

**MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

# **MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES**

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# **MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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**

The objects of the charity are to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of mountain rescue charities and voluntary organisations for the public benefit, in particular by:

1. Ensuring high standards of training and equipment for its members
2. Providing training, including technical training applicable to searching for and rescuing people in difficulties in mountainous regions or inhospitable environments
3. Co-ordinating the work of its members engaged in larger-scale search and rescue operations
4. Ensuring effective links with other rescue services, such as the police, ambulance, fire and rescue and coastguard services

The Trustees have given due regard to the guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that the objectives and activities of Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW) provide a public benefit.

#### **Implementing the Aims and Objects**

MREW supports its member teams by providing a coordinated national approach to the issues they face, whether in relation to the statutory authorities who call on the services of members, on technical standards, policies and training, or on matters such as sponsorship and purchasing. MREW also provides advice to member teams on a range of topics.

Our member teams are independent charitable organisations. We have structures at regional and national level, which meet regularly to ensure our accountability to our members and to allow direct two-way dialogue with the representative regional chairs and operations leads.

We also ensure that MREW is represented at national coordination meetings with statutory and non-statutory emergency services, such as Police and Fire liaison, UK Search and Rescue groups and Mountain Rescue Scotland. In addition, volunteer officers undertake national fundraising; this involves considerable activity, including attendance at the Duke of Cambridge's charity Forums. The outward facing representation has had an increased focus over the last 12 months via the creation of a MREW Liaison Officer which is also a co-opted trustee position.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Annual Objectives and Achievements**

Our principal objectives for 2021 were to:

Review our trustee structure and increase its skill set by recruiting two additional external trustees.

- We have successfully recruited two additional external trustees, one of which could bring their experience around branding and marketing to the Board of Trustees. The second has brought in a wealth of knowledge surrounding the NHS and is also an experienced trustee. Both appointments have tightened and strengthened the governance process and will support the development of MREW strategy.
- The Medical Director role has also now been appointed to the board of trustees as well as two trustees who have been co-opted to ensure the trustees have the adequate experience to support decision making.

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Change the role of Chair of Trustees to be an annually appointed position (appointed by the trustees after the AGM).

- This motion was carried at the May AGM and enacted at the next trustees meeting.

Further develop our engagement in the UK search and rescue strategy.

- We have created a specialist role of MREW Liaison Officer in order to meet this objective. The officer was appointed as a trustee so that the trustees have direct input. The officer also attends the management group meetings.
- At an international level MREW is an active member of the International Commission for Alpine Rescue (ICAR).

Develop a more reliable funding base.

- While the charity has not yet officially registered with Fundraising Regulator (FR) MREW are working to the Fundraising Regulators Code of Conduct and standards. At present, MREW does not solicit donations from individuals or use the services of a Professional Fundraiser or a Commercial Participator to carry out any fundraising activities.
- The charity's principal funding sources are through sponsorship, unsolicited donations, events, grants and, from time to time, legacies. In addition the selling of advertising in the magazine supports the MREW magazine.
- MREW acted on behalf of the members to apply for major grants, such as those offered by the LIBOR fund. MREW applied for LIBOR funding during 2021 for the 2022/23 year. This is intended to support numerous training courses (see Training above).
- This has not been an easy year for fundraising as the UK continued to be in lockdown which meant a reduction of income. Despite this, we have continued to maintain a sponsorship arrangement with the JD Foundation who have been supportive during this difficult time.
- MREW continues to look at having a sustainable basis for funding through diversifying their funding sources. In the last part of 2021 MREW have started to investigate options to diversify their income to support building a secure financial future for the charity, where resilience is key.
- MREW have not received any complaints concerning any of our fundraising activities.

Strengthening the role of MREW teams.

- We also continue to see the role of MREW teams evolve to provide wider support. This has been exasperated during the pandemic with more statutory bodies relying on MREW to support them to deliver emergency response within localities. This includes our volunteers supporting the ambulances services (where appropriate) and also local authorities with flood and swift water rescue services. Whilst this could be seen as progression, this also adds a financial burden for equipment and training.

Develop an up-to-date and relevant strategy for the short, medium and long term.

- The trustees and management group have met twice at the back end of the year to map these work streams and expect first drafts in spring 2022.

Review the membership criteria structure based on the learnings from the CIO membership programme.

- This work stream was encompassed in the joint trustee/management group meetings and expect first drafts spring 2022. At the time of writing MREW is composed of 47 full teams and 22 associates.

Review the services that MREW receive and the contracts we have in place to ensure they are fit for purpose and continue to meet the needs of MREW.

- We have been working throughout 2022 to ensure we are in a good and transparent place with our third party services and all costs are published by the Financial Director in the period reports.

#### Covid-19

There is no denying that Covid-19 continued to impact on the day-to-day operations of MREW and our member teams this year, with many teams and regions seeing unprecedented levels of callouts, especially during the early lockdown in 2021.

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Our Medical Director continued to work closely with United Kingdom Search and Rescue (UKSAR) to ensure that there was consistency between the organisations involved in search and rescue and that up-to-date guidance was given to teams continually throughout the year.

We also continued to support the teams in issuing centrally sourced PPE and maintained the central collation of team statistics to be able to pass on to UKSAR.

Most notably, and with some challenge, mountain rescue teams in England and Wales have been able to maintain a full, and uninterrupted, level of response throughout the pandemic whilst continuing to operate within safe Covid measures.

#### 2021 Incidents

In 2021 the Mountain Rescue teams were called to 3,629 incidents to assist people in England and Wales, compared with 3,080 in 2020.

During the periods of lockdown the incidents did decrease but as we came out of lockdown and the country opened up, the mountain rescue teams saw a significant increase in incidents, especially as people were still not travelling abroad.

The boom on staycations over the past couple of years has seen a big impact on the number of people visiting National Parks and enjoying the great outdoors. This, coupled with media coverage of 'high-profile' and remote beauty sites is encouraging more people out into remote places, sometimes unprepared.

#### 2021 Ways of working

MREW took the decision in February 2021 to hold the AGM meeting remotely. This worked well and was widely attended by the membership. In late 2021 we resumed some face-to-face meetings and have now adopted a hybrid way of working with a mix of meetings virtually and face-to-face. This is working well.

The Management Committee of MREW hold meetings once a month to review all areas of MREW activity. This committee is made up of the specialist officers who, with their sub-committees, deliver the outcomes of the work. In 2021 this group was led by the new SEO appointed in 2021 (Mike Park).

#### Financial review

The results of the charity can be seen below:

	Unrestricted	Restricted
Income	£417,813	£28,919
Expenditure	(£514,803)	(£85,726)
Results	(£96,990)	(£56,807)

Unrestricted reserves at year end were £1,185,942 of which £3,501 related to fixed assets. The free reserves of the charity (excluding designated funds) totalled £1,152,441.

#### Reserves policy

The Trustees have designated a portion of funds to meet commitments for the supply of equipment,

The Trustees have agreed that it is prudent to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet at least 24 months of unrestricted expenditure, to finance cash flow requirements and to provide safeguards against a fluctuating rate of income. Our current level of reserves is consistent with this policy.

#### Investment policy

The Trustees recognise that the reserves policy means that significant amounts of cash may be held for a time. The Trustees therefore seek to obtain income through investment only through guaranteed capital and interest generating safe investments. The Trustees review this policy each year.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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### **Risk management**

MREW maintains an organisational risk register which was reformatted in 2021 and is reviewed by the trustees, management group and regional chairs at every scheduled meeting. The Trustees have identified that the principal risk to the charity - in common with many charities - is the maintenance of a level of income to meet the needs of the organisation. This will be a priority for the trustees in 2022 and sustainability of funds will be a key foundation of the fundraising strategy which is currently in development.

To manage any financial risk we have also taken steps to ensure all our funds are spread amongst a number of reputable banking organisations to minimise the financial risk.

### **Plans for the future**

The principal objectives of MREW, to be undertaken under the governance of the CIO for 2022 are an evolution of those for 2021. They are to:

- Ensure we have a fit and proper trustee board and management group which best serves the needs of the organisation.
- Deliver a 3, 5 and 10-year strategy which can be adopted and recognised throughout the organisation.
- Continually review and strengthen the membership criteria and to the members become more resilient through best practice guidelines and strong peer review programme
- Grow our engagement in the UK search and rescue strategy and to ensure we are an effective voice representing our members and their needs.
- Develop a more focused fundraising strategy which is linked to the organisation's short, medium and long term objectives and ensures the sustainability of MREW's ever increasing operational costs.

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### **Structure, governance and management**

MREW is an umbrella organisation. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a registered charity number of 1178090 and an association constitution dated 25 April 2018. The charity is governed by its document, CIO-ASSOCIATION Registered 25 Apr 2018.

Its members are independent charitable organisations: 47 teams of volunteers who undertake highly specialised search and rescue operations for people in the mountainous and less hospitable regions of England and Wales. A list of our current membership is included with this report.

A Board of Trustees are appointed in accordance with the current constitution for the responsibility of MREW. Vacancies are advertised and potential candidates are assessed. Candidates with appropriate skills and experience are presented to a general meeting of the members, which elects the Trustees. At least one Trustee is elected from within the membership, as an external Trustee. Trustees are elected for a term of five years. The Trustees hold the ultimate responsibility for all legal and financial matters transacted in the name of the charity.

The charity seeks to appoint individuals experienced in mountain rescue work or in governance, in order to ensure that the Board has an appropriate range of skills. MREW provides no formal training for new trustees; however, it supports a quarterly meeting programme in order to promote effective information sharing.

MREW is unusual for a charity of its size, in having no employees. The day-to-day running of a MREW is undertaken by a management committee comprising of elected officers and chaired by the Senior Executive Officer. In turn, the officers of the management committee receive support from their specialist sub-committees to undertake the work. The sub-committees are each chaired by an individual with particular experience of that specialism. The Board approves a budget for income and expenditure each year. This provides a framework for the delegation to the management committee of the power to act on financial matters.

All of these people - Trustees, officers, and chairs and members of committees and sub-committees - are themselves volunteers: they receive no remuneration other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses. No member of the Board of Trustees had any beneficial interest in any contract with MREW during the year.

The charity could not, though, function without contracting out one or two services, such as financial and general administration.

### **And finally**

As an organisation, MREW continues to successfully run on the good-will and commitment of its volunteers. However, it is this attitude and commitment that makes MREW what it is. We care for the people visiting and enjoying our great outdoors and want to make sure they get home safe to their families.

MREW has no employees, which makes us unique given the size and scale of our CIO. We rely on volunteers, most of whom are already heavily committed as volunteers in our member organisations, carrying out search and rescue operations in all weathers throughout the year. As volunteers, they operate to a very high professional standard in conditions that are often difficult and sometimes dangerous.

The trustees would therefore like to place on record our continued thanks and deep appreciation for all that they do, not just on behalf of their own beneficiaries – the people they rescue in their own localities, but on behalf of Mountain Rescue as a whole.

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### Reference and administrative details

#### Charity registration number

1178090

#### Principal office

12 Edward VII Avenue  
Newport  
NP20 4NF

#### Trustees

Victoria Pickles - appointed 15/5/21  
Michael Park - appointed 15/5/21  
Dr Alistair Morris - appointed 15/5/21  
Mike France MBE - appointed 15/5/21  
Hannah Halliday - appointed 15/5/21  
Matthew Dooley  
Penny Brockman  
Mike Margeson OBE  
Philip Benbow

#### Patron

HRH the Duke of Cambridge

#### Honorary president

R Griffiths MBE

#### Vice president

P Dymond OBE

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25 Union Road  
New Mills  
Derbyshire  
SK22 3EP

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42 Commercial Street  
Newport  
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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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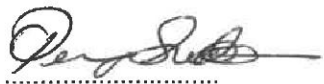


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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Penny Brockman - Trustee

Dated: 21 May 2022

# **MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021***

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Mountain Rescue England and Wales (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



**Sarah Case FCA DChA**  
Azets Audit Services  
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Lime Tree Court  
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Cardiff  
CF23 8AB  
United Kingdom

Dated: 20-9-2022

# MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	331,334	2,000	333,334	1,674,075	1,872,096
Charitable activities	4	57,738	26,919	84,657	43,223	157,434
Other trading activities	5	28,638	-	28,638	43,868	43,868
Investments	6	103	-	103	1,154	1,154
<b>Total income</b>		<b>417,813</b>	<b>28,919</b>	<b>446,732</b>	<b>1,762,320</b>	<b>2,074,552</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	7	52,036	-	52,036	61,187	61,187
Charitable activities	8	462,767	85,726	548,493	418,201	461,887
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>514,803</b>	<b>85,726</b>	<b>600,529</b>	<b>479,388</b>	<b>523,074</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/</b>						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(96,990)</b>	<b>(56,807)</b>	<b>(153,797)</b>	<b>1,282,932</b>	<b>1,551,478</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		1,282,932	268,546	1,551,478	-	-
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2021</b>		<b>1,185,942</b>	<b>211,739</b>	<b>1,397,681</b>	<b>1,282,932</b>	<b>1,551,478</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		3,501		3,354
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	13	53,394		84,062	
Debtors	14	243,398		286,774	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,142,835		1,197,444	
		1,439,627		1,568,280	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	(45,447)		(20,156)	
Net current assets			1,394,180		1,548,124
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			1,397,681		1,551,478
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	16		211,739		268,546
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	33,501		33,354	
General unrestricted funds		1,152,441		1,249,578	
			1,185,942		1,282,932
			1,397,681		1,551,478

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ..... 21 May 2022



Penny Brockman - Trustee

# MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Mountain Rescue England and Wales is a charitable incorporated organisation whose principal office is 12 Edward VII Avenue, Newport, NP20 4NF.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 1 Accounting policies

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Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Sponsorship, event, subscriptions, courses and programme advertising income is credited to the accounts in the period to which it relates.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Sale of goods income is recognised when the sale takes place.

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs in relation to generating income such as fundraising activities.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs relating to the furtherance of the charity's objectives as stated in the trustees report and their associated support costs.

Expenditure is allocated between direct charitable expenditure and support costs. This is shown in the notes to the financial statements. The trustees have exercised their judgement in the apportionment of some categories of expenditure between these two major headings.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

# MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.



# MOUNTAIN RESCUE ENGLAND AND WALES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

##### **1.11 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The charity does not have any key or significant accounting estimates.

#### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	67,442	2,000	69,442	1,382,089	198,021	1,580,110
Legacies receivable	115,133	-	115,133	162,439	-	162,439
Events	90,996	-	90,996	71,092	-	71,092
Sponsorship	57,763	-	57,763	58,455	-	58,455
	<u>331,334</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>333,334</u>	<u>1,674,075</u>	<u>198,021</u>	<u>1,872,096</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
Donations and gifts	67,442	2,000	69,442	36,300	-	36,300
Transfer from unincorporated charity	-	-	-	1,345,789	198,021	1,543,810
	<u>67,442</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>69,442</u>	<u>1,382,089</u>	<u>198,021</u>	<u>1,580,110</u>

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### 3 Donations and legacies

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The net assets from Mountain Rescue England and Wales (charity number 222596) were transferred to the charitable incorporated organisation on 1st January 2020.

The net assets consisted of unrestricted net assets of £1,345,789 and restricted net assets of £198,021.

### 4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Programme advertising	30,703	23,175
Courses	18,692	4,471
Grants	11,813	110,087
Subscriptions and membership	23,449	19,701
	<u>84,657</u>	<u>157,434</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	57,738	43,223
Restricted funds	26,919	114,211
	<u>84,657</u>	<u>157,434</u>
<b>Grants</b>		
LIBOR grant	-	110,087
The Grace Trust	5,313	-
Royal Foundation	6,500	-
	<u>11,813</u>	<u>110,087</u>

### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Use of training material	7,710	3,000
Sale of goods	20,928	40,868
Other trading activities	<u>28,638</u>	<u>43,868</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	103	1,154

### 7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Goods for resale	35,980	41,449
Meetings and travel	337	760
Fundraising expenses	15,719	16,984
Phoneline	-	12
Bad debt written off	-	1,982
	<u>52,036</u>	<u>61,187</u>
Fundraising and publicity	<u>52,036</u>	<u>61,187</u>

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### 8 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation and impairment	1,227	1,506
Courses and conferences	71,251	44,086
Equipment	42,281	17,262
Vehicle	1,052	(321)
Medical	2,597	80
Public relations	51,279	55,543
Representation	8,825	5,099
Technology	35,732	33,280
Team and member expenses	231,577	220,937
Bad debt provision	-	435
	<u>445,821</u>	<u>377,907</u>
Share of support costs (see note 9)	100,422	79,980
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	2,250	4,000
	<u>548,493</u>	<u>461,887</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	462,767	418,201
Restricted funds	85,726	43,686
	<u>548,493</u>	<u>461,887</u>

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### 9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation	412	-	412	753	-	753
Running costs	6,597	-	6,597	9,943	-	9,943
Bank charges	1,250	-	1,250	934	-	934
External staffing function	79,083	-	79,083	29,995	-	29,995
Council and legal costs	9,242	-	9,242	6,982	-	6,982
Administrative expenses	118	-	118	2	-	2
COVID-19	3,720	-	3,720	31,371	-	31,371
Audit fees	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Independent examination fees	-	2,250	2,250	-	-	-
	<u>100,422</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>102,672</u>	<u>79,980</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>83,980</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>100,422</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>102,672</u>	<u>79,980</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>83,980</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the accountants of £1,750 (2020: £3,500 for audit fees) for independent examination fees and £500 (2020: £500) for accountancy fees.

### 10 Trustees

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

8 trustees (2020: 4) were reimbursed for expenses as part of their management committee role totalling £4,844 (2020: £2,361). during the year. Expenses relate to travel and subsistence and administrative expenses such as postage.

The charity received income from 1 trustee (2020: nil) in relation of programme advertisement totalling £295 (2020: £nil).

During the year the charity received course income from Central Beacons Mountain Rescue Team totalling £2,025 (2020: £nil). The charities are related by the way of common trustees.

During the year the charity received course income from Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation P D M R O totalling £480 (2020: £nil). The charities are related by the way of common trustees.

### 11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 11 Employees

(Continued)

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

Plant and equipment  
£

#### Cost

At 1 January 2021	5,613
Additions	1,786
Disposals	(2,035)
At 31 December 2021	5,364

#### Depreciation and impairment

At 1 January 2021	2,259
Depreciation charged in the year	1,639
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(2,035)
At 31 December 2021	1,863

#### Carrying amount

At 31 December 2021	3,501
At 31 December 2020	3,354

### 13 Stocks

2021  
£

2020  
£

Finished goods and goods for resale	53,394	84,062
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### 14 Debtors

2021  
£

2020  
£

#### Amounts falling due within one year:

Trade debtors	15,158	14,244
Other debtors	43,692	38,941
Prepayments and accrued income	184,548	233,589
	243,398	286,774

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	43,047	16,156
Accruals and deferred income	2,400	4,000
	<u>45,447</u>	<u>20,156</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Transfer from unincorporated charity	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Incoming resources	Resources expended	£
LIBOR grant	198,021	114,211	(43,686)	17,106	(85,726)	199,926
The Grace Trust	-	-	-	5,313	-	5,313
Royal Foundation	-	-	-	6,500	-	6,500
	198,021	114,211	(43,686)	28,919	(85,726)	211,739

### LIBOR grant

Received in support of providing a wide range of training in supporting the operation needs.

### The Grace Trust

Received to fund cas bags, vacuum mattresses and stretcher servicing.

### Royal Foundation

Received to fund wellbeing training.



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#### 17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Transfers	Balance at	Resources	Transfers	Balance at
		1 January 2021	expended		31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Emergency fund	30,000	30,000	-	-	30,000
Fixed asset fund	3,354	3,354	(1,639)	1,786	3,501
	<u>33,354</u>	<u>33,354</u>	<u>(1,639)</u>	<u>1,786</u>	<u>33,501</u>

#### Emergency fund

Fund to be utilised at the discretion of the council when required. This will be expended during the 2020/21 financial year.

#### Fixed asset fund

This fund represents the net book value of the charity's fixed assets.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:

Tangible assets

Current assets/(liabilities)

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	-	3,501	-	3,501	-	-	3,354
	1,152,441	30,000	211,739	1,394,180	1,249,578	268,546	1,548,124
	1,152,441	33,501	211,739	1,397,681	1,249,578	268,546	1,551,478

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#### **19 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

