

# Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue

Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Registered Charity Number 1160504



## Annual Reports 2018

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## Chairman's Report 2018

2018 was yet another busy year for the Team, with 130 callouts. This was an increase from 112 in 2017. Members were only required during 108 of these callouts, with Team Leaders being able to handle the other 22. Once again the statistics show the extremely high commitment of our Team Leaders and Team Members. There were 1233 members responses to callouts, and members trained for a total of over 2700 hours.

We are all too aware of the need to have plans for when team leaders retire. This year we have started a party leader scheme with Stuart Kato, Paul Edwards, Charlie Beale, and Alex King. Further work on this scheme is taking place to help us train members to ensure we can continue to offer an excellent service to the public in the future.

Sadly, 3 of our callouts involved fatalities. Our thoughts go to the families and friends of these casualties. One of these casualties was a young man, Iwan Huws, a drummer with a local band. The search for Iwan involved teams from all over North Wales. Donations in memory of Iwan reached over £14,700, and were split across the teams who assisted. The number of casualties with no injuries remained fairly constant at 58. As would be expected, the most common injury was the leg, with 29 casualties needing assistance.

Inter-agency working continues to be a big part of mountain rescue, not only for Ogwen, but also for the other teams in North Wales. This summer MonSAR became active on Anglesey and the coastline, initially working with OVMRO. There have been significant successful searches involving MonSAR, and we look forward to their continued progression as a member of the North Wales Mountain Rescue Association.

Sadly Huw Thomas died in May. Huw was a member of OVMRO from 1980 to 2009, and chairman from 1993 to 2006. Dave Williams, a member of OVMRO from 1990 to 2007 died in December. Dave was also a SARDA member who attended the Lockerbie plane crash. In January 2019 we were also saddened to hear of the death of Ed Burke. Ed, a former Royal Marines Commando was well known for riding his single speed pushbike from Bethesda to attend callouts. Our thoughts are with friends and family of Huw, Dave and Ed. We would also like to wish Ron James, our founder member, a speedy recovery from a stroke which he suffered in January.

The team continues to grow in strength with new trainees joining, and existing trainees passing their final hill day. This year it was a pleasure to welcome new trainees Tim Houldey and Luke Griffiths. Jen Edwards, Rob Bradley, Paul Terry, John Heaton, Dave Brown, Steve Mullan and Tim Harrop all passed their final hill day.

Dave Jones retired as a full team member to concentrate on training his new search and rescue dog. Dave was a valuable member of OVMRO who helped as an equipment officer, TRR officer, and committee member during his time with the Team. Gareth Pritchard (DCC, and then temporary chief constable of North Wales Police as well as ACPO lead for search & rescue) retired from North Wales Police after 35 years of service. Gareth was a great supporter of OVMRO and Mountain Rescue in general. We are extremely grateful for all of Gareth's support and wish him well for the future. Finally, John Hulse is stepping down as a Team Leader at the AGM this year. John has been a Team Leader since the mid-1980's and the Team and our casualties have benefited hugely from John's experience.

At the start of the year our new technical rope rescue system went live. Thanks go to everyone who worked on this project from training members to producing the new TRR guide. Special thanks go to Tim Bird, Jed, and Kim for their work.

It is important for us to work well as a Team, and during the year Jen Edwards organised some much-needed social events to allow us to get together outside rescue and training activities. There was a canyoning trip led by Andy Jones followed by a social evening during the summer, and a Christmas meet up at the Tyn y Coed. It was good to see members and partners enjoying these events.

To recognize the efforts of our members we introduced the OVMRO long service awards, the first of which were presented during 2018. These will be presented to every member who serves 10 years with the Team. MREW long service awards will continue to be presented at 25, 40 and 50 years. New full team members are also being presented with certificates.

The work of our 333 support group continues to be essential. In addition to the excellent work being done by Heather Beale (treasurer), John Barber (secretary) and Matt Nobles (merchandise), Sandra Begley, and Maggie & Alwyn Oliver have been assisting with keeping base tidy.

In the last year the changes on the Committee have included Charlie Beale and Daz Edkins taking on the role of Training Officer. Charlie and Daz have produced a full calendar of training, and are planning to re-invigorate training by providing more interesting events than simple core skills training.

We had planned to undergo an MREW peer review during 2018. As the time for the review came close it became apparent that we had mis-understood the way the review worked so we decided to postpone it until November 2019. Tim Radford and Tim Lamberton have now taken on this project to ensure we are appropriately prepared to present OVMRO in the best possible light, and to get the most possible out of the review. More details will be supplied in due course, and if we fully engage with the process we should be able to examine our own practices and how they can be improved.

Fundraising and awareness are still an important part of the work done by 333. Events this year included the Llandudno emergency services promenade day, the Betws y Coed WI event, and the Christmas festival in Betws y Coed. This year we were also invited to participate in the Ogwen Mountaineering Festival. The presentation given by members was extremely well attended, and everyone enjoyed the informative evening. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

333 membership subscriptions also make up a significant part of our annual income. This income helps us to continue to provide the excellent service which our casualties deserve. Members of the public also raise funds for us. Of specific note in 2018 was Chris Mutton who completed the Welsh 3000s four times in 72 hours, and Jamie Bryant who ran up and down all 7 paths on Snowdon.

At the end of October, the 333 AGM and dinner was held at Siabod Café. As usual the café has been a great supporter of the Team throughout the year. Once again, the café held a Christmas quiz which was extremely entertaining (despite Heather upsetting the quiz master by mentioning Margaret Thatcher before the first question). This raised £450 for the Team.

The Team continues to put on events for the benefit of our 333 supporters. Dave Worrall has organised a navigation day, and Tim Radford organised a day's first aid training. At the end of the year Dave Worrall and Chris Wycherley co-ordinated the annual mulled wine, mince pies, and memories evening. This was as popular as always, with a number of interesting presentations.

The Committee asked members to provide their thoughts on the Team through an online questionnaire. Based on the results of this we have already made changes to core skills requirements, and given a provision for the equipment and training officers to delegate some of their responsibilities

to heads of working groups. Other issues, including the need to provide pathways for members to take on additional responsibility, will be discussed at the spring review.

To close this report, I would like to thank all our team members for the time they give to attend call-outs and training, and to carry out administrative tasks. The work carried out by everyone is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the family and friends of team members for their understanding. Without their support, members would not be able to go out on rescues at all hours of the day and night.

Andy Harbach  
Chairman

## Treasurer's Report

My ex gym is now a permanent office, but I had a lovely desk donated by a friend, which has meant we now have our dining table back! Apart from that, not much has changed in the past year. Lots of committee meetings, emails, and hours spent in front of the computer. Various members of the committee spent a lot of hours ensuring our data was up to scratch for the new Data Protection rules which came into play in May. As a result of this, our 333 supporters are now able to administer their own data.

On the following pages, you will find the Trustee Report. Thank you to John Barber for preparing this on behalf of the Trustees.

Our major expenses this year include new Technical Rope Rescue kit, which the team have been busy learning to use during Wednesday evening and weekend training sessions. The committee also agreed an increase in the Team Members mileage payment, which is now in line with HMRC recommendations. We also bought a raft and more water kit, but the cost of this was covered by a DEFRA grant.

As part of my role, I receive all the generous donations sent to Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue CIO - these include money raised in local shops and businesses, sponsored events, donations sent following rescues and from supporters who just want to say "thank you for being there", as well as for many other very personal reasons. We are very grateful to everyone who sends us donations, as they enable us to continue to provide our voluntary service in and around the Ogwen Valley.

In 2018, we received over £27000 from donations in memory and bequests. This year nearly £15000 was raised in memory of Iwan Huws, who died on Tryfan early in 2018. This money was split between the 7 teams who helped in the search for Iwan. We received donations in memory from the families and friends of the following people:

Aelwyn Williams	Arthur Clarke	Brian Wilkinson
Claire Beer	Derek Penny	Derren Barbour
Elizabeth Caywood	Ged Swindley	Gwynne Roberts
Huw Thomas	Iwan Huws	James Penny
John Alan Gibbs	John Wynne	Kevin Gauntlet
Mark Thomas	Mike Bethell	Reg Cave
Ron Lidgett	Ronald Turtle	Stephen Griffith

On behalf of the team, our thanks go out to all the families who think of us at such a difficult time. I must also express my thanks to my husband Charlie, for supporting me and putting up with me disappearing off to committee meetings and hiding away in my office for hours on end over the past 2 years. My thanks also go to the team members who respond to my never-ending stream of emails requesting information and help.

## **Working Group Reports**

### ***Communications Group's Report***

Comms this year has been quiet as little has changed and we continue to use the Icom VHF kit which has proved very reliable.

All Icom units across the region were reprogrammed to implement the latest SAR Bandplan.

Of note is the fact that we lost Mark Gould as our main tech support in North Wales Police but this has not prevented the roll out of upgraded repeaters across the region to allow compliance with the latest MREW Bandplan.

The six TETRA handsets held by the team are showing signs of age and will need to be cycled through NWP for repair / replacement in the coming year. There is still no imminent arrival of the Emergency Services Network replacement for Airwave.

While many MREW teams are going digital, there is no intention for OVMRO to go down that route as Simoco are still not fully debugged and there is fragmentation of the rollout with some teams choosing Hytera. Our wait and watch policy seems to be working for the time being but a move to digital is inevitable in the next few years.

### ***Casualty Care Group's Report***

A summary of what the 'cas care' group has achieved in 2018 and what we hope 2019 will have in store for us:

Sally has designed and tested First Aid Kits working closely with both AlpKit and Ferno. The one currently on trial is from Ferno, and to date has had good feedback from team members. The hope is that in the first quarter of 2019 we will go ahead and purchase up to 10 new FAKs to replace all our current FAKs and training kits. In the next year, all FAK will be uniformly packed and training will be delivered so team members know where each piece of equipment is stored. We believe this will greatly aid the provision of cas care on the hill.

The equipment store at Oggie Base has been reorganised and sorted into logical categories (ABCDE), making it much easier for stock checks to be performed, kit to be allocated to members and replacements ordered. The cas care training room has also been re-organised to the same affect. Our aim is to ensure that our training scenarios are as close to the real thing as possible, using the same kit, stored in the same way as our hill kit.

Charlie Beale successfully passed his MREW Casualty Care Certificate in 2018, whilst Tom Adams, Neil Adam and Steve Mullan have completed their MREW training with the assessment planned for January 2019. Al Read will also be taking his assessment in January. Our thanks go to all the trainers and assessors for making this happen.

Casualty Care Continuous Personal Development sessions have been run throughout the year and have been very successful in giving those who have an interest in cas care additional skills and information.

The Cas Care Group has had immense support from the following individuals Dr. Niki Boyer, Dr. Jules Clutton, Chris Bradshaw, Abbie Shipley and Emily Cooper who have run training sessions for us throughout the year. We cannot thank them enough for their involvement and hope that it

continues into 2019.

We hosted a multi-casualty simulation day run by Abbie and Emily, fourth year medical students from Ysbyty Gwyned (Bangor Hospital) with the use of live actors and YG's high-fidelity Sim Man. This was a great success, and it was agreed by all that we would like to continue hosting these events with students.

We ran our own internal multi-casualty simulation exercises. These exercises are a really good way of putting all the 'classroom' skills into practice. All team members involved agreed that they would like to do more of this style of training. We are hoping to run a few of these sessions throughout 2019. My thanks go to Sally, Lisa, Glynne and Jamie for providing their time to run these sessions.

Lisa Handcock has been running iGell training in theatre with our advanced cas carers, given them the opportunity to use an iGell for the first time in a controlled environment under her supervision. The feedback from team members on this training has been superb and we are hoping to get two to three more people trained in 2019.

Overall 2018 has been a great year for casualty care, we have a really active group (albeit we still need an official group meeting) who have all contributed enormously the effecting running and delivery of superb cas care training. My thanks go to everyone who has helped make this possible and to all team members for attending the training and being willing and eager to learn!

### ***I.T. Group's Report***

Regarding the IT developments in 2018 the group have continued to maintain security of the website, email system and computers at base. Systems are checked and updated systematically.

The printers at base have been hardwired due to on-going wireless connectivity issues.

eMails have been reliable in the main but persistent issues remain with the way our mail forwarding system works. A replacement has been investigated using a Google system but it is thought that the technical issues would most likely remain due to the nature of how our requirements are structured. Most members are now using their own team email which has been allocated to them but not everyone uses this despite our encouragement to do so.

We are looking to transfer our data storage to a OneDrive account with Microsoft as we have the facility through our Office 365 account. Also in the coming year we may be moving our web hosting to an alternative provider due to several technical issues which do not seem to be resolved so well through their technical support system.

The weather station continues to be unreliable in transferring data to the console in the ops room and it may be coming to the end of its working life. We have also replaced, but not yet installed, a new digital pan and tilt camera to replace the operational camera used to focus on Tryfan.

### ***Team Leader Group Report***

The Team Leader Group (TLG) have achieved the following during the last year;

Completed a large variety of incidents safely and efficiently, and listened to feedback from team members when appropriate.

Adopted the STOP-CHECK-GO method to ensure the correct people with the correct equipment



go to the right place.

Attended the Spring review and addressed concerns of the membership.

Dealt with many calls within the Team Leader group so that team members are not disturbed unnecessarily (eg. lights on the hill)

Team Leader mentoring of Mon-SAR to give them operational experience, which is required before their final assessment and sign-off.

Good collaborative working with our partner agencies including North Wales Police, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust & Coastguard Helicopter crews.

*Things the TLG aim to achieve in the coming year:*

Further mentoring of Mon-SAR until their sign off.

Introduce a Party Leader training scheme with possible Trainee Team leader scheme to follow.

Attend the Spring Review and take on board comments and ideas from Team members

Consider a regional call-out co-ordinator role.

Aim for more collaborative working with the Trustees and Committee.

### **Training Officer's Report**

We have completed two Initial Hill Days in 2018 with one attendee successfully completing the day

We have introduced an informal chat with prospective team trainees, as well as a new trainee pathway to becoming a full team member.

The team held one Final Hill Day with all trainees passing the day, therefore becoming full team members.

A new training calendar for 2019 has been implemented with the intention it will roll over year on year

In Feb 2018, the Team held it's annual winter training in Scotland, with good attendance

Winter training for 2019 will be in October at the Snow Dome in Manchester held over two Monday or Wednesday evenings which we have been offered free of charge.

Winter 2020 will be going back to Scotland to be run by our own instructors and self catering held at Inchtree Lodge pending booking.

A Technical Rope Rescue exercise was held in the Ogwen valley, with good attendance and learning outcomes.

A water training day was held with two team members attaining level two in water rescue.

Two team members are now qualified as water instructors

Water training for this year so far we are hoping to put on an SRT in May for team members and an ASRT in Sept Oct for team members needing re qualification

A Rope rescue tech course was also held with good attendance and all members passing

An advanced water rescue course was also held with good attendance and all members achieving a pass.

We have introduced Continuing Professional Development hours to our training and extended the core skills to every two years to be able to concentrate on team development.

### **Equipment Officer's Report**

This year we have focused on completing the transition to the new rope systems and improving how we log and record all equipment in the team with a new online software package.

We have also changes how members equipment is replaced, moving from an five yearly issue to replacement on inspection system to keep team issue equipment in good serviceable condition.

I would like to thank Chris Lloyd for implementing the new racking system around base.

Task for the coming year are further improvement to the logging of team equipment and refinements to the kit organisation.





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**Trustees Report and Accounts  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

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## Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

The Trustees of Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue CIO (OVMRO) present their report and financial statement for the year ending 31st December 2018. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", 2014.

### Charity Information

Charity name	Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Known as:	Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation (OVMRO)
Charity Registration Number	1160504 (England & Wales)
Address	Bryn Poeth, Capel Curig, Betws-y-Coed, Conwy LL24 0EU
Trustees	A. Harbach (ex officio, Chair) H. Beale (ex officio, Treasurer) J. Barber (ex officio, Secretary) C. Lloyd R. Hore W. Dean J. Worrall, to 14 March 2018 C. Swombow, from 14 March 2018
Bankers	HSBC plc
Accountants	Crestmere Limited, Chartered Cert. Acc., Intec, Parc Menai, Bangor, Gwynedd
Independent Examiner	Barrie Buels FCCA FCIE

### Objectives and Activities

OVMRO's objectives, as written in its constitution, are:

To search for and rescue people in difficulties in mountainous regions, or inhospitable environments, and in furtherance thereof to develop rescue techniques, and to disseminate information about the activities of the organisation.

The provision of grants to charities which support the mountain rescue community.

OVMRO's primary focus remains to rescue people in difficulty in the mountain ranges adjacent to the Ogwen Valley in Snowdonia, namely the Carneddau, y Glyderau, and Moel Siabod. In addition to mountain rescue activity, OVMRO maintains a swift water rescue capability and supports national flood emergencies. The scope of activities is reviewed periodically.

### Achievements and Performance – Delivering Public Benefit

OVMRO experienced another busy year responding to 130 reported incidents ranging from helping people who were lost to, sadly, fatalities. There were 1,233 members responses to callouts. The CIO has increased its spending on communications for team leaders to take advantage of technology improvements which has helped them to handle 22 of the incidents without having to callout team members.

Team members have assisted, and been assisted by, neighbouring mountain rescue teams (MRT) and have worked closely with the helicopter services of the Maritime Coastguard Agency, the RAF Mountain Rescue Service, North Wales Police, the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust and North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. In the summer, a new lowland search team, MonSAR, became active on Anglesey reducing the Team's workload there.

Team members continue to train to a high standard in a range of skills including technical rope rescue, casualty care, swift water rescue, search management, fatal incident investigation, bereavement counselling, defensive driving (on road), off-road driving techniques, winter search and rescue techniques, and working

with helicopters. Team members trained for a total of over 2,700 hours.

At the end of 2018, OVMRO had 46 full members and a further 5 trainee members. The Team continues to attract trainee members, with many of these completing their 18-month training programme to achieve full team member status. Members of the CIO are individuals who undertake to act in good faith to further the purposes of the CIO.

To illustrate the nature of the Team's work, during winter 2018 two walkers attempted the north ridge of Tryfan, but were unable to reach the summit due to difficult weather conditions. They descended a gully on the west face where they unfortunately became stuck and were unable to go up or down as night fell. Team members ascended to them in dark, icy conditions, and were able to retrieve the walkers safely using technical rope rescue techniques. Unfortunately during this incident a member slipped and took a tumbling fall, hitting his head. Fortunately his helmet took the worst of the impact, but it shows the risk that members sometimes take when helping members of the public, and that they are not immune to accidental slips.

Members of the 333 support group continue to provide administrative and operational support to the Team, in addition to 333's valuable fundraising activities.

OVMRO is affiliated to the North Wales Mountain Rescue Association (NWMRA) and Mountain Rescue England & Wales (MREW). Through its representation in these groups, OVMRO makes an active and valuable contribution to the mountain rescue community.

In deciding the activities that the CIO should undertake, the Trustees have paid regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission

## **Financial Review**

The CIO's annual reports are published each year on the Charity Commission Website, with effect from the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Prior to that date reports for the unincorporated Organisation are published.

## **Principal Funding Sources and Expenses**

OVMRO benefits from a strong flow of charitable donations and remains in a strong financial position to deliver its charitable objectives. In addition to publicity of its mountain rescue activities, OVMRO maintains a high public profile by attending community events, hosting visits to the rescue base, providing talks to school and community groups, utilising social media responsibly and responding to an appropriate level of media engagement.

OVMRO does not use commercial fund raisers. Any fund-raising activities must first be approved by the Management Committee, and no activities are permitted that could in any way intrude on a person's privacy, be persistent, or place undue pressure on a person to donate money.

Team members are supported by the periodic issue of essential kit items and by the reimbursement of travelling expenses when responding to operational incidents and participating in training events. The mileage rate was increased in 2018 to bring it into line with the actual costs of running a car.

Equipment and training costs continue to be the main expenditure. Major expense items in 2018 included further updates to the team's Technical Rope Rescue System (around £8,000), a raft for water rescues (£4,000), and winter rescue skills training (£8,000). Beyond this, there are expenses for the continuing programme of maintenance and improvement work at the Team's base, Bryn Poeth.

The organisation is not bound by any financial commitments for which funds do not exist.

## Reserves Policy

Although it is intended that future activities of the charity are to be funded by future income, OVMRO's reserves provide a buffer should there be any downturn in donations. The CIO aims to maintain reserves of at least two year's operating costs, which is approximately £270,000 at current expenditure levels.

## Investment Policy

Funds not currently required for short-term expenditure are held in interest bearing bank accounts, with account balances aimed to be within the FSCS's compensation scheme limits.

## Independent Examiner

Barrie Buels was re-appointed as Independent Examiner and has expressed his willingness to continue in that capacity.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed according to its constitution dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and a Rule Book, last updated 18 September 2018.

## Trustees Appointment and Induction

Trustees are elected for a period of one year at the AGM from nominations made and seconded by members in advance of the AGM. There must be at least three and not more than seven elected Trustees including the three ex-officio Trustees (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary).

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration from the charity.

Trustees on appointment are usually familiar with the activities of the CIO but receive a copy of the Constitution and the Rule book. Trustees can attend Management Committee meetings.

## Operational Management

The Trustees delegate operational management of OVMRO to a Management Committee whose members are elected for a period of one year at the AGM from nominations made and seconded by members in advance of the AGM. The Committee must adhere to the Constitution, and Rule Book and supporting policies.

## Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the CIO is exposed and they are satisfied that the CIO's established systems mitigate those risks.

The Trustees are satisfied that the CIO has introduced appropriate processes and controls to meet the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation which came into force in May 2018.

## Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the charity 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 of the Charities SORP 2014  
make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent  
state whether applicable accounting standards 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 do so.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 as well as the charity's governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees believe they have met these responsibilities in 2018.

The Trustees are pleased with the performance of the CIO during this reporting period. We wish to thank everyone who has supported the organisation during 2018, in particular the team members and their families, and members of the 333 support group.

***On behalf of the Trustees***

**John Barber, Trustee**

**22 February 2019**

## Examiners Report

### Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2018

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2018.

As the charity's trustees, 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or  
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or  
the accounts did 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.

Barrie Buels FCCA FCIE  
February 2019

Crestmere Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	Note	2018	2017
<b>Incoming resources from generating funds</b>			
Recurring items	2	71,052	88,088
Non-recurring items	3	27,075	16,165
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>98,127</b>	<b>104,253</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
Charitable activities	4	145,044	124,579
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>(46,917)</b>	<b>(20,326)</b>
<b>Fund balance at 31 December 2017</b>		<b>740,420</b>	<b>760,746</b>
<b>Fund balance at 31 December 2018</b>		<b>693,503</b>	<b>740,420</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

	Note	2018	2017
Tangible fixed assets	5	146,770	173,020
Current assets			
Stocks		7,881	10,115
Debtors		5,894	3,586
Cash at bank and in hand	6	533,918	554,659
		547,693	568,360
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals		960	960
Net current assets		546,733	567,400
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>693,503</b>	<b>740,420</b>
<b>Income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		693,503	740,420

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22 February 2019

## Notes to the Accounts

### 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared for the year ended 31 December 2018, comparative figures referring to the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting for Charities (FRS 102) issued in July 2014.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Income is recognised at the point where the charity has an identifiable probability of receipt.

During the period the charity operated a single unrestricted income fund.

#### 1.3 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis and include, where appropriate attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Governance costs comprise professional fees and similar costs attributable to the governance of the charity.

#### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Garage annexe	5%	straight line
Motor vehicles	20%	straight line
Rescue equipment	10%	straight line

#### 1.5 Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

2	<b>Incoming resources - recurring items</b>			
		Note	2018	2017
	333 Support Group	7	20,532	20,130
	Donations	8	22,162	34,110
	Core funding grants		5,651	
	Oggie 8 Event		131	5,028
	Collecting boxes		4,145	5,353
	Investment income		3,357	1,228
	Other recurring income	9	15,074	22,239
			71,052	88,088
3	<b>Incoming resources - non-recurring items</b>			
			2018	2017
	In memory		3,638	9,806
	Bequests and legacies		23,437	6,359
			27,075	16,165
4	<b>Charitable activities</b>			
			2018	2017
	<b>Provision of rescue and related services</b>			
	Base expenses	10	9,788	8,293
	Communications		3,503	2,537
	Equipment replacement	11	22,010	21,243
	Transport	12	2,957	2,450
	Training and conferences		7,397	1,497
	Water & Team members' PPE scheme		300	18,536
	Team expenses		35,474	22,337
	Other charitable expenses	13	36,435	20,646
	Depreciation		26,250	26,250
	<b>Other costs</b>			
	Governance costs		930	790
			145,044	124,579

Governance costs include £360 (2017 - £360) in respect of Independent Examination

5	<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>				
		Garage Annexe	Vehicles	Rescue Equipment	Total
	Cost				
	Brought forward	75,000	50,000	125,000	250,000
	Depreciation				
	Brought forward	9,688	35,000	32,292	76,980
	Provided for the year	3,750	10,000	12,500	26,250
	As at 31 December 2017	13,438	45,000	44,792	103,230
	Net book value at 31 December 2018	61,562	5,000	80,208	146,770
6	<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>				
			<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	
	Current accounts		2,263	18,333	
	Deposit accounts		531,514	536,174	
	Cash in hand		141	152	
			533,918	554,659	
7	<b>333 Support Group</b>		<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	
	Memberships		13,630	12,575	
	Merchandise and similar		5,442	6,520	
	Other income		1,460	1,035	
			20,532	20,130	
8	<b>Donations</b>		<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	
	Clubs		2,964	7,199	
	Companies		1,565	3,875	
	Personal		7,632	9,106	
	Rescues		3,858	4,210	
	Other contributions		6,143	9,720	
			22,162	34,110	

9	<b>Other recurring income</b>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
	Goods purchased by team members	3,384	3,353
	Team member events	1,685	1,165
	Honesty box	147	145
	Other income	6,293	1,937
	VAT refunds	3,565	15,639
		15,074	22,239
10	<b>Base expenses</b>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
	Catering	158	849
	Rent, phone and repairs	7,542	2,341
	Insurance	1,580	1,894
	Other expenses	508	3,209
		9,788	8,293
11	<b>Equipment replacement</b>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
	First Aid	5,395	2,888
	Other equipment	16,615	18,355
		22,010	21,243
12	<b>Transport</b>		
	General transport costs	2,957	2,450
13	<b>Other charitable expenses</b>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
	Administration	30	4,887
	Printing, postage and stationery	1,752	2,690
	Bank and card charges	800	688
	Fund raising costs	5,883	3,719
	IT and website	2,733	1,341
	VAT paid to be reclaimed	7,093	3,603
	Other expenses	18,144	3,718
		36,435	20,646

Other expenses included £12,075 from a significant donation made in memory of Iwan Huws, paid to other mountain rescue teams who worked with OVMRO for the tragic search and recovery operation. Recoverable VAT has been treated as an expense pending acceptance of an appropriate claim.



14 **Employment costs**

During the year the charity had no employees.

15 **Trustees**

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the period.

During the year 3 trustees (2017 - 4) were reimbursed £429.90 (2017 - £189.80) for travel expenses in connection with the governance of the charity.