WALK

CLIMB

SKI

Winter hill walking

Winter climbing

Scrambling

Hill walking

Bouldering outdoors

Roped climbing outdoors

Ski touring

Roped climbing indoors

Bouldering indoors





Mountaineering Scotland 2023 Members' Gathering & AGM

Chair: Brian Shackleton

Company Secretary/CEO: Stuart Younie















2023 Members' Gathering & AGM

10am Welcome - Brian Shackleton, President

Presentation of the 2022-23 Annual Report

AGM formal business

11.30am Break

11.45am A Manifesto for the Mountains

Guest speakers - Bob Reid, Mike Daniels (JMT), Ros Bryce (UHI)

Members Q&A session

1pm Lunch

1.45pm Birnam Hill walk

4pm Finish







2023 Members' Gathering & AGM

Questions:

- There will be time allocated for questions at the end of each section of the meeting.
- Zoom users please use the chat box to ask questions at the relevant times

Please note: The meeting will be recorded to aid the preparation of the minutes.





Annual Report 2022-23



OUR YEAR 2022-23



from members' surveys consistently great success by all. access & Conservation issue; so we were The day to day delivery of all insurance, salary and other costs but delighted to work with the Outdoor Mountaineering Scotland activity is further options are being explored Access Trust for Scotland (IOATS) to led by CEO Stuart Younie with his actively to keep the organisation on

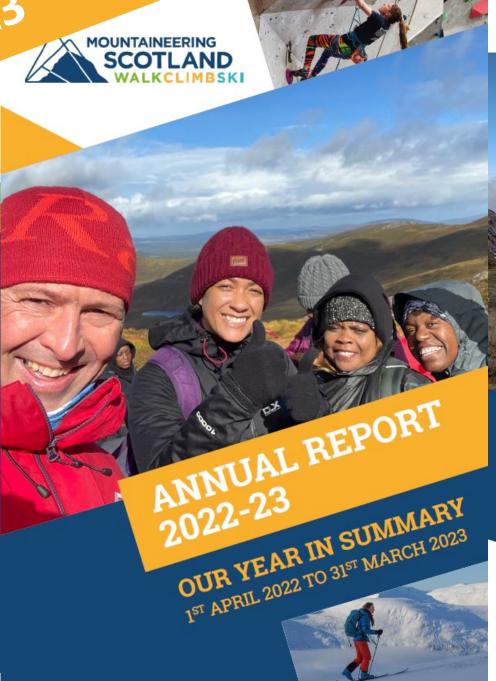
joined as Director for Member Services President, Mountaineering Scotland
The ClimbScotland programme for and Communications following Kat young people is an important way to
Jones retiral last year. Mountaineering introduce new people to our sport Scotland depends on the hard work, and along with other initiatives, such enthusiasm and dedication of our staff

Scotland has made as Going the Extra Mile and Sofa to but also the guidance and support of a good start to implementing our Summit looks to widen our offering our volunteer directors so my thanks new strategy for 2022-25 during its to those from underrepresented go to both staff and directors on behalf communities. ClimbScotland also of members and clubs. ship alongside a renewed opens an opportunity to engage with agreement from sportscotland. clubs seeking to increase and widen In my introduction to last year's Annual by the need for the ClimbScotland we have been looking organisation. We entered a new three initiation to remain relevant and to improve the talent and performance para agreement for public liability and looking in at times challenging pathway for young athletes in insurance at the start of 2023 which whits always willing to engage vely with our members, clubs but also towards national level through 2022-23 compared to just under £80k. and the wider community. During our our work with GB Climbing and the for last year. Accordingly, we ended Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) BMC. At short notice, we supported the 2022-23 with a £25k loss though this sultation, we have followed relocation of the IFSC World Cup event was less than originally forecast in this rative and listened to our to Ratho in September 2022 alongside 3rd and final year of the 3 year period hip so as to proceed in the The City of Edinburgh Council and the since membership subscriptions were On more familiar ground, a priority a packed Ratho and the event judged a subscription increases agreed at the

secure the E100k Diamond Award from hardworking team and saw significant the Scotish Mountaineering Trust (SMT) personnel changes in 2022-23 with the to show our determination to make a retiral of Neil Reid as Communication difference and find a sustainable future Officer and Jane Anderson as for maintaining our paths alongside the Membership Officer. We welcome from final contribution to an Annual Report other Access & Conservation work we do related to our special landscape. McNicol and Karen McVeigh to the team as I will complete my 4 year term as whitst wishing Neil and Jane our best President at the AGM this November wishes for the future. We also welcome but I remain positive on the future we provide through our Mountain Pathways Officer in Climbscotland. At opportunities ahead with the goodwill Safety advisors remain popular with Board level, Pete Crane took over as and support of members alongside Director for Access & Environment the hard work of our directors and ations through the Mountain from Ron Neville, who retired at the dedicated staff. The organisation froup now allows more longer Nov 2022 AGM, whilst Jo Dytch was remains in good hands! term strategic planning to take place confirmed as Director for Clubs for a further 2 years and Andrew Walker Brian Shackleton

Delivery of the strategy with its four their membership and offer those new pillars of REPRESENTING, PROTECTING, to the sport a perspective that is wider ahead due to increased insurance in NSPIRING and DEVELOPING is than indoor climbing walls. Within other inflationary cost pressure in the right way but at the right pace for the organisation on this important but for the event dropped out. The final of sensitive issue. the men's and women's lead climbing we still achieved a healthy surplus. event on the last day were enjoyed by of over £40k. Looking ahead, the 2022 AGM will go some way to offset







OUR ORGANISATION

- Staff changes retirement and recruitment
- Adoption of our new Strategic
 Framework 2022-25
- External development audit structure, governance, HR, finance
- Continuation of hybrid working for staff



OUR COMMUNICATIONS



SEASONAL CAMPAIGNS





Sofa 2 Summit

#RespectProtectEnjoy



16,254 +4%

8,074 +2%

8,180

+6%

MEMBERSHIP

Grew to over 16,000 but slower than previous year:

Individual members +2%

Club membership +6%

+4%

16,254

Total membership

Year end total

ENGAGING OUR MEMBERS

Consultation on the future of Scottish Mountaineer magazine

Interactive exhibition stand at Fort William Mountain Festival

Hybrid AGM attracting 31 members in person and 51 online

Mountaineering Scotland Awards resumed for the first time since the pandemic

CLUB MEMBERSHIP



SUPPORTING CLUBS

Post-Covid increase in club membership continued

Student clubs back to full activities

'Club month' in April 2022

Club survey in February 2023 highlighted the challenges and successes of clubs over the last year

PROTECTING ACCESS & ENVIRONMENT

Planning:

72 Windfarm proposals

27 Powerline connections

20 Forestry proposals

6 Telecom masts

3 Hydro proposals

2 Hill tracks

Emerging challenges:

- Earba pumped hydro storage scheme
- Shared rural network
- Car parking or 'accessing the access'

ACCESS

84 Access enquiries

Radical Road closure

Leanachan Forest access to Aonach Mor resolved

Reiff parking

Strathfarrar winter access agreed!

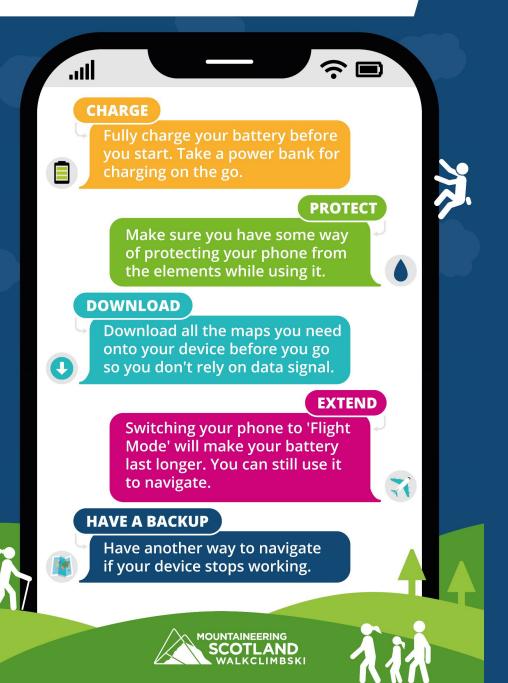


SKILLS COURSES

SKILLS

AWARENESS TRAINING

USING YOUR PHONE TO NAVIGATE?



DEVELOPING PATHWAYS & POTENTIAL

13.2K **DOWNLOADS**

OF THE

SCOTROCK

PODCAST 220+

REGULAR

LISTENERS IN

42 COUNTRIES

118 YOUNG **PEOPLE**

PEOPLE LEARNED TO **CLIMB AT 25** REALROCK SESSIONS

103

ADULTS

17 READY

TO ROCK

SESSIONS

LEARNED CLIMBING SKILLS AT

53

PEOPLE

ATTENDED 10 FUNDAS **WORKSHOPS**

IN THE SCOTLAND TALENT SQUAD

16

YOUNG

ATHLETES

RECRUITED (FREELANCE)

TALENT

COACHES

AT THE **SCOTTISH** PARACLIMBING **FESTIVAL**

30

PARTICIPANTS

198 competitors in the Scottish Youth Bouldering Championships 115 competitors in the Scottish Youth Climbing Championships 38 competitors in the Scottish Youth Speed Climbing Championships **80+** young people took part in the regional rounds of the YCS 22 Scottish youth climbers attended the YCS Grand Final

CLIMBSCOTLAND HIGHLIGHTS

Inclusive climbing workshops with ABLE 2 ADVENTURE

Training volunteers to support sessions for people with mental illness with COMMON WHEEL

Recruitment of Talent & **Pathways Officer and Talent** Coaches to support aspiring young climbers

Supporting indoor walls through the Scottish Climbing **Wall Network**



Snowsport touring and ski resort areas





>>> A CODE FOR OFF-PISTE/BACKCOUNTRY SKIERS & BOARDERS <



Pay attention to warning signs and stay out of roped areas



Avoid travelling across or up pistes on foot or ski



Be aware of downhill skiers/boarders who have right of way



Keep dogs under control and in your sight at all times



Stay clear of grooming machines - they operate 24 hours a day and can have very long cables attached

IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHERE TO GO, CHECK WITH A MEMBER OF STAFF FOR INFORMATION ON WHERE TO SKI SAFELY

Read the full 'Scottish snowsports touring and managed ski resorts code' at: www.mountaineering.scot









Questions?





Mountaineering Scotland Annual General Meeting 2023





2023 AGM agenda

- a) Roll Call and appointment of Tellers
- b) The approval of the draft minutes of the 2022 AGM
- c) The receipt of such reports as the Board may consider appropriate to bring before the AGM for approval or information
- d) The receipt of the Company's annual accounts and reports
- e) The fixing of members' annual subscriptions
- f) The election of Board members
- g) The consideration of and taking of decisions on any duly notified proposals for the adoption of any new Policies or the amendment or revocation of any existing Policies
- h) Any other competent business where notice has been given







Notes on voting:

- Due to the hybrid format of this years AGM we are unable to use the Zoom 'Poll' function as a replacement for the 'Show of hands' that would normally take place in a face to face meeting.
- Members have therefore been asked to submit all votes in advance allowing us to report
 the results of the votes which have been submitted during the meeting and to record
 these in the minutes.
- As in previous years to assist in the smooth running of the meeting members have been asked to submit any questions which relate to the formal business of the AGM in advance. Provision has also been made to allow for questions from the floor and online during the meeting.





Agenda item a)

Roll call and appointment of Tellers





Agenda item b)

Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM and EGM

Draft minutes of the AGM held on 19 November 2022 have been published on the Mountaineering Scotland website:

www.mountaineering.scot/about-us/business-matters/agm/agm-minutes-archive





Agenda item b)

Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM and EGM

Votes received:

FOR	3197
AGAINST	0
ABSTAIN	402





Agenda item c)

The receipt of such reports as the Board may consider appropriate to bring before the AGM for approval or information

Members are asked to note the company annual report which was published in the August edition of Scottish Mountaineer and has been made available on the Mountaineering Scotland website:

www.mountaineering.scot/about-us/business-matters/annual-report-and-accounts





Agenda item d)

The receipt of the annual accounts

Hazel Meehan, Treasurer & Director of Finance





Treasurer's report 2022-23 Hazel Meehan, Director of Finance

Read the annual report and financial accounts at:

www.mountaineering.scot/about-us/business-matters/annual-report-and-accounts



INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2022-23

For the period

1 Apr - 31 Mar	2022-23	2021-22
INCOME		
Membership	£362,293	£333,767
Grants	£238,300	£225,350
Other income	£38,503	£32,514
Total income	£639,096	£591,631
EXPENSES		
Staff costs	£440,905	£379,357
Civil liability insurance	£108,099	£79,596
Magazine costs	£31,245	£17,940
Other costs	£84,813	£74,975
Total expenses	£665,062	£551,868
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(£25,966)	£39,763



OUR INCOME 2022-23

INCOME FROM EVENTS

> 5% £29,616

SPORTSCOTLAND GRANT

37%

£238,300

OTHER

1% £8,887

> MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

> > **57%** £362,293



OUR EXPENDITURE 2022-23

OFFICE & ADMIN
33%
£217,565

MOUNTAIN SAFETY

10%

£69,862

LANDSCAPE & ACCESS

12%

£78,766

LIABILITY
INSURANCE

16%

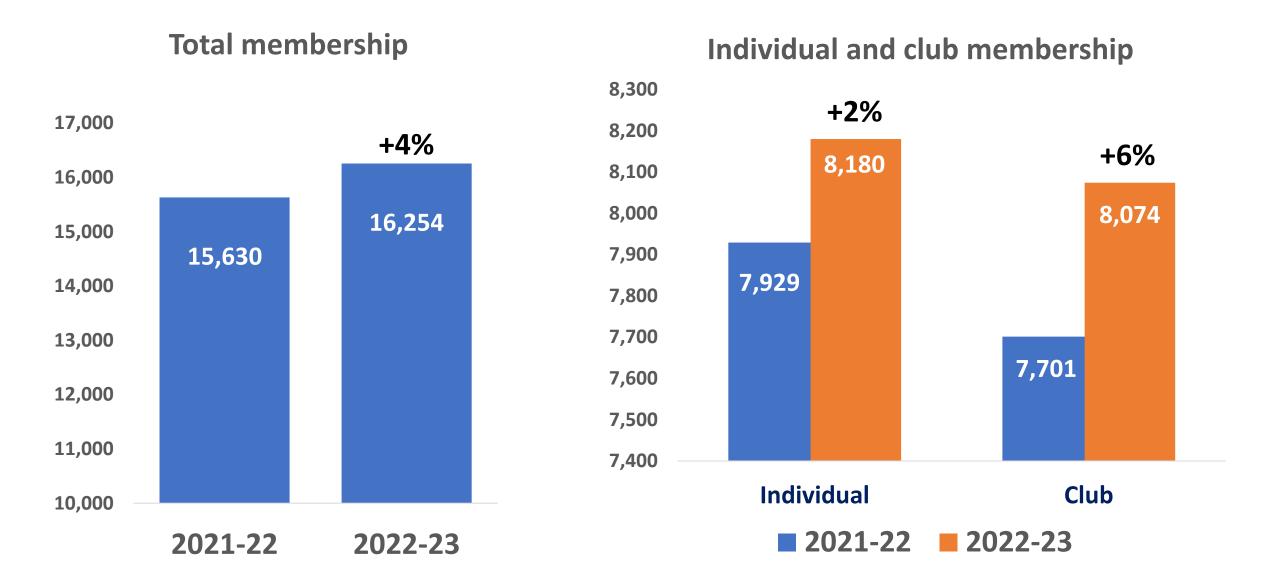
£108,099

ClimbScotland & SPORT DEVELOPMENT

29% £190,770

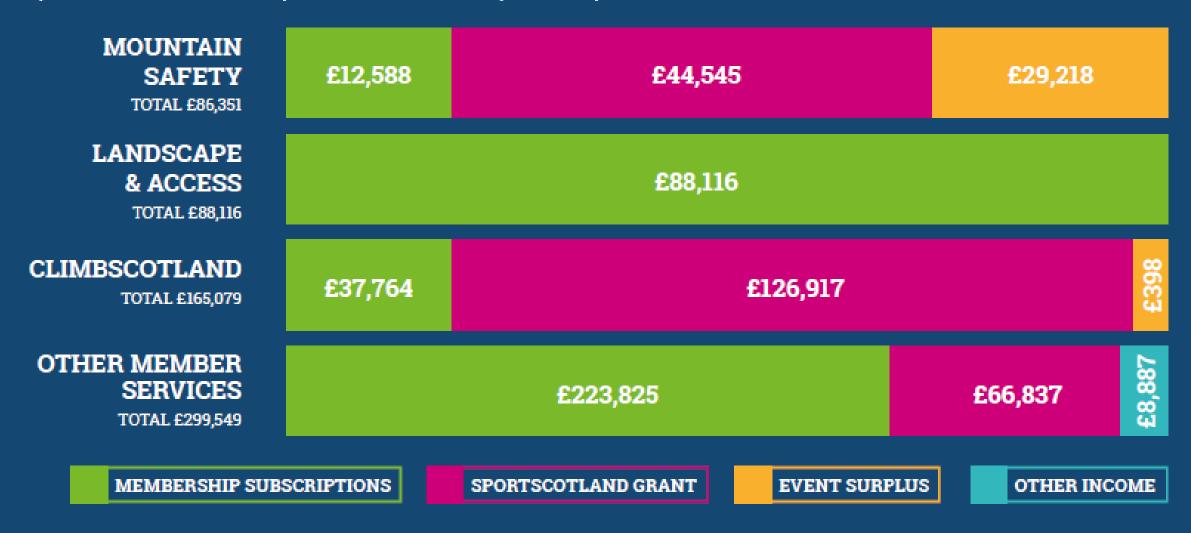


Membership 2022-23 vs 2021-22



OUR FUNDING AND HOW WE USE IT

We have illustrated how our funding is used across each activity, aligned with grant funding objectives from sportscotland, event surplus and membership subscriptions.





Membership subscriptions

To help address increasing cost an 8% increase in fees is proposed to come into effect on **1 April 2024**

	Current (annual)	Proposed (annual)
Individual (18+)	£37.95	£41
Individual (Under 18)	£19.25	£20.75
Concession	£23.50	£25
Member of club (18+/University)	£20.15	£21.75
Members of club (under 18)	£11.75	£12.50







Looking forward...

- Conservative financial plan
- Diversifying our income streams
- Insurance working group

Our thanks to:

- sportscotland
- Munro Society
- St John Scotland
- Scottish Mountaineering
 Trust
- Braemar Mountain
 Rescue Team





Agenda item e) Fixing of members' annual subscriptions

Following a commitment to members to fix the fees for three years, they were raised by 15% at the AGM 2022 (effective 1st April 2023) to mitigate the £50k deficit projected for 2023-24 at that time.

To help address increasing cost pressures in the short term an 8% increase in fees is proposed to come into effect on **1 April 2024** - see table.

	Current (annual)	Proposed (annual)
Individual (18+)	£37.95	£41
Individual (Under 18)	£19.25	£20.75
Concession	£23.50	£25
Joint (2 adults)	£62.50	£68
Family (1 adult+under 18's)	£40.25	£45
Family (2 adults+under 18's)	£66.40	£73
Mountain Training Candidate	£30.50	£33
Member of club (18+/University)	£20.15	£21.75
Members of club (under 18)	£11.75	£12.50





Agenda item e)

Fixing of the members' annual subscriptions

Votes received:

FOR	3588
AGAINST	11
ABSTAIN	0







Agenda item f)

Election of President, Treasurer & Board members

Under Article of Association 6.5, in the absence of competing nominations, seven directors are eligible to continue to serve until the 2024 AGM without the need for a vote:

- **Dominic Hall Director for Landscape & Planning**
- Alistair Todd Director for Snowsports Touring
- **Hazel Meehan -** Treasurer/Director for Finance
- Ilona Turnbull Director for Governance, HR and Equalities
- Jo Dytch Director for Clubs
- Andrew Walker Director for Member Services & Communications
- Pete Crane Director for Access and the Environment

Assuming the directors identified above are not challenged, they will be confirmed as directors until the 2024 AGM.



Agenda item f)

Election of President, Treasurer & Board members

Three members of the board are due to step down at the 2023 AGM:

- Brian Shackleton President
- Nigel Clark Director for Mountain Safety
- Lucy Fraser Director for ClimbScotland

The following candidates have been nominated by the Board for election as Mountaineering Scotland directors:

- Anne Butler President
- Brendan Hughes- Director for Mountain Safety
- Hugo Allan Director for ClimbScotland







Agenda item f)

Election of President and Board members

Votes received:

	Anne Butler	Hugo Allan	Brendan Hughes
FOR	3407	3406	3407
AGAINST	0	0	0
ABSTAIN	192	193	192







Agenda item g) Adoption of ED&I policy

The consideration of and taking of decisions on any duly notified proposals for the adoption of any new policies or the amendment or revocation of any existing policies.

Adoption of a new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy: www.mountaineering.scot/about-us/business-matters/agm2023/edi-draft-policy

Votes received:

FOR	3192
AGAINST	0
ABSTAIN	397





Agenda item h)

Any other competent business where notice has been given

Under Article of Association 6.3 (h), any resolution on topics out-with the standard business of the AGM (items (a) to (g) inclusive) shall be competent business only if the intention to move it was notified by a voting member to the Company Secretary 70 days prior to the AGM by **2 September 2023.**

No business has been notified by members to the Company Secretary. The Board has one item of business to table under this item.

Award of Honorary Memberships

3.5.1 If so recommended by the Board, the Company in General Meeting may honour any person who in their opinion has given distinguished service to Mountaineering in Scotland or elsewhere, by making that individual an Honorary Member of the Company.





Agenda item h) Award of Honorary memberships

Dave Gordon For services to Access, Conservation and the Environment

Dave served on the Board of Mountaineering Scotland as Director for Landscape and Planning, stepping down in 2016. Since then, he has continued to play a critical role in a voluntary capacity, monitoring and evaluating the impact of countless windfarm planning applications on mountaineering interests. He has committed a huge amount of his personal time to writing objections and representing Mountaineering Scotland at public enquiries, ensuring that landscape interests are considered, and the voice of the mountaineering community is heard.

Scott Forsyth For services to ClimbScotland and competition climbing

Scott recently retired after 23 years volunteering as lead Climbing Competition Co-Ordinator, overseeing the delivery of our Youth Climbing Series as well as supporting the delivery of national, European and World Cup events. He has made an invaluable contribution to the Scottish and UK competition scene and been at the heart of the sport as it has evolved and achieved Olympic status. Scott is respected by the many young climbers he has encouraged over the years and by everyone involved in the ClimbScotland community.







We would like to thank...

Key partners and funders:

- sportscotland
- Glenmore Lodge, National Outdoor Training Centre
- Mountain Training Scotland
- Scottish Mountaineering Trust
- Herald and Times Group
- St John Scotland
- Scottish Mountain Rescue
- Association of Mountaineering Instructors (AMI)
- Scottish Avalanche Information Service (SAIS)
- Met Office
- Mountain Weather Information Service (MWIS)
- Police Scotland
- British Mountain Guides
- Connect Communications

- Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland
- The BMC
- Mountaineering Ireland
- Ramblers Scotland
- Tiso, Cotswold Outdoor & Craigdon Mountain Sports
- The Munro Society
- Braemar Mountain Rescue
- Urban Uprising
- Association of British Climbing walls Training Trust
- Scottish Climbing Wall Network
- Association of British Climbing Walls
- Snowsport Scotland
- Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland







We would like to thank...

Supporters & volunteers

- Scott Forsyth
- Sophie Bosi
- Anthea MacKenzie Atkins
- Tony Brown
- Iain Bain
- Ella Spence
- John Leftley
- John Irving
- Tommy McManmon

ClimbScotland & competition sponsors

Scottish Climbing Walls who hosted our events

- DMM
- Edelrid/Red Chilli
- Highland Outdoor Adventures

Our supporters:

- Contributors to Scottish Mountaineer magazine
- Volunteer helpers at competitions, instructors at student training weekends & acting as trustees
- Social media supporters and all our followers!





You - our members and clubs

for your continuing support

From all of us at Mountaineering Scotland THANK YOU!!

