

Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

Trustees Annual Report 2021

As always, I'd like to thank the Executive Trustees for their support and Ian Bunting for continuing to lead the OMG, its Subcommittee chairs and all those involved. I would like to take the opportunity to thank, all the trustees and committee members who have stood down at the end of the year, for their work and support.

There has been significant work this year by members of the Executive Committee with the assistance of Eric and Roger of Buxton in rewriting the constitution of the region for us to move toward to becoming a CIO which we hope to progress in the new financial year.

We were officially the first region to be completely accepted into membership of the new MREW CIO, thanks to all the teams for putting the groundwork in, and to Phil Newing for working through the regional application.

In the last year we have unfortunately seen Mike France stand down as MREW SEO and our president David Coleman stand down as MREW external trustee, I was nominated by my regional peers to be Regional Chairs representative to the Trustee board and would like to thank both of them for the work they put into their roles and the excellent way they represented this region. We have maintained strong regional influence over the national organisation with strong attendance by teams and via the now established CIO channels of Operations and Regional Chairs in addition the National Assistant Secretary and Equipment officer both being from this region.

The move from an analogue to digital communications system has progressed well and will provide a robust network for the future when completed. This has been at a significant cost to both the teams and the time spent on the system by individuals, particularly Mick Blood of Edale MRT and John Hallstead of Woodhead MRT.

In the last 12 months we have been in the depths of the global Covid-19 pandemic, and Mountain Rescue has had to adapt to new ways of working both on incidents and the donning of PPE, and in training where the use of technology has embedded to

keep the day to day running of teams as seamless and interactive as in a non-pandemic year.

It is important to note the c40% increase in callouts the region has had this last year driven by the increased visitor numbers to the Peak District, due in-part to its accessibility to the surrounding conurbation's and the lock down of North Wales and Lakes. All the region's teams have been impacted by increased callouts whilst maintaining full operational capabilities. This has significantly increased day to day running costs at a time when teams ability to fund raise has been severely curtailed. But where needed, the public and companies have stepped up to support the work the teams do and for this we must thank everyone.

Matt Dooley

Chair

Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION CHARITY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 set out on pages 2 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 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 by the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner 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 Commissioner. 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 the seeking of 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:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P.A. Shepherd

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Chartered Accountants,
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Leek,
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ST13 6EH

9th February 2021



PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	£	<u>2019</u> £
<u>Current Assets</u>		
NatWest Account	15,322	10,343
Nationwide Account	-	10,693
CAP Bank Account	29,519	2,635
Leek United Account	4,748	6,399
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<u>Net Assets</u>	49,589	30,070
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 <u>Funds</u>		
Unrestricted Funds	44,841	23,671
Restricted Funds	4,748	6,399
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	49,589	30,070
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These accounts were approved by the Trustees on
and were signed on their behalf by:

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) Trustee
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PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Donations	31,762	3,000	34,762	11,961
VAT Refund	734	-	734	634
MREW Refund	-	-	-	-
Interest Received	5	13	18	15
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Total Incoming Resources	32,501	3,013	35,514	12,610
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<u>Resources Expended</u>				
<u>Management and Administration</u>				
Insurance	-	4,664	4,664	4,538
Communications	2,350	-	2,350	1,152
Travel	-	-	-	-
Training	205	-	205	2,521
Just Giving Fees	216	-	216	216
Equipment	7,918	-	7,918	-
Administration	318	-	318	109
Accountancy	264	-	264	252
Bark Charges	60	-	60	60
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Total Resources Expended	11,331	4,664	15,995	8,848
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<u>Net Incoming Resources</u>				
For The Financial Year	21,170	(1,651)	19,519	3,762
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Fund Balance at 1st January 2020	23,671	6,399	30,070	26,308
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Fund Balance at 31st December 2020	44,841	4,748	49,589	30,070
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PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

1) **Principal Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been consistently applied in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's accounts.

a) **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

2) **Independent Examiner**

	<u>2019</u>	
	f	£
Fees paid during year	264	252
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	01	2020		31	12

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

8A Hallsteads, Dove Holes	
Buxton	
Postcode	SK17 8BJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Matt Dooley	Chairman		PDMRO
2	Keith Montgomery	Treasurer		PDMRO
3	Philip Newing	Secretary		PDMRO
4	Rick Mobbs			Buxton MRT
5	Julian Walden			Derby MRT
6	Ian Bunting			Edale MRT
7	Lee Grant			Glossop MRT
8	Nigel Taylor			Kinder MRT
9	Justin Parkinson			Oldham MRT
10	Brian Bailey			Woodhead MRT
11	Ian Burley			MRSDE

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To save life and alleviate distress, primarily in Upland and Mountain areas.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity supports the seven Peak District based Mountain Rescue teams that are tasked by the police in response to a 999 request for help from a member of the public or organisation. The person(s) requesting help will either be injured or lost or both. Or the ambulance, fire or police services will be unable to attend due to the terrain and/or need the specialist skills that the charity's members have.

The Charity represents the teams at the national level within Mountain Rescue England and Wales.

The Trustees are aware and have regard to the guidance in respect of public benefit, as issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity has supported the 7 Mountain Rescue teams operating within the geographical area they respond. The charity has supported training and development of teams and individuals to further enhance their capabilities. The charity takes an overseeing role in major changes such as the recent move from analogue to a digital radio system that involved new radio sets and infrastructure across the operating area.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity reviews its reserves on a regular basis to ensure it has the necessary funds for any known future expenditure. The nature of the charity dictates that there will rarely be any unknown or unplanned expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul	Besley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

Date 23.09.2020

