

Scottish Charity No. SC040294

Mountain Aid

Report and Accounts

31st March 2011

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011
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 as no meeting was held during our first financial year. Our AGM is scheduled for April 2011.

Governing Document

Mountain Aid is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

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 primary objective for this year was to provide education and to raise awareness of our organisation, whilst conserving the funds raised during our previous year.

Our main fundraising activity was our “Make Your Mountain Matter” event, which was an attempt to get supporters on various different mountain summits at the same time. Support for this event was less than hoped for, and whilst the monies raised were very welcome we do not feel that the event was a great success. We were very grateful to our loyal supporters who took part.

In June the committee members provided support for the Caledonian Challenge, where teams undertake to complete 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, providing eight lectures over two weeks. We held separate lectures in Edinburgh, Dundee, Cupar, Stirling, Carlisle, Alexandria, Irvine and Glasgow. The lectures were free and open to anyone, and were all well attended. Donations at each event helped to offset the cost of the professional presenter.

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 second operating year for Mountain Aid, with a surplus of £4,455.38, the charity has unrestricted funds of £12,450.71 at the year end.

The charity has committed to a major “Mountain Safety Day” event, to be held in Stirling in October 2011. We have applied for external funding for this event, although we are not reliant upon these funds being awarded. We see this as being an excellent way to raise mountain safety awareness and we have the support of many well-known organisations.

We shall not be hosting our “Winter Safety Lectures” this year, in lieu of the Mountain Safety Day event.

The charity has committed to supporting the Caledonian Challenge again this year. During year ended 2011 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 almost no cost to our charity.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Jim Willsher
Treasurer and Trustee
20th April 2011

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations	2,707.18	1,677.81
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00
Receipts from fundraising activities		
Caledonian Challenge	2,500.00	2,500.00
High Tea event	0.00	5,424.10
West Highland Highway	0.00	793.13
Make Your Mountain Matter	1,558.37	
Winter Safety Talks	947.13	934.72
A Midsummer Night's Dram (forthcoming event)	43.42	
Total receipts from fundraising activities	5,048.92	9,653.95
Gross receipts from trading	0.00	0.00
Receipts from investments, other than land and buildings	11.14	5.34
Rent from land and buildings	0.00	0.00
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	0.00	0.00
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	0.00	0.00
Proceeds from sale of investments	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	7,767.24	11,337.10
Payments		
Expenses from fundraising activities		
Caledonian Challenge	(269.80)	(0.00)
High Tea event	(0.00)	(123.53)
West Highland Highway	(0.00)	(0.00)
Dundee Mountain Film Festival presence	(20.00)	(0.00)
Edinburgh Mountain Film Festival presence	(139.00)	(0.00)
Make Your Mountain Matter	(144.00)	(480.00)
Winter Safety Talks	(1,991.50)	(1,007.20)
Total expenses from fundraising activities	(2,564.30)	(1,610.73)

Gross trading payments	(0.00)	(0.00)
Investment management costs	(0.00)	(0.11)
Payments relating to charitable activities		
Consumables (paper etc)	(9.00)	(180.92)
Identity	(218.54)	(845.78)
JustGiving fees	(140.96)	(121.86)
Postage	(3.71)	(25.74)
Total payments relating to charitable activities	(372.21)	(1,174.30)
Grants and donations relating to charitable activities	(0.00)	(0.00)
Governance costs		
Gift for Independent Examiner	(29.99)	(0.00)
Total Governance costs	(29.99)	(0.00)
Purchase of fixed assets	(357.35)	(556.63)
Purchase of investments	(0.00)	(0.00)
Total Payments	(3,311.86)	(3,341.77)
Surplus for period	4,455.38	7,995.33
All funds are unrestricted		

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20th April 2011

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Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening Balance	7,995.33	0.00
Surplus for year	4,455.38	7,995.33
Closing Balance	12,450.71	7,995.33
Reserves		
General Fund	12,450.71	7,995.33
Closing Balance	12,450.71	7,995.33
Assets		
Computer Software	70.50	70.50
Equipment (for fundraising events)		317.42
Identity (banners, display stands etc.)	317.25	168.71
All assets are considered to be worth cost-value due to their condition and/or nature, except for "equipment" which was purchased in 2010 for a single event and is no longer retained.		
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Committee Expenses for the year ended 31st March 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
Andrew Gibson	(192.21)	
Annie Bell	(144.00)	
By The Way Hostel and Campsite		(201.04)
Davy McLellan	(87.00)	(90.05)
Jane Kale	(73.90)	
Jim Kinnell	(532.28)	(342.08)
Jim Willsher	(188.96)	(1,061.67)
Len McArthur	(88.80)	(37.76)
"Expenses" are solely to cover financial outlay for purchases. There are no expenses paid for services.		

Jim Willsher
Treasurer and Trustee
20th April 2011

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Mountain Aid

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2011 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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 Regulationshave 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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