

Mourne Mountain Rescue Team

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To relieve the suffering and distress of persons injured or in danger of injury through accident or natural hazard particularly in the area of the Mourne but elsewhere if necessary.

To educate and inform the public concerning safety and rescue in mountainous and other outdoor environments.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The team was involved in 57 incidents over the year peaking in the summer months. The majority of incidents involved assisting hikers who had lost their way or sustained injuries. Incidents ranged from minor injuries to complex rescues requiring multi agency coordination. The team are highly trained ensuring all team members are competent and confident in dealing with injured persons. Team members put in 1,600 hours of effort directly assisting people in difficulty on the hill. This figure is more than doubled if training and administration hours were included.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources are grants and donations.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

The trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the charity ought to have. The level of unrestricted reserves that the charity has continued to build are as follows;

General Purpose Fund - this is a fund where the charity is accumulating funds to help build their new base. Lidl Northern Ireland has been given the green light to proceed with plans to develop a new state-of-the-art store in Newcastle, County Down. The new store, which will be located at Shan Slieve Drive and Bryansford Road, at the foot of the Mourne Mountains, will also provide our team the space it needs to develop a new facility, future-proofing the organisation and its ability to continue providing a lifesaving service.

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Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Jeremy Purdy
	Kyle Harron
	Neville Watson
	Malcolm Brian
	Andrew McKee
	Nicholas McCrickard
	Patrick McCartan
	Ian McCracken
	Martin McMullan
	Ronan McBride
	Samantha McNeilly
	Paul McCartan
	Alwynne Shannon (appointed 10 July 2023)
	Charles McRobert (resigned 5 July 2023)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Mourne Mountain Rescue Team for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 18 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Samantha McNeilly
Trustee