

# Anabasis Mountaineering Club

## Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

### 1. Committee Report

The members of the Committee during the year were:

Name	Position	Dates
Warwick Waterworth	Chair	Jan-Dec
Clive Lane	Hut Warden	Jan-Dec
Dave Barton	Treasurer	Jan-Dec
Billy Murphy	Secretary	Jan-Dec
Andy Murphy	Committee Member	Jan-Dec
Barbara Conway	Committee Member	Jan-Dec
Chris Hatton	Committee Member	Jan- Dec
Stan Eccles	Committee Member	Jan-Dec

Dave Atkinson was co-opted by the Committee to assist with communications.

### Method of Appointment

Committee members were elected by the members at the AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

### Principal Address

The Secretary  
4 Harrow Drive  
Runcorn  
WA7 5RG

### Bankers

Santander

### Governing Document

Constitution dated 2013

### Objects of the Club

The objects of the Club shall be to encourage the pursuits of mountaineering, walking, skiing, cave exploration and fell running; to bring together men and women who are interested in these pursuits and to whatever shall be deemed by the Committee, or the Club from time to time, to be conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objectives.

### Independent Examiner

Jeanette Mahar

In many respects 2016 has been a good year for our Club. Membership is increasing and for the first time in many years has passed the 50 mark. The Club recorded a small financial surplus and this despite significant expenditure on the Hut – some of it being money owed for work in previous years on our Hut improvements. Expenditure on the Hut accounted for 82% of our total spend this year. The improvements have been instrumental in attracting external groups who pay to hire the Hut: income from this use now forms a significant part of our overall revenue and enables us to maintain Club Membership and Member Hut fees at their current level. It is great to hear of Club Members and their families enjoying the Hut and using it as a base for exploring Snowdonia on two feet and two wheels. After several years without change, 3 new people are standing for our Committee; but the lack of females on the Committee is a concern!

Yet the year has also been one of sadness, and I have to record the loss of a dearly-loved founder member Di Murphy. I shall not list her achievements – this was ably done at her funeral by sons Andy and Dan – but she was a past Chairman and the wife of President, George. George and Di celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with many of us in April. We will remember her for her enthusiasm, balanced and good-humoured common sense, and the unaffectedly generous welcome she gave to new members. There is no doubt that the better fortunes the Club currently enjoys is founded in her period as the Chair. She leaves a big gap in the life and spirit of the Club: our heartfelt sympathy to George and the family. We were all saddened, also, by the death of former member Don Warren (Joyce Dillon's father) and extend our condolences to Joyce and her family.

Club members remain remarkably active, in some cases despite advancing years. Billy Murphy continues to set records for extended activity as a climber, persuading others no longer in their first youth onto the Milestone Buttress. Mike Hart and Simon Letts got up and down Moel Siabod in the time it took Margaret Hart and Dave Atkinson to climb the Direct on the same crag. Rob Hastings continues to climb to a high standard, as did Mike Threlfall until curtailed by a fall at Frodsham in July. Despite severe injuries, he was up and about in no time, displaying characteristic energy, determination and fortitude. We wish him well in his recovery. The July family meet barbecue was a well-attended success and in September there was a return visit to the very pleasant campsite at Hathersage. In the same month, inspired and cheered on by Roger Reid, Pete Simpson reached the summit of Mount Suphan in Turkey, but found no traces of the plane whose 1959 crash led to a RAF Rescue Team call-out involving our George Murphy. A significant event in his mountaineering story, in the frequent tellings of the tale it has become part of the Club's story too. Others enjoyed walking in Gran Canaria, cycling in Scotland, and Nepalese trekking is on the agenda for some in 2017. The November bonfire/hotpot meet was a great success, and, with kind weather, we were able to enjoy the latest enhancement provided by the Hut-improvement squad – the patio. The to be re-opened 'swamp' section was tested by Alex Gray and pals and Jan Murphy's cookery and organisation were of the usual high standard. Chris Hatton excelled himself with a windmill which formed the centre piece of the bonfire and seemed too good to burn, but it provided a fine spectacle as it blazed away.

After 20 years of loyal and hard-working service, Billy Murphy has decided to call time on his stint as Secretary and has decided to take a well-earned rest. Bill's efforts have been tireless and central to the Club's achievements, especially in the Hut improvement works. His standing down means that the Committee will be without a Murphy for the first time in over half a century. Our thanks also to Jan for her forbearance in allowing him to devote so much time and energy to the Club. I am very pleased that an able gentleman has offered to take his place.

Finally, my thanks to my fellow Committee Members for their hard work during the year, and to the other members who serve the Club in various ways, including attending Hut Work Meets, helping with fund-raising, and maintaining the website. Congratulations to all those who contributed to the Anabasis in Fifty Objects, a fine record of the life of our Club.

## **2. Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the accounts set out on pages 5 to 8.

**This is a non-statutory independent examination.**

### **Respective responsibilities of the Committee Members and the examiner**

As the Committee Members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to state whether matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent examiner's report**

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as directors 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 connection with 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 41 of the Charities Act 1993; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act 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.

Signed:.....

Date:

Name:.....

## Anabasis Mountaineering Club

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

(figures rounded up/down to the nearest full £)

	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£		£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	2073	-	-	2073	1905
Hut Fees	237	-	-	237	108
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	457	-	-	457	165
Fundraising	110	-	-	110	114
Sales (Hut hire)	857	-	-	858	725
Calvert Trust	-	-	-	-	451
BMC refund (insurance)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3734</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3734</b>	<b>3468</b>
			-		
<b>Payments</b>					
Hut Lease	1080	-	-	1080	1040
Rates	-	-	-	-	-
BMC Membership	592	-	-	592	562
Hut Insurance	409	-	-	409	365
Fire Extinguishers	-	-	-	-	51
Fire inspection	-	-	-	-	-
Gas Inspection	-	-	-	-	-
Gas	199	-	--	200	-
Liability Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Calvert Trust	-	--	-	-	475
Hut Maintenance/renewal	1167	-	-	1167 (Note 7)	500
Website	-	-	-	-	194
Return fees	-	-	-	-	-
Flowers (George/Di)	50	-	-	50	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>3499</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3499</b>	<b>3187</b>
<b>Net receipts/payments</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>281</b>

Balance Sheet	£
Bank 31.12.2014	2165
Bank 31.12.2015	2400.48
Difference	235.48
Cash fund balance carried forward +/-	235.48
Difference	0

## Anabasis Mountaineering Club

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31<sup>st</sup> December 2015

	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Cash Funds</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank	2165	-	2165	2400	-	2400
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	<b>2165</b>	-	-	<b>2400</b>

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Other monetary assets:</b>	£ 0	-
<b>Investment Assets:</b>	£ 0	-
<b>Assets retained for the Club's own use:</b>	£ 0	-
<b>Accrued expenses</b>	£ -740 (Note 7)	-
<b>Accrued revenue:</b>	£ 274.00 (Hut Booking sale)	-
<b>Liabilities (net accruals):</b>	£- 466	-
<b>Balance (cash funds less liabilities):</b>	<b>£1934</b>	<b>£1235</b>

### Approval of the accounts

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by meeting of the Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017:

Date:

Name:

Signed:

On behalf of the Committee.

## Anabasis Mountaineering Club

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015

#### 1. Accounting Policies

##### a. Basis of accounting

The Committee have opted to prepare the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

##### b. Fund accounting

Funds held by the Club are either:

##### Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Club's objects at the discretion of the Committee.

or

##### Restricted funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Club. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

or

##### Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the Committee out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

#### 2. Grants and Donations

	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	-		-			-
Donations	165			457		

#### 3. Restricted/Designated Funds Summary

	2014	2015	2015	2015
	Balance b/f £	Incoming £ (+)	Outgoing £ (-)	Balance c/f £
BMC Grant	0	-	-	-
Hut (Toilet) Fund	(700) Note 7			
Totals	(700) Note 7			

This summary shows cash income only and not the value of donated goods and materials.

#### 4. Purpose of Restricted/Designated Funds

Hut Fund (designated): to pay for works at the club Hut, including the addition of a toilet.

The Designated Fund for renovation works at the Hut was closed at the 2015 AGM. Outstanding amounts spent and due appear in this year's Accounts as Hut Maintenance/Renewal.

#### 5. Committee remuneration and expenses

None

## 6. Related party transactions

(e.g. paying Club members to do work for the Club) None.

## 7. Hut (Toilet) Fund (all years)

Item	£ 2014	£ 2015
Total cost of works	-	1037
Total club expenditure	500	1167
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-830</b>	<b>-700</b>

The Balance showing (liability of £700) is owed by the Club to the Hut Warden, Clive Lane, for expenditure incurred in the delivery of the renovation works. The remaining £40 liability is an un-cleared cheque relating to Hut Maintenance.

### Appendix:

## Hut Warden's Report for the year ending 31.12.2016

We have had a good year at Garth. The hut is being used more frequently by members and outside bookings both. The increased money coming in is bringing us closer to having the hut paying for itself. This is not in order to make a profit but to work at or around a breakeven point. With this information we will be in a better position to assess the impact of limiting the outside bookings, as several members have requested. This is, however, not yet a majority requirement.

The following are relevant figures culled from the Treasurer's report(s):

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Income</b>							
Hut fees (membership)	117	121	140	93	139	108	237
Fees (other organisations)	342	562	295	180	146	725	858 (1)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>435 (2)</b>	<b>273 (2)</b>	<b>285 (2)</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>1095</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Lease	849	875	898	928	1000	1040	1080
Hut Insurance	344	344	365	365	365	365	409
<b>Totals (without running costs) (3)</b>	<b>1193</b>	<b>1219</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>1293</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>1395</b>	<b>1489</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>% increase in usage to reach break even</b>	<b>61.5%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>65.6%</b>	<b>78.8%</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>26.5% (1)</b>

Notes:

1. This figure does not include £274 paid in 2017 for Hut use in December 2016. If this figure is included in the year it becomes £1132, the total £1369, and the required increase in usage to break even reduces to just 8.1%.
2. The lower income from other organisation fees in 2012, 2013, 2014 probably reflects reduced external booking while the improvement work was under way.
3. This is a simplistic overview which omits the costs of gas, work meet materials etc. and any ongoing or sudden repairs. It shows only income received, not the number of bookings. It does, however, serve to show what I believe to be primarily the effect of having the toilet block in place.

We intend to open up the area we call 'the swamp'. We have already strengthened the floor and are going to install a staircase for access and insulate the roof in there. It will remain locked until an adequate fire escape is made. The escape will be a velux type roof window with a rope ladder, this being acceptable to comply with fire regulations. The idea is to increase the hut capacity.

I intend to make laminated instruction sheets to help people to operate the water heater and generator. Also, others for what to do with the water and gas systems when arriving and leaving.

I don't think we will need any more propane this year so I foresee no proposed expenditure there.

I will be introducing an honesty box for people who use any residual fuel in the generator and don't replace it. I understand that it is a hassle to go to Betws or Bethesda for more, especially if you have a family to get home or an organisation facing a long journey back. So putting money in a box seems a reasonable request as an easy alternative. However, it remains that folk who use the generator bring their own fuel in the first place.

That's all folks. Many thanks to all in the club for their support and involvement in the hut work and business this year.

*Clive.*