

Registered Charity No: 511072

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team
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For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Report of the Trustees of Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team For the year ended 31 December 2022

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team, Smelt Mill Cottages, Trough Road, Dunsop Bridge, Clitheroe, BB7 3BH is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners, No. 511072. It is an unincorporated association governed by constitution adopted on the 8th October 1980 and last amended on 10th October 2012. It is a member of the Mid-Pennine Search and Rescue Organisation which is a regional body of Mountain Rescue England and Wales (MREW).

The Charity is administered by the Executive Committee consisting of 11 Trustees elected from the membership of the Charity:

Chairman	Mr D. Matthews
Secretary	Mr C. Myerscough
Treasurer	Mr C. Shelley
Team Leader	Mr K. Camplin
Deputy Team Leader	Mr J. Earnshaw
Resources Officer	Mr J. Willoughby
Casualty Care Officer	Mr D. Stuart
Fund Raising Officer	Mr J. Wickham
Training Officer	Mr C. Toward
Smelt Mill Officer	Mrs C. Bond
Team Representative	Mr K. Hindle BEM

The objects of the Charity, as specified in the constitution, are *“to provide efficient search and rescue services, primarily but not exclusively on mountains and fells, for the benefit of any person or persons in need of such services and also promote public safety in this subject by whatever charitable means the Executive Committee think fit”*.

In carrying out these objectives the main areas of activity are throughout a large part of Lancashire covering 875 sq. miles including the Forest of Bowland, the West Pennine Moors, Silverdale and Warton AONB, and a large area of lowland and estuaries. The Team also assists other Mountain Rescue Teams when called upon in order to provide additional resources in neighbouring areas.

During 2022 the team responded to a total of 60 incidents. The Team was placed on ‘Stand By’ on another 5 occasions. The Team call-outs involved assisting Lancashire Police in conducting searches for missing, vulnerable and injured persons. The team responded to and attended incidents to assist North West Ambulance Service, stabilising and evacuating casualties from inaccessible situations and involved working with the Helimed Air Ambulance and HM Coastguard Helicopters. The members of the community assisted by the Team during 2022 included mainly hill walkers and casualties where a mountain bike was involved.

This wide range of activities clearly demonstrates that the Trustees have taken regard of the Charities Commission guidelines in relation to providing public benefit. Almost all of these casualties were in locations where their safe and speedy rescue, treatment and evacuation could not have happened effectively and urgently without the manpower, skills and resources of the Rescue Team.

The Covid-19 Pandemic created considerable difficulties for a third year for the Team in terms of the requirements to conduct all Search and Rescue operations in full compliance with the safety requirements issued by NHS England. The Team were pleased to be provided with adequate supplies of appropriate PPE by MREW, and detailed guidelines for protocols to be followed whilst interacting as a team on operations and during training. The difficulties experienced by the imposition of PPE whilst operating in remote countryside cannot be overstated, but despite these difficulties the Team members demonstrated their resilience in carrying out all operations safely and successfully.

The Pandemic continued to have a significant impact on Team training during 2022. It has been necessary to take strategic steps to ensure the safety of all team members and casualties by creating fully 'Covid Safe' practices in every aspect of our work and training to mitigate the risk of cross infection. This has been achieved by developing internet based training sessions and creating 'operational bubbles' of personnel wherever that is possible.

During 2022 the Team Leader and others have interacted closely with Lancashire Constabulary, North West Ambulance Service, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and the Lancashire Resilience Forum. It is the Team's intention during the coming year to continue to maintain its operational capability through these relationships and opportunities for joint training.

With some relaxation of the social distancing rules and the community returning to a more normal pattern of life during 2022 the team undertook many initiatives for fund raising and opportunities for promotion in the public arena, providing 26 talks and visits to school groups, walking clubs and other public organisations, additionally we provided 4 events to promote public safety in the hills, and 3 displays at public gatherings.

The Team was the beneficiary of a large legacy towards the end of 2021. As well as supporting on-going search and rescue operations, the Charity was able to carry out its aim of a complete refurbishment of its oldest front-line rescue Land Rover Defender, as well as commencing the replacement of ageing waterproof clothing and water rescue kit, and also extending the Team's radio coverage in the North of Lancashire. All 2022 expenditure was on Search and Rescue based costs and the expense of maintaining the Smelt Mill training base.

The Charity's free reserves stood at £114,098 at 31st December 2022, representing approximately 23 months operating expenses. This is in excess of the Charity's aim of holding a minimum of 12 month's cover. As at 31st December 2022 the charity also held restricted and allocated funds totalling £192,056. These have been allocated to various projects to maintain the Team's long term operability.

The Charity is entirely reliant on voluntary contributions and our current finance levels allow the charity to confidently safeguard the medium to long-term operability of the Rescue Team. Bowland Pennine MRT is hugely grateful to all who contribute to the Charity. It is our aim to thank every donation we receive, but the move away from cheques towards on-line donation platforms means we receive an increasing number of anonymous donation. We take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE!

For and on behalf of the Trustees,



Mr D. Matthews
(Chairman of the Trustees)

Date: 14 April 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team

We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that independent examination is needed. The Charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and we are qualified to undertake the examination by being qualified members of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is our responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:-
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act have not been met and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met, or:-

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



Robin Oatridge & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date: 20 April 2023

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	<u>Note</u>	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Fund Raising	1		3,472.56		3,358.89
Fell Races and Team Events	2		6,392.00		1,980.00
Donations	3		24,891.17		48,293.06
Other Income	4		27,599.28		170,792.96
Smelt Mill	5		14,075.86		24,054.00
Interest received	6		469.84		181.76
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Total incoming resources			76,900.71		248,660.67
Resources Expended					
Team Operational Expenses	7	35,842.81		47,621.74	
Vehicle Expenses	8	50,454.14		26,325.09	
Smelt Mill Expenses	9	35,284.99		18,240.63	
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Total Resources Expended			121,581.94		92,187.46
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Net Incomings For The Year			-44,681.23		156,473.21
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Funds					
Balance Brought Forward					
As at 1 January 2022			1,128,647.52		972,174.31
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Balance Carried Forward					
As at 31 December 2022			1,083,966.29		1,128,647.52
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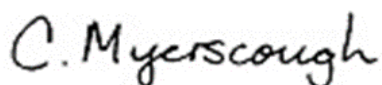
The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2022**

	<u>Note</u>	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	779,041.73	788,533.93
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank and in Hand	11	306,124.56	341,313.59
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		1,085,166.29	1,129,847.52
Liabilities			
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		1,200.00	1,200.00
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		1,083,966.29	976,550.08
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Funds			
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		-44,681.23	156,473.21
Balance Brought Forward As at 1 January 2022		1,128,647.52	972,174.31
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		1,083,966.29	1,128,647.52
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Approved by the Committee
and signed on its behalf



C. Myerscough
Secretary

Approved by the committee on 19 April 2023

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these accounts

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**Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Note 1 - Fund Raising		
Flag Days:		
Chorley	0.00	517.18
Garstang	1,227.98	731.36
Clitheroe	1,092.87	707.48
Lancaster	666.98	843.37
Blackpool	0.00	0.00
Ormskirk	0.00	0.00
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	2,987.83	2,799.39
Collecting Boxes	484.73	559.50
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	3,472.56	3,358.89
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Note 2 - Fell Races and Team Events

Borrowdale Fell Race (Scafell Hotel)	1,100.00	0.00
Red Rose Runners	0.00	500.00
MTB Races	800.00	400.00
Fell Race	300.00	300.00
Team Events	0.00	280.00
Pennine Trails	500.00	500.00
3 Peaks Cycle Cross	3,692.00	0.00
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	6,392.00	1,980.00
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Note 3 - Donations to the Team

Donations Received	24,891.17	48,293.06
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	24,891.17	48,293.06
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We aim to thank each doner individually at the point of donation, however this is becoming increasingly difficult due to anonymous donations via social media and online. We are extremely grateful for all donations received and would like to thank everybody that has donated to the team.

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Note 4 - Other Income	2022	2021
Subscriptions	330.00	245.00
Gift Aid	2,661.19	1,570.55
Tax refund - VAT reclaim	6,005.68	9,454.75
Sales of Personal and Safety Equipment	1,168.05	1,428.75
Lectures	1,328.40	205.07
Grants	5,000.00	11,000.00
Legacies	3,454.11	146,888.84
Local Council's	5,880.00	0.00
100 Club	1,771.85	0.00
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	27,599.28	170,792.96
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Note 5 - Smelt Mill Income	2022	2021
<u>Donations</u>		
Anonymous Donations	500.00	500.00
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	500.00	500.00
<u>Other Income</u>		
Use of Smelt Mill	13,452.50	3,035.00
COVID Related Council Grant	123.36	20,519.00
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	14,075.86	24,054.00
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Note 6 - Interest Received	2022	2021
Royal Bank of Scotland (Team Deposit Account)	306.76	7.44
Scottish Widows (Team Deposit)	48.25	137.54
Virgin (Smelt Mill)	114.83	36.78
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	469.84	181.76
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Note 7 - Team Operational Expenses	2022	2021
Water rates	325.36	474.26
Rates	524.60	1,049.60
Service charges	158.08	156.04
Rent - Cop Lane	0.00	0.00
Electric and gas	1,499.95	1,236.76
Repairs - Cop Lane	3,187.37	4,669.97
Insurance	4,264.81	3,803.05
Telephones, radio licence & message line	2,210.84	2,243.13
Postage (fund raising mail shot)	201.95	407.10
Printing, copying and stationery	1,178.13	780.00
Equipment repairs	0.00	0.00
Radio parts and equipment	3,917.74	5,215.16
Equipment Consumables	3,129.48	11,006.59
Consumables and medical stores	3,821.16	6,825.60
Training & exercise courses	1,597.00	1,266.08
SMS Texting	1,706.58	1,709.19
Protective clothing and attire	2,360.28	273.76
Legal	0.00	0.00
Web Design	0.00	1,133.54
Misc	200.00	608.32
D4H Subscription	420.00	420.00
Catering	1,116.48	1,056.59
Depreciation	3,807.00	3,071.00
Just Giving	216.00	216.00
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	35,842.81	47,621.74
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Note 8 - Vehicle Expenses	2022	2021
Fuel	4,843.85	2,711.84
Maintenance	34,146.73	8,254.10
Vehicle Insurance	2,779.56	3,782.15
Depreciation (Note 10)	8,684.00	11,577.00
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	50,454.14	26,325.09
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Note 9 - Smelt Mill	2022	2021
Electricity	902.00	991.67
Telephone	280.81	264.54
Rates	164.36	414.72
Insurance	1,768.25	1,768.25
Coal and logs	0.00	0.00
Catering and consumable stores	902.05	294.16
Activities and domestic equipment	1,695.34	507.69
Repairs and renewals	2,681.15	2,770.48
Propane	796.39	397.69
Heating oil	1,459.22	431.99
TV licence	159.00	158.50
Accountancy	1,200.00	1,200.00
Postage, printing and stationery	0.00	20.04
Fire safety checks	1,162.67	308.83
Electrical testing and repairs	588.60	353.28
Boiler service and repairs	1,711.67	448.39
Refurbishment costs	19,353.48	7,032.00
Depreciation - Note 10	0.00	878.00
Course Fees	460.00	0.00
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	35,284.99	18,240.23
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Note 10 - Tangible Fixed Assets

Motor vehicles	Value As At 01/01/22	Addition	Depreciation	Disposal	Value As At 31/12/22
Mercedes Sprinter (MK05VDA)	643.62		161.00		482.62
Land Rover (X417XBV)	118.28		30.00		88.28
Land Rover (RX59FEG)	549.56		137.00		412.56
Minibus (YJ61NHM)	799.26		200.00		599.26
Land Rover Defender (YX63JZD)	2,450.45		613.00		1,837.45
Bike Trailer	62.30		16.00		46.30
Landrover (PN65 GAA)	5,287.64		1,322.00		3,965.64
Ifor Williams Trailer	1,630.34		408.00		1,222.34
Navara Pick-up (PN20TEU)	23,189.38		5,797.00		17,392.38
Total Motor Vehicles	34,730.82	0.00	8,684.00	0.00	26,046.82
Properties					
Smelt Mill Training Centre	501,971.99				501,971.99
Unit 3 Creamery Industrial Estate	229,451.14				229,451.14
Total for Properties	731,423.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	731,423.13
Other Fittings					
New Radios	17,404.25		2,611.00		14,793.25
Plant and Equipment	4,902.06	2,998.80	1,185.00		6,715.86
Fire Alarm	73.68		11.00		62.68
Total for Other Fittings	22,379.98	2,998.80	3,807.00	0.00	21,571.78
Total Fixed Assets	788,533.94	2,998.80	12,491.00	0.00	779,041.74

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**Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Note 11 - Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Team				
RBS Current Account	13,722.80		39,024.00	
RBS Deposit Account	132,932.98		137,626.22	
Scottish Widows	130,669.32		130,621.07	
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		277,325.10		307,271.29
 Smelt Mill				
Virgin Current	4.63		13.41	
Virgin Deposits	28,794.83		34,028.89	
Cash in Hand	0.00		0.00	
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		28,799.46		34,042.30
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		306,124.56		341,313.59
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Note 12 - Reserves

	2022	2021
Free Reserves	114,067.79	106,947.92
Allocated Reserves	192,056.77	234,365.67
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	306,124.56	341,313.59
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