

# Anabasis Mountaineering Club

## Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

### 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
Mike Morgan	Secretary	Jan-Dec
Chris Alston	Committee Member	Jan-Dec
Stan Eccles	Committee Member	Jan-Dec
Dave Appleton	Committee Member	Jan-Dec
Chris Hatton	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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### Principal Address

The Secretary  
71 Hillside Road, Frodsham, WA6 6AH

### 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

I am pleased to report that this year has on the whole been a successful one. Membership has remained at an encouraging level, although there remains the problem of recruiting younger people. Our funds, ably supervised by our conscientious Treasurer, are in a very sound state. Last year's decision to restrict external bookings to groups of six or more seems to have achieved the intended balance.

Members have been active in various ways and there have been some notable achievements. In particular Margaret Hart had the very considerable distinction of becoming Chair of YHA England and Wales. Jack Tyrie and Dave Appleton ran the arduous Welsh 1,000's Long Race Challenge in June. Dave also came second in his age group in the Siabod and Penmaenmawr Fell Races and won in his age group in the Snowdon Mountain Marathon. Katie Atkinson has sent news from the Everest Three Passes Trek (Simon Rogers was also in the same area) and from Yosemite. Dave Smith and his ex-military group have continued to use the hut in a very worthy cause. Some older members deserve commendation for continuing rock and indoor-wall climbing at a praiseworthy level.

We were unfortunate with two planned meets. A Derbyshire meet had to be cancelled owing to the non-availability of the campsite. There was insufficient prior support to justify providing a hut barbecue in July. There was however a well-supported meet at Glenridding and the November bonfire meet was the usual roaring success, ensured by Jan Murphy as accomplished hotpot chef and Chris Hatton as bonfire supervisor and architect of this year's even more splendid doomed offering. His imposing castle can be seen on the website.

This has however been a very sad year for Chris and his family. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to them for the loss of Sandra Hatton. Many of us will have been impressed by the courage with which Sandra faced up to her physical problems, continuing to attend hut meets despite her difficulties, and by the range of her achievements and contributions to the welfare of others as described at her funeral. There is a photo of Sandra on the website, looking typically cheerful alongside an impressive array of golf umbrellas. She will be sadly missed.

I wish to draw members' attention to a notice on the website concerning instruction to young people. We regret having to issue this rather bossy directive, but unfortunately these are the times we live in. In everyday usage the word "compo", which once referred only to tinned army food of variable quality, now means compensation.

Another committee decision, following discussion at last year's AGM, was that we should maintain an emergency fund at its then level of about £4,000 in case of, for example, severe storm damage to the hut roof. It will also provide for running expenses and improvements. Speaking of which, the usual devoted maintenance team under our untiring Hut Warden has again beavered away to deal with problems (for instance by means of a drainage channel to divert flooding). They are actively considering ways of toilet training livestock. We owe them a debt of gratitude and appreciation.

On Saturday 1st December many old friends gathered for a meal at the Plas Hafod Hotel S of Mold, some having enjoyed a walk in the Clwyds. This was an innovation suggested by Dave Atkinson and was a great success. We must thank Dave for the idea, for the very suitable choice of venue, and for his highly efficient organisation. Finally people gathered for a pre-Xmas drink at the just-reopened Railway Hotel. Regular Tuesday evening gatherings (from about 9.30) will now return there as The Lion, whilst a splendid wee pub, is sometimes noisy and overcrowded. Notice will be put on the website on those few occasions when no-one will be present.

At the most recent committee meeting consideration was given to the results of last year's survey and to some of the suggestions submitted. However time was limited in a very full agenda so we shall be returning to this. Thanks once again to Dave Atkinson for organising the survey and processing the replies, and to those who replied.

I wish to thank the committee and all who have contributed to the life of the club, which continues to play an important role for many people.

## **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> 2018

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

	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	2470	-	-	2470	2075
Hut Fees (4)	362	-	-	362	154
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	18	-	-	18	212
Fundraising	74	-	-	74	137
Sales (Hut hire) (4)	1045	-	-	1045	1170
Lakes meet	260	-	-	260	325
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>4229</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4229</b>	<b>4073</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Hut Lease	1180	-	-	1180	1123
Rates		-	-		-
BMC Membership	812	-	-	812	715
Hut Insurance	335	-	-	335	349
Fire Extinguishers		-	-		40
Fire inspection		-	-		77
Gas Inspection	40	-	-	40	-
Gas	-	-	--	-	-
Liability Insurance		-	-		-
Lakes meet	330	--	-	330	325
Hut Maintenance/renewal	622	-	-	622	1010
Website	194	-	-	194	-
Other (1)	61			61	48
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>3574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3574</b>	<b>3687</b>
<b>Net receipts/payments</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>386</b>

Balance Sheet	£
Bank 31.12.2017	2786.38
Bank 31.12.2018	3441.33
Difference	654.95
Cash fund balance carried forward +/-	654.95
Difference	-

## Anabasis Mountaineering Club

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Cash Funds</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank	2786		2786	3441		3441
Cash in hand			93			40 (2)
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2786</b>		<b>2879</b>			<b>3481</b>

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</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>		
<b>Accrued revenue:</b>	£40 (2)	-
<b>Liabilities (net accruals):</b>	<b>£40</b>	-
<b>Pre-paid income:</b>	£135.00 (3)	£90
<b>Balance (cash funds less liabilities):</b>	<b>£3346</b>	<b>£1934</b>

### Approval of the accounts

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the meeting of the Committee held on 15.01.2019:

Date:

Name:

Signed:

On behalf of the Committee.

## **Anabasis Mountaineering Club**

### **Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018**

#### **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**

	2017	2017	2017	2018
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	All
	£	£	£	£
Grants	-	-	-	-
Donations	212	-	-	18

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#### **3. Restricted/Designated Funds Summary**

None

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

None

#### **5. Committee remuneration and expenses**

None

#### **6. Related party transactions**

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

**Notes:**

1. Cost of flowers for Sandra Hatton's funeral (£40) plus room hire (£21).
2. The cash held is £40 payment for the Lakes (Glenridding) meet.
3. 3 pre-paid membership fees for 2019.
4. The following are relevant figures culled from the Treasurer's report(s):

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Income</b>									
Hut fees (members)	117	121	140	93	139	108	237	154	362
Fees (other organisations)	342	562	295	180	146	725	858	1170 (1)	1045
<b>Totals</b>	459	683	435 (2)	273 (2)	285 (2)	833	1095	1324	1407
<b>Expenditure</b>									
Lease	849	875	898	928	1000	1040	1080	1123	1180
Hut Insurance	344	344	365	365	365	365	409	349	335
<b>Totals (without running costs) (3)</b>	1193	1219	1263	1293	1365	1395	1489	1472	1515
<b>Shortfall</b>	734	536	828	1020	1080	572	394	148	108
<b>% increase in usage to reach break even</b>	61.5%	44%	65.6%	78.8%	73.6%	40.7%	26.5% (1)	10%	7.13%

**Notes:**

1. This figure includes £274 paid in December 2016 for Hut use in January 2017.
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.

**Hut Warden's report.**

This has been a very satisfactory year for our hut at Garth Farm. The main points of interest are:

The gas supply quoted at the last AGM has lasted so far with our only needing to buy 2 new cylinders recently. When I last weighed the six of them I found that only one was actually empty. The rest were in various stages of discharge. People have been changing them believing them to be empty based on their ring when you hit them. The weights show that to be nonsense. They should never need changing as there is an automatic swap-over valve that brings in the other cylinder. I'm using up these part fills before the full ones are introduced. I want to monitor monthly use in order to get a better idea of what we use and a more accurate yearly cost for the AGM.

We have not had a bad freeze yet and all the pipework is functional. I will however still change all the copper pipes to plastic barrier piping at the next work meet. The toilet pans, cisterns and sink wastes will still be vulnerable though.

The drainage channel at the top end of the hut seems to be working. The path in front of the hut no longer gets soggy and I have not seen any water getting in under the bunks, as used to happen. However, there is still water ingress down the chimney and that will be addressed asap.

We have purchased a smaller, and more manageable, generator for the hut lighting. Keeping a 3 kilowatt generator going for 5 lightbulbs was wasteful of fuel. The new one will eventually be housed in a store room in the renovated section at the next work meet. The current generator will be maintained and kept for running power tools at work meets.

Bike shed. The placing of a covered enclosure where the racks are is proving contentious. I was, as warden, asked to pursue this and we have an offer of a low roofed, green, sheet metal structure for free. I get support from some members and dissention from others. I won't go into their arguments here. That is for them to say. Thus I want a discussion at the AGM and a definite requirement put to the hut warden, yay or nay.

A big success has been the financing of our hut. We have almost attained an optimum between fees earned and costs out. This is not only due to the better facilities but, in my opinion, also to Mike Morgan's policy of limiting bookings to fewer but larger groups. I urge you to look at the figures for finances over the last six or seven years that Dave Atkinson and the treasurer Dave Barton have produced in this regard. The hut has definitely been used by members more regularly than in the past. It has been used by younger families more which can only encourage future younger membership. Great stuff.

Leading on from the balanced hut expenditure is the question of our non profit making status. If the hut starts to lose more money we can adjust the booking frequency and/or the fees. This also applies to the hut starting to make a profit. In the latter case, what figure does the membership want to cap the account at before action is taken? I would like that decided on at the AGM.

My final word is a resounding thank you- two words —to the members who supported the work meets by labour, finance, donation, advice, encouragement and otherwise. Nothing can get done without you all. Above all I take greatest satisfaction from seeing youngsters enjoying themselves at Garth. We have all contributed to that.

Stay safe. Clive (Hut Warden)