

# **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,  
2016

*Registered Charity 518928*

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## Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016

The Trustees/Committee during the year were:

- Michael Lewis Jones - Chairman
- Graeme Adkin - Treasurer
- Hazel Highfield - Secretary
- Mark Nicholls
- Paul Lewis
- Stuart Lovejoy
- Tim Potts

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 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.

### *Review of the year*

The team continues to respond to numerous 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

2015 marked the team's fiftieth year and celebratory events included a tea party for the public on the summit of the Sugar Loaf.

## *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.

The Team is currently fundraising for a new control vehicle. An anonymous donation kick started the campaign and some grant funding has been secured. Street collections and further fundraising initiatives are adding to this fund.

## *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*

21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016  
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## Longtown Mountain Rescue Team Charity number 518928

### Receipts and Payments account

		Vehicle Fund Year ended 31-Mar-16	General Fund Year ended 31-Mar-16	Total Year ended 31-Mar-16	<i>Total Year ended 31-Mar-15</i>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Fundraised income	<i>Note 1</i>	3,522	36,764	40,286	<i>72,906</i>
Interest received		-	39	39	<i>38</i>
<b>Total receipts</b>		3,522	36,803	40,325	<i>72,944</i>
<b>Payments</b>					
Administration		-	3,245	3,245	<i>2,929</i>
Fundraising	<i>Note 2</i>	-	5,089	5,089	<i>5,410</i>
Equipment and repairs		-	8,783	8,783	<i>5,471</i>
Vehicles and fuel		-	2,809	2,809	<i>1,903</i>
Base operating costs		-	6,969	6,969	<i>5,407</i>
Training costs		-	2,495	2,495	<i>240</i>
<b>Total payments</b>		-	29,390	29,390	<i>20,880</i>
<b>Net of receipts / (payments)</b>		3,522	7,413	10,935	<i>52,064</i>

### Represented by:

Cash balances brought forward		-	177,110	177,110	
Net of receipts / (payments)		3,522	7,413	10,935	
Transfers between funds	<i>Note 3</i>	25,000	- 25,000	-	
<b>Cash balances carried forward</b>		28,522	159,523	188,045	

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Notes

*Note 1*

Fundraised income:	TOTAL	Vehicle Fund	General Fund
Donations	12,106	1,065	11,041
Just giving	2,553	-	2,553
Grants	-	-	-
Big Black Mountains Challenge	22,165	-	22,165
Calendar sales	105	-	105
Collecting tins	611	-	611
Events	2,693	2,477	216
Subscriptions	53	-	53
	<u>40,286</u>	<u>3,542</u>	<u>36,744</u>

*Note 2*

Fundraising:

Big Black Mountains Challenge	4,694
Other fundraising costs	<u>395</u>
	<u>5,089</u>

*Note 3*

£25,000 donation from previous year allocated to Vehicle fund

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Year ended 31-Mar-16		
	Vehicle Fund	General Fund	Total
<b>Cash funds</b>			
Bank balances	28,522	159,523	188,045
		<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>£188,045</b>

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

#### Motor Vehicles:

Team Control Vehicle (Vauxhall Movano)  
Team Land Rover

#### Computer equipment:

Computer  
2 Laptops  
2 Printers

#### Furniture, fixtures and fittings:

Furniture at Team base

#### Other assets:

Rescue equipment

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2016, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

Name: J Thomas



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: MAAT CPFA

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Date: 18.11.16