

For Annual Report 2021-2022

Minutes of the
16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING^(11th SEP) of the
Teesdale & Weardale
Search & Mountain Rescue Team
Held at Chris Scott Base, Durham
At 19.00hrs Friday 11th November 2022

1. Opening Remarks

Steve OWERS

The Team Leader thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Apologies

Tom Keenan, David Thompson, David Clarke, Chris Roberts, Ian Findlay, Pete Bell, David Bartles-Smith, Izzy De Santis, Des Lee, John Little, Karen Fisher

Attendance

Steve Owers, Mike Needham, Jane Ascroft, Don McCartney, Andy Neill, Mark Sauer, James Chilcott, Alicia Stanley, Damian Bubb, James Wheeler, Alan Best, Leslie Sutherland, Andy Bottrill, Des Toward, Rich Warne, Katrin Watkin-Rees, Dave Wigham, Miles Wilson, Sarah Hall

3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM

The Minutes were accepted as a true and acceptable reflection of the 2021 AGM.

Agenda items 5.1-5.18: Team Officers had produced their reports (as contained herein) for the Team Members prior to this meeting.

4. Presentation of Service Certificates

10 year MREW certificates:

John BRABBAN joined 28/4/12
Willian COOMBS joined 24/4/12

The Team Leader Steve OWERS congratulated both on this achievement. Neither were present this evening. A proper presentation would be arranged.

5. Team Leader's Report

Steve OWERS

This year has been our busiest for some time with 53 call outs. A number of these occurred as a result of Storm Arwen. I was extremely proud of the team for the way they carried out a number of snow related rescues on the Friday night and Saturday then spending three days later in the week carrying out welfare checks in the more remote parts of Weardale and Teesdale to support the local community.

Just last month we sadly lost a much loved and hard working team member, Marc Tomlinson. Marc sadly died on a wild camping trip in Scotland leaving a wife two young sons and an older son. We were able to say our goodbyes to Marc at his funeral attended by over 40 past and present team members.

We also recently lost another team member, Sam, the search dog belonging to Karen Fisher. Some may say the number of fines for us as well as attending many call outs.

We are continuing to develop and test emergency plans with High Force (Raby Estates), Hamsterley Forest and Swinhope ski centre.

With increasing pressure on all our statutory services we are working closely with our police, fire and ambulance services so they can make best use of our resources

Team members are not immune from the increasing pressures of life we are all encountering at the moment. This increased pressure is one of the factors why we are at times finding it difficult to run the team in the way we have in the past. The committee are very aware of this and going forward into 2023 we have plans in place to address some of the issues around training and call outs. I am optimistic that with a small increasing effort from all of us that these difficulties will be resolved.

Last but certainly not least I would like to thank all team members and their families for the commitment they have shown over the last 12 months. Without this commitment we would not be able to provide the service we do to the people of County Durham and Darlington.

6. Deputy Team Leader's Reports

6.1 Deputy Team Leader's / Search Management Group Lead's Report

Pete BELL

Another year over, it's amazing how fast a year passes!

The year has as usual brought a series of challenges, the main one being recovery from covid, and its effect on the team and team members, mainly in attendance at training and callouts.

Steve will need everybody's help and support to ensure we are robust in ensuring standards are maintained, by training, and our prime function of callout attendance is ramped up.

Medical matters have been progressed thanks to Dan and his cohort of doctors and other HCPs. We have five validated ESCC till Easter 2024 and several team members are taking their three year validation exams in December this year.

Dr Dan is standing down after his stint as Medical lead and rightly deserves the praise for his pragmatic leadership of the team medical aspects.

Eric continues his sterling work in equipment matters, and over the year has done his usual detailed job in all things equipment.

Work has progressed with CDDFRS on water incidents, concluding in a MOU where we are called at the same time as CDDFRS, to facilitate bankside searches in the event of a person(s) missing as a result of the incident.

Discussions are progressing with CDDFRS in respect to underground incidents driven by an incident in a County Durham disused metal mine. A joint exercise was held with two underground teams, ourselves as overhead incident management and CDDFRS observing. This and other discussions with CDDFRS have resulted in a recognition by them that their expertise in the mine and cave rescue is extremely limited and can't be expanded by training, and that rescues in these environments should be done by those versed in these environments, which for us is COMRU and Swale underground. This work continues and we are hopeful of that this will result in a MOU where the rescue will be done by the underground teams, with ourselves managing the overground.

Search management still needs some work in some areas, mainly in the areas of new technology, such as integrating Police drones as a search tool, and a look at IR/Image intensifiers for night searches.

Three new Duty Controllers, have been trained to add to the DC pool, more are always welcome, and it is a potential route into search management, for those who wish to progress down this route.

Finally - I am standing down as deputy team leader, now is the time to hand over to younger team members, (*which is now most of the team*), who will bring new ideas and insight to the role, and hopefully will provide a progression path to Team Leader, at the appropriate time.

I wish Rich, Des and John all the best in coming year(s) with providing support to Steve and the team to overcome the challenges that will surely occur.

I would like to end with a thanks to everybody who has helped me over the years, there are too many to name, but you know who you are, so thanks again.

6.2 Deputy Team Leader's / Transport Lead's Report

Des LEE

Reflection

it's been a sad time for the team this year we lost Marc Tomlinson our teammate & friend, I like to think of him walking on the fells on a sunny day, there's a slight wind and he is looking for a camp site while eating sweets. Pepper Pot you will always be with us.

Training

It's been a difficult year again for our Training Lead Andy Bottrill he's struggled to get people to help run sessions, but he still managed to organise some quality sessions, due to other commitments Andy is standing down from this role, I would like to thank him for all his hard work he has done.

Note - Whoever takes on Training Leads role we need to support them, offer to run sessions, get involved, suggest other ways of training.

Reminder - if we don't practice what we learn we will lose that skill/knowledge, there is now a lot of training information on SharePoint so please have a look, and there's nothing stopping you dropping into base at any time to practicing.

Transport

No Vehicle accidents this year, another clean sheet. Massive thanks to all drivers. Drivers yearly licence check has been carried out in accordance with our insurance provider requirements.

All vehicles have been Mot, serviced, taxed and insured.

Driver training is going to plan

Big thanks to all drivers and helpers for washing / cleaning vehicles off after a Callout or training

Standing Down

I am standing down from all my roles. I've had a fantastic time, learnt loads, met some cracking people, now friends, who all have the same passion & desire to help people, with added bonus working with kindred spirit who all like the outdoors. Thanks for a great time

Parting thought - I think we are the best team in the North East we have cracking guidance from Steve and have the passion & drive to help others, what more could you ask.

Just a point to think about and to keep us on the right track, we only operate efficiently as a team if we "All work together" and don't leave all the work to a few and take responsibility for what happens within the team & during training and callouts.

Example - All team members have a say on which trainees can join the team, yet we get very little feedback during their training period, when I joined the team I was encouraged to speak up if I thought something was wrong or I had concern over trainee or another teammates ability.

Keeping quiet does not resolve the problem "We are only as good as the weakest link" if you do have a concern then please contact a Group Leader, DTLs, TL or teammate. "It's your team"

Wishing you all the best, & keep safe

6.3 Deputy Team Leader's / Canoe Group Lead's Report

John LITTLE

Deputy Team Leader

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the AGM this year due to a long standing personal commitment.

Who would have thought 12 months ago that Covid would be the least of the world's troubles. Closer to home, the loss of Marc is indeed a great loss for the Team, and of course and I'm sure has made us all pause and reflect on our priorities. It's been another busy year for the team on many fronts with around 50 callouts alongside all the regular and additional training. For example we are currently in a run of nine weekends with team training activities on seven of them - fortunately this isn't typical!

This year we also have a lot of change on the committee and I would like to thank both these standing down for their time and commitment and offer my support to those who have agreed to take on new roles - if there's something I might be able to help with please do ask.

I would also like to thank everyone who's supported me in my role this year - let's hope next year is a bit gentler on everyone.

Canoe Team Leader

It's not been a busy year operationally for the Canoe Team - there's been a couple of standby's and near deployments and one search of the river Tees where the Canoe Team searched nearly 20km of river below Winston. We're still in the process of personally equipping the Canoe Team members with buoyancy aids, helmets, drysuits etc. We have also identified a need to expand the Canoe Team to ensure resilience and would welcome any links to suitably paddlers who meet the membership requirements.

7. Equipment Lead's Report

Eric GILHOOLEY

One of the highlights of the year, equipment-wise was attendance by myself and Don McCartney at a two day PPE Inspector Course ("Protective Personal Equipment for Mountain Rescue") delivered by a member of staff from Lyon Work and Rescue Training. The course gave a comprehensive and detailed insight into how crag and water equipment should be inspected as well as what records should be kept. The course confirmed that our procedures comply with current best practice. With Don's help the inspection process can be carried out in a shorter time frame.

I have changed the system of marking crag kit that is 'in-date', replacing colour coded cable ties with colour coded 'Tough Tags'. The tags are more prominent and are printed with the team's details to help stop equipment going astray.

Over the past few years the bankside kit in bags one to four has been inspected in the same way as crag kit. An additional bag (3 x P.F.D.'s, 3 x water helmets and 3 x throwlines) has been assembled and will be kept in the quad base garage. Bankside kit not currently in use will be inspected and held in reserve, although some items need their dates of manufacture to be determined and a number of helmets have exceeded their manufacturer's working lifespan.

Major expenditure during the year has included an 'Obelisk' and replacement helmets for 19 team members. We have also replaced the group shelters as there had been a few observations that the ones in service were leaking.

Other purchases during the year included:

- Fenix torches, Kongur jackets and salopettes/overtrousers for new hill team members.
- Blizzard bags and heater pads for use with hypothermic casualties.
- Replacement headguard attachment bracket for Ferno stretcher.
- Two 50m ropes.
- Scene lighting charger.
- Split stretcher casualty straps.

The problems encountered last year with equipment orders have still not been entirely resolved and there have been some delays and shortages this year.

Having regular training away from the Durham base, along with mobile 1 being based in Barnard Castle makes the logistics of equipment checking more difficult. I am grateful to those team members who have been very helpful in carrying out equipment checks

during the year and bringing mobile 1 to training sessions so that kit can be switched over.

I would also like to thank Des (Lee) for his help and advice over the past few years. The enthusiasm that Des has shown for all aspects of the team's work, along with his knowledge and resourcefulness has been very helpful to me personally. His input to the team will be sadly missed.

8. Radio & IT Systems Lead's Report

Mark COLLEDGE

Firstly I would like to start by thanking everyone who has assisted with the IT and Comms this year, especially Adam and Andy. If anyone feels they are able to help and support the team from an IT and comms view, please do get in touch.

The radio network, which is shared across many northern teams continues to grow. We are planning on putting another repeater in our area thanks to the funding we received. The radio network is becoming increasingly stable and very little issues being reported. In the near future, the radio network computer will need to be replaced, this is a joint project with the other teams involved.

ESN is delayed again, and it is unlikely we will see any new sim cards or hardware associated in the new future. We are still on Durham Police's list to receive this once the network becomes live.

The team's IT hardware is operating as it should and no reported issues. We continue to ensure there are up to date and ready for use. Our Microsoft package is working correctly, there has been a couple of issues recently, but this is user related and not system.

There are no future IT hardware/software project planned for the next year as of now. We are still looking at rebuilding the website in the near future.

As mentioned above, if you are an IT or radio guru and can offer support to myself and the team, please get in touch.

9. Support Members' Lead's Report

Chris ROBERTS

There are now a number of Support Team members within the Team who are providing essential duties. These include: The secretary, the fund raising officer, the bookkeeper, our collecting tin managers, vehicle support, equipment support, dogs bodying, Associate Membership support, and newsletter.

My hope is that now we are coming out of Covid restrictions there will be more opportunities for support membership to the Team, and that I will be able to pursue it more actively.

The Newsletter is now published twice a year, a summer edition, and a New Year's edition. This seems to prove to be a good balance.

Newsletters are sent via email to all of our Associate members, and all other Team members. We have a small number of Associate, and Team members who require a print version sending to them.

We continue to recruit Associate members, the hope being that next year with restrictions being lifted we will be able to hold a meeting in one of our bases so as to give these members a thank you for their continued support.

10. Hon. Secretary's Report

Andy NEILL

Nothing of value to report.

11. Press & PR Lead's Report

Mike NEEDHAM

For the last year our level of engagement has been challenged on a number of fronts. It is becoming more challenging to get any meaningful press coverage for a number of reasons, in my experience as press officer over the last year people appear to be shifting more so to the use of social media and web-based sources of information. This is more apparent with the number of interactions that the team has over its social media platforms; Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

At the outset of my post last year I reached out to the local press offices and managed to secure a main point of contact who has shared team media posts but not picked up on the articles or invites sent across, this includes an invite to our HM QE2 Platinum Jubilee presentation.

For the above reasons I have attempted to build on the base of our social media accounts growing our followings with meaningful posts over the last year and preceding 6 years of involvement. Our followings are now:

Facebook; grown from 1500 to 5776

Instagram; grown over the last 2 years to 1055

Twitter; 483 followers

My recommendation would be to continue to grow the Instagram and Facebook followings as our reach within twitter is much less predictable and less targeted. It will be apparent to all that in this digital age this is where we, as a team, get the majority of our publicity. This has resulted in the sharing of mispers, fundraisers, donations and many other activities or messages, including messages of thanks from casualties or family members.

This role relies heavily on input from all of you here tonight, whether that be sharing of training experiences, callouts or other team related activities. Just sending a photo without any content makes things more challenging.

As most of you will recognise for a number of reasons, I have taken the decision to step down as Press/PR/Media officer having been in post for the last year. This year due to work needs has made it very difficult to provide the level commitment needed to really fulfil this role for the team.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that have taken the time to send content for me to use over the last 6years, it really does make a difference to what can be shared.

It is with above in mind that ask you to provide support and input to the incoming Press Officer. As a team we cannot function with 20% of the membership doing 80% of the work.

12. Fundraising Lead's Report

Sarah HALL

Over the past 12 months we have continued as a small team to help support fundraising activities for the team.

The charity text number is now up and running, in response to fewer people carrying cash than they used to. The card machine has also proved valuable during street collections this year.

We now have fundraising packs to share with individuals who are wanting to fundraise for the team to give them advice, resources and support.

In April, we won the Lakes & Dales Cooperative Community Connect funding and were awarded £5,000 to be used towards the purchase of kit and equipment.

We have also held our first street collections post COVID. We attended Darlington in November last year and Durham in December of last year. We have had two street collections this year, one in Barnard Castle in the Spring (raising £1,000) and another in Darlington in September (raising £650). We have another street collection due to take place in Durham in December.

We also secured 7 places for the Great North Run this year and are hopeful to secure more places next year.

13. Group Leaders' Report

James CHILCOTT

The untimely passing of Marc Tomlinson was a shock and big loss to the team. I hope one of the ways we can honour his time in the team is to all be a bit like Marc; positive and nice to other team members, enjoy ourselves when on training or callouts and try not to take ourselves too seriously as we are all just volunteers at the end of the day.

This year we are losing a lot of key people from all areas of the committee but on the positive side it sounds as though most will still be an active part of the team. Specifically, from the group leaders' side I would like to say a big thanks to Andy, Dan and Des who have organised and provided a lot of training to team members and trainees for several years now which we have all benefitted from.

Thank you to the team members that volunteered to be part of the 3 Peaks and Wainwrights event in 2022. The events had a significant impact on the team fundraising side with over £12,000 raised and a good social during the weekends. The 2023 3 Peaks event is slow of the mark on planning side as waiting to find out the names of relevant people on the DUCK side for next year.

The 2023 winter training weekend at end of February is booked from accommodation side and has 13 team members who have said they are likely to go. We need the numbers to be higher though to fill the bed spaces we reserved so if planning to attend please ensure you have signed up on the message board.

It appears the big emphasis and push to all team members in 2023 will be attending training and callouts. Each training session or callout that is well attended encourages us all to feel part of an important team, so please for 2023 do your best to make training and callouts that you are available for.

14. Water Lead's Report

Rich WARNE

A significant amount of work has been undertaken this year in order to clarify what approach the Team will take with regards to operating in or around water and what services it will provide.

Following a number of committee meetings, it was decided that the Team will continue to offer only water-margin searching and will not undertake any in-water activity with the exception of the canoe team. This approach will follow the DEFRA flood rescue concept of operations, annex H as guidance.

This position will be reviewed over coming years, subject to Team Member's commitment to training and CPD, and operational demand.

Over the weekend of the 15th and 16th October 2022, the Team provided the first in-water training since before the onset of the COVID pandemic. This was well subscribed, with twenty-eight Team Members attending over two days. Comments received following the event appeared overwhelmingly positive, with a number of requests to provide further in-water training opportunities. The net result of this training should hopefully be to better equip Team Members to safeguard themselves and others whilst undertaking search and rescue activity in the water-margin area.

Water related equipment remains generally in good order, with only three drysuits damaged throughout the course of the water training weekend. Such damage is to be expected and is commensurate with the age of the equipment. Water helmets, PFD's and throwlines are being regularly inspected by the Equipment Lead and have been repaired or replaced as required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Team Members for their efforts in recent training and look forward to continuing and progressing this area over the coming year.

15. MRSDE Lead's Report

Des TOWARD

Yearly thanks to our Heroic Dogs Bodies, local landowners, game keepers and the Team for their continued support.

Dog teams continue to practice locally and attend National courses in other parts of the country.

Dog teams have continued to support TWSMRT and other NESRA teams during the year.

Well done to Paul Fell and Blythe for their recorded find at Cow Green.

A big thank you for the support shown to Karen Fisher during the illness of retired Search Dog Sam and the messages following his passing.

As always, any dog issues please come and talk to me first and I will do my best to sort them.

16. Acceptance of 2021/2022 Financial Statement

Steve OWERS

The Team Accounts (*running until end July 2022*) had been circulated to Team Members previously. They were formally agreed at this meeting

17. Election of President and Vice Presidents

The following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
President	Graeme GILL
Vice Presidents	Alan BEST, David CLARK, Ian FINDLAY, David THOMPSON, Pete BELL. Chris ROBERTS David BARTLES-SMITH

18. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The Following were unanimously approved:

Role	Candidate
Team Leader	Steve OWERS
Deputy Team Leader	Rich WARNE
Deputy Team Leader	John LITTLE
Deputy Team Leader	Des TOWARD
Hon Secretary	Andy NEILL
Hon. Treasurer	Steve OWERS
Training Lead	Don McCARTNEY
Group Leaders (4)	James CHILCOTT Rich WARNE
Press & Public Relations Lead	Jane ASHCROFT
Equipment Lead	Eric GILHOOLEY
Fundraising Lead	Sarah HALL
Transport Lead	Dave WIGHAM
Casualty Care Lead	Alicia WHEELER
Radio & IT Systems Lead	Mark COLLEDGE
Operational Support Team Lead	Chris ROBERTS
Search Management Lead	Pete BELL
Crag Lead	Rich WARNE
Water Lead	Rich WARNE
Canoe Group Lead	John LITTLE
MRSD (England) Lead	Des TOWARD

19. Date & Time of 2023 AGM

TBA

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

Accounts

For the Year Ending

31 July 2022

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2022

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team
Charity registration number 508877
Principal office The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre
Lanchester Road
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County Durham
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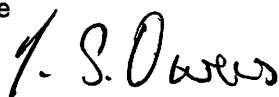
The Trustees

Mr J S Owers
Mr D W Toward
Dr J Little
Mr P Bell
Mr S Bissett (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr E Gilhooley
Mr D Lee
Mr M Tomlinson (Deceased 18 September 2022)
Mr J Chilcott
Mr P Morrison (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr A Neill
Mr A Bottrill
Mr D Miller
Mr R Warne
Mr M Colledge
Mr C Roberts
Ms H Story (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr M Needham (Appointed 4 November 2021)

Independent Examiner Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
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The trustees' annual report was approved on 11th November 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



**Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2022

		Unrestricted funds	2022 Restricted funds	Total funds	2021 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	50,062	8,418	58,480	35,713
Charitable activities	5	2,203	–	2,203	1,638
Other trading activities	6	7,404	–	7,404	12,108
Investment income	7	84	–	84	278
Other income	8	90	–	90	2,028
Total income		<u>59,843</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>68,261</u>	<u>51,765</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	3,415	–	3,415	1,725
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	51,259	3,915	55,174	54,238
Total expenditure		<u>54,674</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>58,589</u>	<u>55,963</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds					
		<u>5,169</u>	<u>4,503</u>	<u>9,672</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

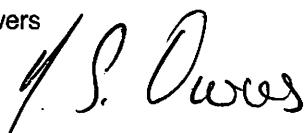
Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	49,235	70,226
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	8,437	8,200
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>241,673</u>	<u>212,046</u>
		250,110	220,246
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>1,304</u>	<u>2,103</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>248,806</u>	<u>218,143</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		13,159	8,656
Unrestricted funds		<u>284,882</u>	<u>279,713</u>
Total charity funds	18	<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11th November 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Mr R Warne
~~Mr P Bell~~
Trustee



The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2022

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

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Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
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- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

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3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	40,448	–	40,448
Collection boxes	1,069	–	1,069
Street collections	2,360	–	2,360
Gift aid income	4,104	–	4,104
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	–	1,668
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	–	413
Grants			
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	8,418
	<u>50,062</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>58,480</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations	26,714	–	26,714
Collection boxes	716	–	716
Street collections	–	–	–
Gift aid income	5,443	–	5,443
Vehicle fuel donation	1,875	–	1,875
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	965	–	965
	<u>35,713</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>35,713</u>

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5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Communications income	1,063	1,063	638	638
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Training income	140	140	–	–
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>2,203</u>	<u>1,638</u>	<u>1,638</u>

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Associate member subscriptions	150	150	210	210
Fundraising income	7,254	7,254	11,898	11,898
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>7,404</u>	<u>12,108</u>	<u>12,108</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	84	84	278	278

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Sale of equipment	90	90	2,028	2,028

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	<u>3,415</u>	<u>3,415</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,725</u>

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10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>51,259</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>55,174</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>53,822</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>54,238</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>55,174</u>	<u>55,174</u>	<u>54,238</u>

12. Net Income/(Expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>20,991</u>	<u>21,050</u>

13. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2021: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

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

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Year Ended 31 July 2022

15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022	<u>21,123</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>188,995</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2021	18,866	99,903	118,769
Charge for the year	<u>339</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u>20,991</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>19,205</u>	<u>120,555</u>	<u>139,760</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2022	<u>1,918</u>	<u>47,317</u>	<u>49,235</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>2,257</u>	<u>67,969</u>	<u>70,226</u>

16. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	1,912	1,654
Gift aid recoverable	1,800	1,808
VAT debtor	4,574	4,363
Other debtors	<u>151</u>	<u>375</u>
	<u>8,437</u>	<u>8,200</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	<u>1,304</u>	<u>2,103</u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2022

18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2022 £
General funds	62,444	57,201	(17,346)	(25,500)	76,799
Fixed assets	70,226	–	(20,991)	–	49,235
Vehicle replacement fund	36,176	–	–	5,000	41,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	29,547	2,642	(15,062)	20,500	37,627
Audrey Jones legacy	11,483	–	(1,275)	–	10,208
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
	<u>279,713</u>	<u>59,843</u>	<u>(54,674)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>284,882</u>

	At 1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2021 £
General funds	50,959	48,153	(12,069)	(24,599)	62,444
Fixed assets	89,177	–	(21,050)	2,099	70,226
Vehicle replacement fund	7,681	–	–	28,495	36,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	21,494	3,612	(13,059)	17,500	29,547
Audrey Jones legacy	29,735	–	(9,369)	(8,883)	11,483
Pam Wright legacy	58,449	–	–	(14,612)	43,837
	<u>283,495</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>(55,547)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>279,713</u>

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18. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	584	–	–	–	584
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	(3,915)	–	4,503
	<u>8,656</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>(3,915)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,159</u>

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	1,000	–	(416)	–	584
	<u>9,072</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,656</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

The Youth Section fund represents money that was specifically donated to run the youth section of the team. We no longer have a youth section but the fund will remain until a decision is made as to whether restarting the youth section is viable. This remains a restricted fund.

The grant from Weardale AAP is for base security and the installation of an additional radio repeater and wireless licence to enable us to expand the radio network.

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Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

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19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	49,235	–	49,235
Current assets	236,951	13,159	250,110
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,304)	–	(1,304)
Net assets	<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	70,226	–	70,226
Current assets	211,590	8,656	220,246
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,103)	–	(2,103)
Net assets	<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>

20. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Management Information

Year Ended 31 July 2022

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	40,448	26,714
Collection boxes	1,069	716
Street collections	2,360	–
Gift aid income	4,104	5,443
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	1,875
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	965
Weardale AAP	8,418	–
	<u>58,480</u>	<u>35,713</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	1,063	638
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000
Training income	140	–
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>1,638</u>
Other trading activities		
Associate member subscriptions	150	210
Fundraising income	7,254	11,898
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>12,108</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	84	278
Other income		
Sale of equipment	90	2,028
Total income	<u>68,261</u>	<u>51,765</u>

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising costs		
Fundraising costs	<u>3,415</u>	<u>1,725</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	2,628	2,162
Premises costs	3,935	81
Vehicle expenses	8,127	5,676
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	1,182	1,514
Communications	2,699	2,392
Depreciation	20,991	21,050
Equipment purchases	8,447	17,870
Training	6,228	2,997
Other costs	937	496
	<u>55,174</u>	<u>54,238</u>
Total expenditure	<u>58,589</u>	<u>55,963</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>9,672</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>

Charity Registration Number: 508877

**Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue
Team**

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 July 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are to provide a mountain search and rescue service for the whole of County Durham, from the highest fells in the West to the Coastal Communities of the North Sea. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to respond to requests by the police to a range of incident types, from injured or lost people in the hills to vulnerable missing people in urban settings, and there has been no change in these during the year.

The charity operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

A detailed review of the activities, achievements & performance is filed with the financial statements and is available from www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

Financial Review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team
Charity registration number 508877
Principal office The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre
Lanchester Road
Durham
County Durham
DH1 5RA

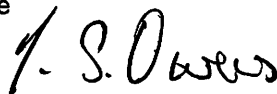
The Trustees

Mr J S Owers
Mr D W Toward
Dr J Little
Mr P Bell
Mr S Bissett (Resigned 4 November 2021)
Mr E Gilhooley
Mr D Lee
Mr M Tomlinson (Deceased 18 September 2022)
Mr J Chilcott
Mr P Morrison (Resigned 4 November 2021)
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Mr R Warne
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Mr M Needham (Appointed 4 November 2021)

Independent Examiner Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
5 Coronation Terrace
Fir Tree
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The trustees' annual report was approved on 11th November 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Year Ended 31 July 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



**Lisa Hutchinson FMAAT
Independent Examiner**

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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	50,062	8,418	58,480	35,713
Charitable activities	5	2,203	–	2,203	1,638
Other trading activities	6	7,404	–	7,404	12,108
Investment income	7	84	–	84	278
Other income	8	90	–	90	2,028
Total income		<u>59,843</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>68,261</u>	<u>51,765</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	9	3,415	–	3,415	1,725
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	51,259	3,915	55,174	54,238
Total expenditure		<u>54,674</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>58,589</u>	<u>55,963</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds					
		<u>5,169</u>	<u>4,503</u>	<u>9,672</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>	<u>292,567</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

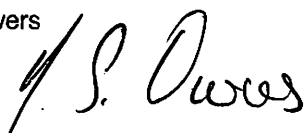
Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	49,235	70,226
Current Assets			
Debtors	16	8,437	8,200
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>241,673</u>	<u>212,046</u>
		250,110	220,246
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>1,304</u>	<u>2,103</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>248,806</u>	<u>218,143</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		13,159	8,656
Unrestricted funds		<u>284,882</u>	<u>279,713</u>
Total charity funds	18	<u>298,041</u>	<u>288,369</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 11th November 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J S Owers
Trustee



Mr R Warne
~~Mr P Bell~~
Trustee



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Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team

Notes to the Accounts

Year Ended 31 July 2022

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is The Chris Scott Mountain Search & Rescue Centre, Lanchester Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5RA.

2. Statement of Compliance

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

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Year Ended 31 July 2022

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Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	12% straight line

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	40,448	–	40,448
Collection boxes	1,069	–	1,069
Street collections	2,360	–	2,360
Gift aid income	4,104	–	4,104
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	–	1,668
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	–	413
Grants			
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	8,418
	<u>50,062</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>58,480</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations	26,714	–	26,714
Collection boxes	716	–	716
Street collections	–	–	–
Gift aid income	5,443	–	5,443
Vehicle fuel donation	1,875	–	1,875
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	965	–	965
	<u>35,713</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>35,713</u>

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5. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Communications income	1,063	1,063	638	638
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Training income	140	140	–	–
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>2,203</u>	<u>1,638</u>	<u>1,638</u>

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Associate member subscriptions	150	150	210	210
Fundraising income	7,254	7,254	11,898	11,898
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>7,404</u>	<u>12,108</u>	<u>12,108</u>

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	84	84	278	278

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Sale of equipment	90	90	2,028	2,028

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	<u>3,415</u>	<u>3,415</u>	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,725</u>

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10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>51,259</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>55,174</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>53,822</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>54,238</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 18)	<u>55,174</u>	<u>55,174</u>	<u>54,238</u>

12. Net Income/(Expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>20,991</u>	<u>21,050</u>

13. Staff Costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2021: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

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

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15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022	<u>21,123</u>	<u>167,872</u>	<u>188,995</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 August 2021	18,866	99,903	118,769
Charge for the year	<u>339</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u>20,991</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>19,205</u>	<u>120,555</u>	<u>139,760</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 July 2022	<u>1,918</u>	<u>47,317</u>	<u>49,235</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>2,257</u>	<u>67,969</u>	<u>70,226</u>

16. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments	1,912	1,654
Gift aid recoverable	1,800	1,808
VAT debtor	4,574	4,363
Other debtors	<u>151</u>	<u>375</u>
	<u>8,437</u>	<u>8,200</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	<u>1,304</u>	<u>2,103</u>

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18. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2022 £
General funds	62,444	57,201	(17,346)	(25,500)	76,799
Fixed assets	70,226	–	(20,991)	–	49,235
Vehicle replacement fund	36,176	–	–	5,000	41,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	29,547	2,642	(15,062)	20,500	37,627
Audrey Jones legacy	11,483	–	(1,275)	–	10,208
Pam Wright legacy	43,837	–	–	–	43,837
	<u>279,713</u>	<u>59,843</u>	<u>(54,674)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>284,882</u>
	At 1 August 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2021 £
General funds	50,959	48,153	(12,069)	(24,599)	62,444
Fixed assets	89,177	–	(21,050)	2,099	70,226
Vehicle replacement fund	7,681	–	–	28,495	36,176
Contingency fund	26,000	–	–	–	26,000
Specific team areas	21,494	3,612	(13,059)	17,500	29,547
Audrey Jones legacy	29,735	–	(9,369)	(8,883)	11,483
Pam Wright legacy	58,449	–	–	(14,612)	43,837
	<u>283,495</u>	<u>51,765</u>	<u>(55,547)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>279,713</u>

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18. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	584	–	–	–	584
Weardale AAP	–	8,418	(3,915)	–	4,503
	<u>8,656</u>	<u>8,418</u>	<u>(3,915)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,159</u>

	At 1 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 July 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Section fund	2,162	–	–	–	2,162
Base Security	1,410	–	–	–	1,410
Scotto Trust	4,500	–	–	–	4,500
Search Computers	1,000	–	(416)	–	584
	<u>9,072</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(416)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>8,656</u>

The Vehicle Replacement fund contains funds that have been earmarked for the purpose of replacing team vehicles as they age.

The Contingency fund is money that has been set aside to cover any working capital requirements in the event of a fall in income or unexpected expenditure, for example the loss of a vehicle through accident or theft or fire at one of our bases.

The Specific Team Areas funds include areas of team activities both operational and training e.g. Crag, Water, Comms, Dogs etc.

The Youth Section fund represents money that was specifically donated to run the youth section of the team. We no longer have a youth section but the fund will remain until a decision is made as to whether restarting the youth section is viable. This remains a restricted fund.

The grant from Weardale AAP is for base security and the installation of an additional radio repeater and wireless licence to enable us to expand the radio network.

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19. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	49,235	–	49,235
Current assets	236,951	13,159	250,110
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,304)	–	(1,304)
Net assets	<u>284,882</u>	<u>13,159</u>	<u>298,041</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	70,226	–	70,226
Current assets	211,590	8,656	220,246
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,103)	–	(2,103)
Net assets	<u>279,713</u>	<u>8,656</u>	<u>288,369</u>

20. Related Parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or previous year.

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Management Information

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The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	40,448	26,714
Collection boxes	1,069	716
Street collections	2,360	–
Gift aid income	4,104	5,443
Vehicle fuel donation	1,668	1,875
Teesdale and Weardale Stones	413	965
Weardale AAP	8,418	–
	<u>58,480</u>	<u>35,713</u>
Charitable activities		
Communications income	1,063	638
Income from medical cover	1,000	1,000
Training income	140	–
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>1,638</u>
Other trading activities		
Associate member subscriptions	150	210
Fundraising income	7,254	11,898
	<u>7,404</u>	<u>12,108</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	84	278
Other income		
Sale of equipment	90	2,028
Total income	<u>68,261</u>	<u>51,765</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising costs		
Fundraising costs	<u>3,415</u>	<u>1,725</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Insurance	2,628	2,162
Premises costs	3,935	81
Vehicle expenses	8,127	5,676
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees	1,182	1,514
Communications	2,699	2,392
Depreciation	20,991	21,050
Equipment purchases	8,447	17,870
Training	6,228	2,997
Other costs	937	496
	<u>55,174</u>	<u>54,238</u>
Total expenditure	<u>58,589</u>	<u>55,963</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>9,672</u>	<u>(4,198)</u>
