

Scottish Charity No. SC040294

Mountain Aid

Report and Accounts

31st March 2017

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 Scottish Charity Number SC040294

Current Trustees

Mrs Jane Kale
Mr Jim Kinnell
Mr Jim Willsher

Jim Willsher also holds the working committee position of Treasurer
Jim Kinnell intends to stand down as a Trustee during the forthcoming year.

Other trustees during the year

All listed Trustees have been Trustees for the entire accounting year.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the Mountain Aid Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting. Our next AGM will be held in June or July 2017 where our members will have an opportunity to elect or re-elect Trustees.

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

The highlight of our year has been our Skills for the Hills event, an open day in Glasgow which was attended by over 40 outdoor organisations, including first aid, navigation, mountain rescue, survival – a who's who of the outdoor world. The event also included a series of safety talks and workshops. The day was a huge success, ensuring that the outdoor safety "message" has been passed to hundreds more people.

Over the year we have also held a series of winter skills courses and navigation courses, all hosted by Andy Cloquet, a qualified mountain instructor. These events, all free of charge or subsidised, were well attended (places all booked quickly, including waiting lists) and we received generous donations from many attendees.

Finally, our committee has grown significantly, with many more Mountain Aid supporters regularly attending our meetings and making extremely valuable contributions.

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 busy operating year for Mountain Aid, with a surplus of £159.92, the charity has unrestricted funds of £19,710.50 at the year end.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Jim Willsher
Treasurer and Trustee
6th April 2017

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Mountain Aid

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2017 which are set out on pages 4 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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 (as amended). 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 (as amended), and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) 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.

Chartered Accountant
6th April 2017

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations	540.80	193.04
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Grants	2,860.00	0.00
Receipts from fundraising activities		
Caledonian Challenge	3,000.00	3,000.00
Winter Safety Talks	0.00	227.27
Dundee Mountain Film Festival (donations)	0.00	0.00
Mountain Safety Day 2017	1,471.58	0.00
Total receipts from fundraising activities	4,471.58	3,227.27
Gross receipts from trading	0.00	0.00
Receipts from investments, other than land and buildings	0.00	0.00
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	7,872.38	3,420.31

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Payments	2017	2016
	£	£
Expenses from fundraising activities		
Caledonian Challenge	(149.80)	(447.40)
Dundee Mountain Film Festival presence	(183.19)	(0.00)
Winter Skills Courses	(1,440.00)	(2,720.00)
Navigation Courses	(595.00)	(695.00)
Mountain Safety Day 2017	(3,979.97)	(0.00)
Total expenses for fundraising activities	(6,347.96)	(3,862.40)
Gross trading payments	(0.00)	(0.00)
Investment management costs	(0.00)	(0.00)
Payments relating to charitable activities		
Consumables (paper etc)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Identity	(251.11)	(35.00)
Venue hire for AGM	(0.00)	(0.00)
Total payments relating to charitable activities	(251.11)	(35.00)
Donations to like-minded organisations		
ParaVentures	(0.00)	(1,000.00)
Little Sherpa Foundation	(1,000.00)	(0.00)
Total donations to like-minded organisations	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Governance costs	(0.00)	(0.00)
Purchase of fixed assets	(113.39)	(0.00)
Purchase of investments	(0.00)	(0.00)
Total Adjustments	(0.00)	(0.00)
Total Payments	(7,712.46)	(4,897.40)
(Deficit) / Surplus for period	159.92	(1,477.09)
All funds are unrestricted		

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Treasurer and Trustee
6th April 2017

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Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening Balance	19,550.58	21,027.67
(Deficit) / Surplus for year	159.92	(1,477.09)
Closing Balance	19,710.50	19,550.58
Reserves		
General Fund	19,710.50	19,550.58
Closing Balance	19,710.50	19,550.58
Assets		
Computer Software	250.50	250.50
Equipment (for fundraising events)	113.39	0.00
Identity (banners, display stands etc.)	317.25	317.25
All assets are considered to be worth cost-value due to their condition and/or nature.		
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Committee Expenses for the year ended 31st March 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Alex Slimon	(198.96)	(0.00)
Andrew Gibson	(9.40)	(35.00)
Davy McLellan	(0.00)	(0.00)
Jane Kale	(0.00)	(0.00)
Jim Kinnell	(761.56)	(0.00)
Jim Willsher	(1178.05)	(0.00)
Gordon McGregor	(0.00)	(171.00)
Marguerite Robertson	(104.80)	(92.00)
Sarah Bennett	(11.60)	(0.00)
Shaun Rands	(210.89)	(0.00)
Susan Beech	(12.20)	(0.00)
"Expenses" are solely to cover financial outlay for purchases. There are no expenses paid for services.		

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Treasurer and Trustee
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