spent on equipment, as the Team updated our communication equipment.

In summary, the Team continues to work hard to maintain the income stream, and to plan carefully before any larger items of expenditure are made.

## *Reserve Policy*

The Team ensures that there is a minimum of two years running costs held in reserves so they can maintain operational capabilities, even if a major source of income ceased at any point. Instances of such occasions include the Foot & Mouth outbreak in 2001 and more recently, the Covid 19 pandemic.

In addition to this 'working capital' held in reserve, the Team has continued to maintain sufficient reserves to cover any major items of unforeseen expenditure, such as a replacement vehicle, a move of premises, or a loss of, or damage to a substantial amount of kit.

In summary, the accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 demonstrate that a satisfactory level of reserves has been maintained in accordance with the Team's policy.

## *Development plans*

Running costs for a rescue team continue to increase. New technology is beneficial for both the rescuers and those who are missing. The trustees are aware for the need to keep abreast of these new developments but have to balance this expenditure against income.

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## *Conclusion*

Longtown Mountain Rescue Team depends largely for its income on donations and fundraising and we remain grateful to the trustees of the grant making charities and the members of the general public who continue to support us so faithfully. In addition to the financial assistance which the team enjoys, we also receive support and understanding from our members' employers, family and friends when we receive our emergency calls. This assistance is priceless and we are very grateful.

The Trustees have approved the Annual report

Hazel Highfield

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*Secretary*

6<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Longtown Mountain Rescue Team – Charity number 518928**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Longtown Mountain Rescue Team for the year ended 31 March 2020.

### **Responsibilities and basis of the report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed; 

Name: Simon Lee

Relevant professional qualification or body: MAAT

Address: 5, Orchards Close, Moreton-on-Lugg, Hereford, HR4 8DG

Date: 23 December 2020

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**Longtown Mountain Rescue Team  
Charity number 518928**

**Receipts and Payments account**

		Vehicle Fund Year ended 31-Mar-20	General Fund Year ended 31-Mar-20	Total Year ended 31-Mar-20	Total Year ended 31-Mar-19
<b>Receipts</b>					
Fundraised income	<i>Note 1</i>	-	46,722	46,722	58,288
Interest received		-	1,239	1,239	111
<b>Total receipts</b>		-	47,961	47,961	58,399
<b>Payments</b>					
New Vehicle		33,005	-	33,005	26,602
Administration		-	5,249	5,249	5,463
Fundraising	<i>Note 2</i>	-	6,136	6,136	6,300
Equipment and repairs		-	19,339	19,339	11,585
Vehicles and fuel		-	3,833	3,833	3,399
Base operating costs		-	5,494	5,494	5,000
Training costs		-	1,736	1,736	5,040
VAT reclaimed	<i>Note 3</i>	- 4,434	- 3,806	- 8,240	- 16,310
<b>Total payments</b>		28,571	37,981	66,552	47,079
 <b>Net of receipts / (payments)</b>		 - 28,571	 9,980	 - 18,591	 11,320

**Represented by:**

Cash balances brought forward	-	7,062	221,989	214,927	
Net of receipts / (payments)	-	28,571	9,980	-	18,591
Transfers between funds		30,132	- 30,132	-	
<b>Cash balances carried forward</b>	<i>Note 4</i>	5,501	201,837	196,336	

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## Longtown Mountain Rescue Team Charity number 518928

### Notes

#### Note 1

Fundraised income:	TOTAL	Vehicle Fund	General Fund
Donations	6,986	-	6,986
Just giving	2,767	-	2,767
Grants	-	-	-
Big Black Mountains Challenge	28,161	-	28,161
Calendar sales	1,128	-	1,128
Collection tins	991	-	991
Events	6,688	-	6,688
Subscriptions	1	-	1
	<u>46,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,722</u>

#### Note 2

##### Fundraising:

Big Black Mountains Challenge	5,363
Other fundraising costs	<u>773</u>
	6,136

#### Note 3

VAT reclaimed during this year includes VAT for prior year.  
Payment amounts are shown gross for comparability to previous years

#### Note 4

VAT reclaimed after the year end for Vehicle costs



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended  
31-Mar-20

	Vehicle Fund	General Fund	Total
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank balances	- 5,501	201,837	196,336
		Total cash funds	<b>£196,336</b>

**Assets retained for the Charity's own use**

Motor Vehicles:

Team Vehicle (Peugeot Boxer)  
Team Vehicle (Vauxhall Movano).  
Team Vehicle (Land Rover)  
Team Vehicle (Toyota Hilux) Purchased December 2019

Computer equipment:

3 Computers  
2 Laptops  
2 Printers

Furniture, fixtures and fittings:

Furniture at Team base

Other assets:

Rescue equipment