

Scottish Charity No. SC040294

Mountain Aid

Report and Accounts

31st March 2010

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period to 31st March 2010
Scottish Charity Number SC040294

Current Trustees

Mrs Jane Kale
Mr Alex Slimon
Mr Jim Willsher

Alex Slimon also holds the working committee position of Chairman
Jim Willsher also holds the working committee position of Treasurer

Other trustees during the year

The current list of trustees was also the complete list at commencement of this financial period

Contact Address

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Registered Address

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Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the Mountain Aid Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting. We have yet to hold our inaugural meeting.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are :

1. To supply equipment and/or services, not readily available from other sources, to persons injured as a result of a climbing/hillwalking accident to help ease their situation.
2. To supply equipment to mountain rescue teams to maintain or improve upon the efficient performance of their activities, where such equipment is not available from other sources
3. To promote mountain safety awareness in all its forms through free or subsidised education and training.

Activities and achievements

Our first event this year was High tea. This was something “ a bit different” in that we were providing “haggis, neeps and tatties” (followed by tea and cakes) on the summit of Ben Nevis! We were fortunate to have the food donated to us by various organisations, and we were even more fortunate to have good weather! This event captured the imagination of both the media and the public, and we raised more funds than anticipated.

One of our committee members undertook a long distance walk (the West Highland Way, but with a difference) climbing 20+ Munros on the way. He raised donations for this event, dividing them equally between Mountain Aid and another of his favourite charities.

In June the committee members provided support for the Caledonian Challenge, where teams undertake to complete about 50 miles of cross-country walking in 24 hours. Our role was to clearly mark the designated route using tape, and then litter-sweep the same route a few hours later once all competitors were through each section. The organisers of the Caledonian Challenge were pleased with our work and gave us a single, large donation.

In December we organised our first series of Winter Safety Lectures. During one week we had a separate lecture in Peebles, Aberdeen, Perth, Edinburgh and Glasgow. The lectures were free and open to anyone, and were all well attended. Donations at each event were such that the overall series of lectures was completed at very little cost to Mountain Aid.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year, other than reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of their dual role as committee members. These are detailed separately.

Reserves

As a result of a very successful first operating year for Mountain Aid, with a surplus of £7,995.33, the charity has unrestricted funds of the same amount.

The charity has not yet committed to any future expenditure, though it is expected that another series of Winter Safety lectures will be organised in December.

The charity has committed to supporting the Caledonian Challenge again this year. During 2010 this provided our charity with a fixed donation of £2,500 and we anticipate the same amount being donated to us this year. Our support for this event comes at absolutely no cost to our charity.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Jim Willsher
Treasurer and Trustee
20th May 2010

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Receipts and Payments for period ended 31st March 2010

	2010
	£
Receipts	
Donations	1,677.81
Legacies	0.00
Grants	0.00
Receipts from fundraising activities	
Caledonian Challenge	2,500.00
High Tea event	5,424.10
West Highland Highway	793.13
Winter Safety Talks	934.72
Total receipts from fundraising activities	9,653.95
Gross receipts from trading	0.00
Receipts from investments, other than land and buildings	5.34
Rent from land and buildings	0.00
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	0.00
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	0.00
Proceeds from sale of investments	0.00
Total Receipts	11,337.10
Payments	
Expenses from fundraising activities	
High Tea	(123.53)
Make Your Mountain matter (forthcoming event)	(480.00)
Winter Safety Talks	(1,007.20)
Total expenses from fundraising activities	(1,610.73)
Gross trading payments	(0.00)
Investment management costs	(0.11)

Payments relating to charitable activities	
Consumables (paper etc)	(180.92)
Identity	(845.78)
JustGiving fees	(121.86)
Postage	(25.74)
Total payments relating to charitable activities	(1,174.30)
Grants and donations relating to charitable activities	(0.00)
Governance costs	(0.00)
Purchase of fixed assets	(556.63)
Purchase of investments	(0.00)
Total Payments	(3,341.77)
Surplus for period	7,995.33
All funds are unrestricted	

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Jim Willsher
Treasurer and Trustee
20th May 2010

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Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2010

	2010
	£
Bank and cash in hand	
Opening Balance	£0.00
Surplus for period	<u>7,995.33</u>
Closing Balance	<u>7,995.33</u>
Reserves	
General Fund	<u>7,995.33</u>
Closing Balance	<u>7,995.33</u>
Assets	556.63
Computer Software	70.50
Equipment	317.42
Identity (banners etc)	168.71
All assets are considered to be worth cost-value due to their condition and/or nature <u>except</u> the equipment purchases as these were primarily for our High Tea event. We have valued these at 50% of cost value as we expect them to be good for just one more event.	
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Treasurer and Trustee
20th May 2010

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Committee Expenses for period ended 31st March 2010

	2010
	£
By The Way Hostel and Campsite	201.04
Davy McLellan	90.05
Jim Kinnell	342.08
Jim Willsher	1061.67
Len McArthur	37.76
"By The Way Hostel and Campsite" is owned by committee member Jim Kinnell. Jim was able to achieve volume discounts by combining Mountain Aid purchases with purchases for the hostel.	

Jim Willsher
Treasurer and Trustee
20th May 2010

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Mountain Aid

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2010 which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

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

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Chartered Accountant

20th May 2010