

LONGTOWN MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Longtown Mountain Rescue Team

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March,
2019

Registered Charity 518928

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Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 2019

The Trustees/Committee during the year were:

- Tim Potts - Chairman
- Graeme Adkin - Treasurer
- Hazel Highfield - Secretary
- Marc Ashton
- Paul Lewis
- 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 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 a higher number 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

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 planning the replacement of its existing landrover which is becoming unreliable.

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

16th January, 2019

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Receipts and Payments account

		Vehicle Fund Year ended 31-Mar-19	General Fund Year ended 31-Mar-19	Total Year ended 31-Mar-19	Total Year ended 31-Mar-18
Receipts					
Fundraised income	<i>Note 1</i>	7,000	51,288	58,288	68,066
Interest received		-	111	111	37
Total receipts		7,000	51,399	58,399	68,103
Payments					
New Vehicle		26,602	-	26,602	73,372
Administration		-	5,463	5,463	6,863
Fundraising	<i>Note 2</i>	-	6,300	6,300	7,399
Equipment and repairs		-	11,585	11,585	9,893
Vehicles and fuel		-	3,399	3,399	1,589
Base operating costs		-	5,000	5,000	7,202
Training costs		-	5,040	5,040	1,543
VAT reclaimed	<i>Note 3</i>	- 13,779	- 2,531	- 16,310	- 2,794
Total payments		12,823	34,256	47,079	105,067
Net of receipts / (payments)		- 5,823	17,143	11,320	- 36,964

Represented by:

Cash balances brought forward	-	1,239	204,846	203,607	
Net of receipts / (payments)	-	5,823	17,143	11,320	
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	
Cash balances carried forward	<i>Note 4</i>	7,062	221,989	214,927	

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Notes

Note 1

Fundraised income:	TOTAL	Vehicle Fund	General Fund
Donations	6,778	-	6,778
Just giving	2,676	-	2,676
Grants	7,000	7,000	-
Big Black Mountains Challenge	32,665	-	32,665
Calendar sales	1,085	-	1,085
Collection tins	1,070	-	1,070
Events	6,983	-	6,983
Subscriptions	31	-	31
	<u>58,288</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>51,288</u>

Note 2

Fundraising:

Big Black Mountains Challenge	4,859
Other fundraising costs	1,441
	<u>6,300</u>

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-19		
	Vehicle Fund	General Fund	Total
Cash funds			
Bank balances	- 7,062	221,989	214,927
		Total cash funds	£214,927

Assets retained for the Charity's own use

Motor Vehicles:

Team Control Vehicle (Peugeot Boxer) Purchased February 2018
Team Control Vehicle (Vauxhall Movano). On loan to Central Beacons Team as at 31.03.19
Team Land Rover

Computer equipment:

3 Computers
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 to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Longtown Mountain Rescue Team for the year ended 31 March 2019.

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(s) or body: MAAT

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

Date: 9 January 2020