



PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

Registered Charity No. 506681

ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023

At the Biennial General meeting in April 2023, the chair thanked the PDMRO Executive Committee for their support over the last two years. We have seen a number of role changes in teams during this time so it is important to recognise that the thanks is aimed at everyone who has input into the running of the region over the last two years. The Chair thanked Ian Bunting, for continuing to lead the Operational Management Group, its Subcommittee chairs and all those involved.

In 2023 the PDMRO received an honorary doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University in recognition of the volunteer work that we had done over the years and in supporting the local community through a number of positive ways, Sheffield Hallam University thought that this aligned to their values as a community focused university.

In December 2023 Ian Bunting handed over his role as lead for the OMG, to Patrick Haley. Ian has moved on to take on the role of Operations Director for MREW (Mountain Rescue England & Wales).

Callouts:

The total number of incidents during 2022 and 2023 was higher than in the previous 12 months. The nature of the callouts was varied with some blackspots being identified across several parts of the operational area. Unfortunately, the number of fatalities attended by the region's teams also remained high.

Incidents for 2022: 451

Incidents for 2023 481

Total number of rescuer hours recorded exceeds 33,500. This number excludes the number of hours dedicated by team members to team training, fundraising and attending regional and national meetings. The PDMRO is a voluntary organisation representing the 7 Mountain Rescue Teams and 1 Cave Rescue Team, all the team members and officers of the region are volunteers. The organisation and Teams within rely largely on public donations, quite often made by those rescued.

Regional Representation and Initiatives

- The repeater project to support the change to digital communications throughout our area has continued to grow over the year with several extra sets now being established throughout the region.
- We have continued to represent the 7 teams at a national level with a strong representation in both the Operations Group and Regional Chairs. We have established a regional Wellbeing group under the leadership of Mike France who also acts as MREW Liaison Officer. Our subcommittee members represent the region in all national subgroups to ensure we have a strong input and voice in national matters.
- The PDMRO chair represented the Regional Chairs of MREW as a Trustee and is coming to the end of a second year as Chair of MREW Trustees. In the last few months he has been pushing for constitutional change which will see a more balanced board of trustees with less representation from the management group to give a more independent board. They have also been working through a new appointment strategy.
- As a PDMRO board of trustees we have been working towards changing our charitable status to CIO which has been led by Ian Donaldson, this work is nearing completion.
- We have discussed our risks and how we can help our member teams with escalation of grievances by ensuring all teams have an up to date set of policies and the sharing of best practice.
- We have allocated finances to support the Foundation Training Course and strengthen the Peak net repeater programme. We will continue to ensure we spend our finances on projects that benefit all teams and ensure the region is financially stable into the future

In summary we have achieved a lot and It is great to see new faces step into regional roles and for more regional representation into MREW. But none of this would be possible without our volunteers and the good will of our families and employers. We should be proud of the work we do but also mindful that the requirement for our assistance gets bigger every year and more and more time pressure is put onto our volunteers.

Matt Dooley

Chairman Peak District Mountain Rescue Organisation

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

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You are also responsible for ensuring that the accounts are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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 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:

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to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

21/12/23
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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.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>		
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Donations	13,906	7,176	21,082	5,952
MREW Refund	2,228	-	2,228	2,619
TEAM Refund	320	-	320	658
VAT Refund	730	-	730	-
Charity Patches	1,104	-	1,104	1,073
Interest Received	107	-	107	63
Total Incoming Resources	18,395	7,176	25,571	10,365
<u>Resources Expended</u>				
<u>Management and Administration</u>				
Insurance	-	6,523	6,523	5,351
Communications	26,578	-	26,578	8,139
Travel	133	-	133	128
Training	4,803	-	4,803	7,786
Just Giving Fees	216	-	216	216
Administration	35	-	35	35
Accountancy	336	-	336	312
Bank Charges	60	-	60	81
Total Resources Expended	32,161	6,523	38,684	22,048
<u>Net Incoming Resources</u>				
<u>For The Financial Year</u>	(13,766)	653	(13,113)	(11,683)
<u>Fund Balance at 1st January 2023</u>	60,759	3,164	63,923	75,606
<u>Fund Balance at 31st December 2023</u>	46,993	3,817	50,810	63,923



PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1) **Principal Accounting Policies**

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a) **Basis of Accounting**

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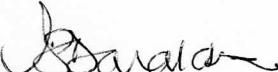
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Assets		
CAF Bank Account	50,810	63,923
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Net Assets	50,810	63,923
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Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	46,993	60,759
Restricted Funds	3,817	3,164
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These accounts were approved by the Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

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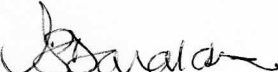
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