

# **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,  
2021

*Registered Charity 518928*

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## Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

The Trustees/Committee during the year were:

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

The Annual General Meeting was held in July, 2020.

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. On 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 the team applied for and were accepted as part of the Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW) CIO.

### *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 major disaster. The team responds to requests for a wide range of incidents from mountains to urban and semi rural searches for missing people. In recent years, the increase in flooding has seen the team being called in to use its swift water skills to support other agencies in the evacuation of members of the public stranded when the flood waters were at their highest. 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*

2020 saw the start of the Covid 19 worldwide pandemic and extended periods of lock down. The team continued to respond to callouts, implementing the Covid 19 guidance issued by MREW. Training continued online and when regulations allowed the team was divided into smaller groups for 'face to face' essential training sessions.

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Despite the lock down, callouts were at an all time high and it is testament to the strict Covid 19 safety measures implemented by the leadership and training team that the team remained fully operational throughout the period.

## *Financial report*

The team's main fundraising the Big Black Mountains Challenge (BBMC) was cancelled due to the pandemic. Similarly the team would normally receive donations from other groups and individuals who raise money for us which was largely reduced for the same reason. Income from street collections and collection tins in pubs and shops was again much reduced.

However, the team did receive some grant funding from the government to support us financially during this period, which did cushion the impact of this drop in funds received. Thankfully there were no large capital items that had to be funded, so it was largely a case of funding the usual running costs of the team, during this period.

## *Development plans*

The team has had to adapt to the use of online training sessions but it proved that a mixture of face to face and online training can work. With this in mind, the committee are exploring options to enhance online training which will involve some expenditure.

The team continues to assess its rescue equipment requirements. Regular reviews of crag rescue equipment, medical equipment and water rescue equipment are undertaken.

## *Conclusion*

Longtown Mountain Rescue Team depends largely for its income on donations and fundraising. The pandemic has severely inhibited the team's ability to generate income. However, due to careful financial management over the years and a robust reserve policy, finances remain healthy.

The Trustees have approved the Annual report

Hazel Highfield

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*Secretary*

19<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

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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 2021.

### **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: 10 January 2022

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## Longtown Mountain Rescue Team Charity number 518928

### Receipts and Payments account

		Vehicle Fund Year ended 31-Mar-21	General Fund Year ended 31-Mar-21	Total Year ended 31-Mar-21	Total Year ended 31-Mar-20
<b>Receipts</b>					
Fundraised income	Note 1	-	60,650	60,650	46,722
Proceeds from sale of vehicle		-	3,000	3,000	-
Interest received		-	1,162	1,162	1,239
<b>Total receipts</b>		-	64,812	64,812	47,961
<b>Payments</b>					
New Vehicle		-	-	-	33,005
Administration		-	7,763	7,763	5,249
Fundraising	Note 2	-	5,905	5,905	6,136
Equipment and repairs		-	14,513	14,513	19,339
Vehicles and fuel		-	3,046	3,046	3,833
Base operating costs		-	5,878	5,878	5,494
Training costs		-	2,228	2,228	1,736
VAT reclaimed	Note 3	- 5,501	- 3,481	- 8,982	- 8,240
<b>Total payments</b>		- 5,501	35,852	30,351	66,552
<b>Net of receipts / (payments)</b>		5,501	28,960	34,461	- 18,591

### Represented by:

Cash balances brought forward	-	5,501	201,837	196,336
Net of receipts / (payments)	Note 4	5,501	28,960	34,461
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
<b>Cash balances carried forward</b>		-	230,797	230,797

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## Longtown Mountain Rescue Team Charity number 518928

### Notes

#### Note 1

Fundraised income:	TOTAL	Vehicle Fund	General Fund
Donations	24,346	-	24,346
Just giving	2,531	-	2,531
Grants	26,000	-	26,000
Big Black Mountains Challenge	4,996	-	4,996
Calendar sales	2,509	-	2,509
Collection tins	216	-	216
Events	-	-	-
Subscriptions	52	-	52
	<u>60,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,650</u>

#### Note 2

##### Fundraising:

Big Black Mountains Challenge (refunds)	4,751
Other fundraising costs	<u>1,154</u>
	5,905

#### 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 reclaim received in year ended 31.03.21 for Vehicle costs

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## Longtown Mountain Rescue Team Charity number 518928

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Year ended  
31-Mar-21

	Vehicle Fund	General Fund	Total
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank balances	-	230,797	230,797
		Total cash funds	<b>£230,797</b>

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

#### Motor Vehicles:

Team Vehicle (Peugeot Boxer)  
Team Vehicle (Land Rover)  
Team Vehicle (Toyota Hilux)

#### Computer equipment:

3 Computers  
2 Laptops  
2 Printers

#### Furniture, fixtures and fittings:

Furniture at Team base

#### Other assets:

Rescue equipment