

MCofS ANNUAL REPORT 2003 - 2004

President's Overview - John Mackenzie

I believe that 2003 will be seen as a turning point for MCof S. The Executive and its sub-committees are in good working order and the progress achieved reflects this. A long-term objective that has been fulfilled is the acceptance by the Scottish Executive of the value of the wide range of mountain safety work we undertake. With this has come the extra funding for a full time Mountain Safety Advisor post. Likewise, our standing with SNH and sportscotland has risen and we actively liaise with them on all pertinent consultations relevant to mountaineering. In other words, we have moved in from the outskirts to the centre of policy. This has required a more pragmatic approach to the realities of the world outside mountains - the vital need to influence and inform others of their value, not just to us but to the Scottish nation, regarding the benefits of green tourism and a healthier lifestyle.

Another major achievement, thanks to our active involvement in the Access Forum, was the successful conclusion of part one of the Land Reform Act. This has ensured that we have the best access law in Europe, backed by a workable Outdoor Access Code, now in its final stages of preparation.

Negotiations have started between sportscotland and the Mountain Training Trust (MTT) regarding the management of Glenmore Lodge. As an integral part of MTT we can now, with the full co-operation of sportscotland, look forward to the Lodge, our National Outdoor Centre, being run by MTT with similar success it has achieved at Plas-y-Brenin in North Wales.

The MCofS had a seminal role in shaping the future role of the Mountain Co-ordination Group. This provides a UK forum that encompasses all national mountaineering bodies: the MCofS, the BMC and the MC of Ireland. Within this group we can discuss common problems and aspirations that enable real progress for our sport outwith any national boundary: A vital task in hand is the implementation of a UK IT Database, which is detailed elsewhere in this report. Likewise, the Access and Conservation Trust, another UK trust that includes the MCofS, is responsible for grants to enable local access or conservation projects to come to fruition.

The office in Perth is the locus of our business and staff. Despite the sheer amount of work to be done we still have only four full-time staff and the rest are volunteers, including members of the Executive. Their invaluable contributions are acknowledged throughout this report. My heartfelt thanks to you all!

We are, in short, in good heart, with good people and good policies. It makes sense to join the MCofS and to take your turn in caring for what we hold most dear.

Honorary Secretary's Report - Nick Halls

During the year the main priority of the Finance & Administration Committee has been how to address the considerable workload of the MCofS. Paid officers are finding it difficult to do all their work within their hours of employment and have accumulated considerable extra hours of work. This is requiring scrutiny of how employees deploy their time, and the allocation of resources to pay for part-time administrative assistance.

Staff appraisal has been reviewed and the chairs of the sub-committees have been made responsible for line management of the officers who serve their committee. The agendas for sub-committee meetings have been adapted to enable a comprehensive review of the work programmes, which helps to identify the details of excessive workload, as well as the contribution of volunteers who serve on various committees. Volunteers have taken on increasing responsibility and their contributions have been revealed to be the equivalent of four full-time members of staff.

The Hon. Treasurer has computerised the MCofS accountancy system. It provides better information that helps inform negotiations with agencies about grant-in-aid and assists in identifying possible savings. Arrangements for the payment of subscriptions by direct debit are in place and are being used by applicants for individual membership.

The Executive believes all the work undertaken by the Council benefits all members, but feedback from club members indicates that this is not always appreciated. It should be emphasised that the funding received from agencies, such as SNH & sportscotland, enables work to be undertaken that is directly beneficial to members. This funding, together with the contribution made by volunteers, helps to keep subscriptions at a level that provides good value for money.

The increased premiums for the civil liability insurance cover have proved to be unpopular, reopening the debate about whether such insurance is necessary. The Executive is convinced of the necessity of civil liability insurance, which is the only protection available for club officers.

Savings have been achieved by reducing the number of issues of 'The Scottish Mountaineer' from 6 to 4 per year, compensated for by an increase in the number of pages per issue. This has marginally reduced the editorial workload of the National Officer.

Peter Willimott has laboured to ensure that the UK IT Project, funded by Sport UK and managed by the BMC, will allow the home nation councils to administer their affairs more cost effectively and facilitate routine tasks, especially processing membership subscriptions.

It is becoming apparent that the MCofS cannot fulfil its sports development objectives without finding a way of inducting the next generation of mountaineers into the ethos of the sport whilst supporting the progressive development of their skills and ensuring their safety. If this is not done by the MCofS the ethos of Scottish mountaineering could be lost, with new participants becoming increasingly 'risk averse' and dependent. The National Officer and the Hon. Secretary are formulating the constitutional requirements necessary for clubs to be set up with the object of introducing young people to mountaineering, which can only be done with the full involvement of parents.

Honorary Treasurer's Report - Derek Edge

The un-audited Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2004 shows a surplus of £9,944.

The total income increased by £16,625 which was largely due to an increase in individual fees of £6,885 and an increase in the club fees of £10,423. This is due to an increase in the number of members who are retaining their membership and also an increase in the membership fee following the increase in the public liability insurance premium.

The total expenditure for the year has also increased by £7,678 due primarily to the increase in the civil liability insurance (£5,656 - 6.24%). The cost of insurance has increased in many areas and unfortunately we have had to accept the increase. The staff salaries have increased by £3,883 as a result of inflation and also performance increases.

The Council acknowledges the grants received during the year from sportscotland and Scottish Natural Heritage.

Donations for the year include membership donations and donations from the Mountain Training Trust (£2,000) and VisitScotland (£2,000). On behalf of the Council I would also like to thank the Mill Cottage trustees for their donation of £4,000 for safety education. The Council also received a donation of £1,000 for access and conservation work that will be carried out in April/May 2004.

National Officer's Report - Kevin Howett

This year I have edited six issues of 'The Scottish Mountaineer'. I only managed to issue two Club News Sheets and did not manage to produce every month the 'North of the Border' column in 'Climber' magazine. This was due primarily to unforeseen issues occupying my time, including many enquiries from clubs regarding MCofS finances and activities related to the increase in fees last year. I have spent a lot of time on this issue including many evening talks to clubs.

We increased our liaison with sportscotland and as a result have been inundated with consultations. The 'Achieving Excellence' review is mentioned elsewhere, but we also responded to a review of policies for countryside sport and recreation. The most important was the review of

national facilities, the outcome of which is a Mountain Training Trust bid to manage Glenmore Lodge. I sit on the MTT as an advisor to our President on this issue.

The BMC's 'Future Policy' review has given an opportunity for MCofS to suggest a rationalisation of liaison between our two bodies, which has faltered recently as staff and volunteers cannot afford the time to attend meetings in Manchester. With political devolution and our respective committees handling nation-based work, the time is right for liaison to be at UK level. On this basis I submitted a paper on the possible future UK role of the Mountaineering Co-ordination Group (MCG), the details of which are still being debated, but a start has been made and we have now elected an independent chair, former MCofS President John Donohoe, to help steer its future.

I continue to input to the Access & Conservation Committee, mainly on climbing issues including discussions with NTS over bird nesting issues on St Kilda, Pabbay and Mingulay. I helped with their EU Habitats Directive bird survey on those islands.

Latterly, I have also become involved with the renewable energy debate. I formulated a project to assess the impact of wind farms and Keith Miller has been contracted to undertake this work. I also continue as a director on the Nevis Partnership and help to manage this area for the good of all.

Office Responsibilities

We have contracted Sue Wishart to help with database and office support to enable us to prepare for the implementation of the UK IT system. Our Administrative Assistant, Pet Thomas, entices local volunteers into the office and thanks go to Pat Brown, Duncan Gray, Michael Kelly, Andy Munro, Adrienne Robinson, David Smeaton and Cat Tabbner for all their help.

Our volunteer webmaster, Duncan Gray, continues to undertake the mammoth task of maintaining our website. I speak on behalf of all involved with the administration of the MCofS in saying that without his dedication and expertise we would be far worse off. Our individual membership has increased to over 2,200 due in no small part to the website, which is now a major source of new members as well as enabling us to increase the amount of information we can put out to mountaineers regarding all aspects of work covered in this report. The design of the website will be improved as soon as the UK IT project is implemented. Colin Simpson has taken responsibility for responding to the plethora of queries received at info@mountaineering-scotland.org.uk.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Overview - Fred Belcher

Overall it has been a steady year, with results being achieved by teamwork. Whilst representing our interests at all levels of the Scottish Sports Association and sportscotland we take every opportunity to gain recognition of the value of the sport of mountaineering.

On review, we decided that our new Child Protection policy needed refining further. After more fine-tuning this document should become generally acceptable and can be circulated to clubs that require such a policy.

Withdrawal of funding by sportscotland for talented athletes not involved in Olympic sports meant that our talented climbers were no longer eligible. This was tied in to the 'Achieving Excellence' review, which is based on a sport's ability to achieve medals in world-class competitions. Mountaineering did not meet this criterion for funding.

Ethics hold an important place in mountaineering and in January at Kinlochleven we sponsored a very lively and well-informed debate on winter ethics. This was seen as a starting point in a consultation process about the future direction of this aspect of our sport.

The policy on bolting rock routes in Scotland is currently being reviewed as times have changed and climbers opined that the 1990 policy was outmoded. We plan to gather views on this in the coming year.

Development Reports - Kevin Howett

Climbing Walls

Two indoor climbing projects came to fruition. First, the Adventure Centre at Ratho, our National Rock Climbing Centre, opened just in time to host a leg of the British Indoor Climbing Championships. Soon after, the world's biggest indoor ice wall opened at the Ice Factor at Kinlochleven. Both projects were supported by MCoS as part of a strategy to develop the best of indoor facilities across Scotland. Unfortunately, as I prepared this report Ratho went into receivership just three months into trading. We have lobbied Ministers and MSPs, the bank and the receivers, and we are hopeful that the new owners will continue to run the centre as the NRCC.

Youth Development

The administration involved in arranging outdoor events for young people is complicated and the formulation of the necessary safeguards is time consuming. As a result, the Realrock sessions were late in being advertised, but we did run several courses in Glasgow and Edinburgh thanks to the dedicated help of volunteer John Orr and friends. The SMC provided accommodation in Lagangarbh for a finale weekend meet and several young people enjoyed scrambling and climbing on Buachaille Etive Mor and in Glen Nevis.

Competitions and Teams

The British Regional Youth Competition Series this year was changed in many ways: It was held through the summer period, with the newly opened Avertical World in Dundee participating. The final was held in September at the Welsh National Indoor Climbing Centre.

Ratho NRCC hosted the UIAA International World Cup Final in December with over 120 competitors and 700 spectators. We played a support role in securing lottery funding and helping with volunteers and advertising. Thanks go to Lesley Beck of Rare Management for the organisation of this prestigious world event.

The number of 'elite' Scottish climbers this year has increased and Natalie Berry was invited onto the Junior Team, whilst Aline Kirkland and Robert Mackenzie were invited onto the Junior Squad. Lianne Smith also became a member of the British Squad and Roddy Mackenzie Sadie Renwick, Malcolm Smith and Gary Vincent are also now on the British Team.

Expedition Grants

Four trips were supported this year from sportscotland's grant for expeditions. Members of both the SMC and the Jacobites Club visited Greenland and both were successful in completing various first ascents. We hope that the wider scope of our grant criteria, compared to the BMC's, will bring applications for a more diverse range of expeditions. This year we were able to support two such adventures: a rock climbing trip to the Tafraoute area in Morocco, where many on-sight first-ascents were established up to E6 by Guy Robertson and Trevor Woods, and an ambitious attempt by Scott Muir to make repeats of the world's hardest mixed routes in one winter season. Both trips were very successful and have continued to highlight the cutting edge ability of Scottish climbers.

Courses

A course for the visually impaired was again run at Glenmore Lodge with Abex making all administrative arrangements.

ACCESS AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Overview – Beryl Leatherland

This report highlights the more significant aspects of our work in 2003/2004.

Access

Following the passing of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act in January 2003 the emphasis has been on the associated Scottish Outdoor Access Code. We responded to the consultative draft of the Code and also encouraged members to submit their personal and club responses. Following a SNH consultation exercise a 'proposed' version of the Code has been submitted to the Scottish Executive and should go before the Parliament in the next few months. The statutory access provisions in the Act and final version of the Code should be enacted later this year.

Our Access Symposium in November provided the opportunity to bring members up-to-date with the legislation and to gather grassroots opinion on the implementation of the Act and Code. The current Scottish Executive consultation into the Executive's guidance to local authorities and national park authorities was identified as a key consultation for the MCofS to comment on.

The Hillphones scheme, operated by MCofS in conjunction with SNH and the participating estates, expanded to cover 16 areas in the 2003 stag stalking season and another area came on board for 2004. We acknowledge the huge amount of work done by Dougal Roy.

We are at an early stage in discussions with SNH, the SLF (soon to be re-named the Scottish Rural Property and Business Association) and the Association of Deer Management Groups with a view to developing a web-based access database. We plan to launch this service later this year.

Conservation

The main issue this year was the ongoing battle to protect the Shildaig Forest area of the Torridon Mountains from the potentially devastating effects of a proposed hydroelectric scheme. The MCofS actively opposed this proposal. In March it was announced that the Ministerial decision was to reject the planned scheme. The decision acknowledged the wild land, tourism and planning arguments that we had made and we are delighted that this inappropriate proposal has been defeated.

The threat from numerous wind farm applications, in addition to the further proliferation of bulldozed tracks, has raised the profile of the value of landscape during this past year. The MCofS is working with partner organisations in Scottish Environment LINK to raise the political profile of landscape and to discuss the issue with various government agencies. The recent SNH consultation on 'Scotland's Future Landscapes' has provided another opportunity to push the case for valuing and protecting our finest scenery.

Consultations

During the last year the Access and Conservation Officer and Committee responded to the following consultation exercises:

1. Angus Countryside Access Strategy.
2. Evaluation of New Planning Controls over Telecommunications Development in Scotland.
3. Draft Nature Conservation (Scotland) Bill.
4. A National Access Forum for Scotland.
5. Scottish Outdoor Access Code.
6. Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Scotland) on Rum.
7. Modernising Public Local Inquiries.
8. Nature Conservation (Scotland) Bill - Written Evidence to support Stage 1 Evidence.
9. National Scenic Areas - Pilot Management Strategies Review.
10. Review of Land Managed by Forestry Commission Scotland.
11. Scotland's Future Landscapes - SNH's Landscape Consultation.
12. Wester Ross Local Plan.
13. Beaulieu to Denny Electricity Transmission Line Proposal.

The following committee members have represented the MCofS on the indicated committees during the past year.

Access and Conservation Trust (ACT)
Angus Glens Management Group
British Upland Footpath Trust
Cairngorms Recreation Forum (now dissolved)
Deer Commission for Scotland Round Table
Loch Lomond & Trossachs NP Working Group
National Access Forum
National Trust for Scotland
Nevis Partnership
Scottish Countryside Access Network
Scottish Countryside Activities Council
Scottish Environment Link
Traprain Law Management Committee
Upland Path Advisory Group

John Mackenzie, M. Dales
Dougal Roy
Mike Newbury, Nick Halls
Chris Townsend
J. Mackenzie, Keith Miller
Nick Halls
John Mackenzie
Beryl Leatherland
Kev Howett
Mike Dales
Margaret Hodge
Mike Dales
Mark Wrightham
M. Dales, Mike Newbury

British Upland Footpath Trust

During the period in which the English and Scottish access legislation has been passing through the respective parliaments, the activity of BUFT has been curtailed. However, there is mounting pressure from the ‘upland path work’ community to re-energise BUFT as it is becoming clear that we still need a user-led organisation with aspirations to restore and conserve the upland landscape and which has a record of expertise in path construction and landscape restoration.

Hon. Sec. Nick Halls, ex officio Trustee of BUFT, and Mike Newbury have maintained a BUFT presence at meetings with Forest Enterprise, the Loch Lomond & Trossachs NP, and at the Upland Path Advisory Group. They have continued to assert that path construction should be concerned with the restoration of landscape quality, as distinct from facilitating access and placing intrusive features into the landscape.

At the Irish Upland Footpath Symposium Mike Dales engaged the interest of the MCof I in becoming involved with BUFT. Subsequently, more than 40 people attended a seminar at Plas y Brenin, about a third of whom had no previous experience of BUFT. It was agreed that BUFT should become the ‘voice’ of the informed pedestrian upland land user, and the range of trustees should be widened to include representatives of both the Scottish and English Ramblers and the home nation mountaineering Councils, MCof I, MCofS and the BMC. These developments represent the fruition of long deliberated policies of the A&C Committee.

SAFETY AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Overview - Bill Crabb

The MCofS safety policy continues to be “not to make mountains safer - but to make mountain users safer” and education continues to be our major contribution to improving mountain safety. During the past year we provided an increased number and wider range of training events, safety presentations, leaflets and used our expertise to improve other agency safety procedures.

This year there were 31 events, an increase of 8 events on last year, including GPS training, navigation courses, first aid courses for hill walkers & climbers, winter skills and winter mountaineering courses at Glenmore Lodge, avalanche awareness courses, Tiso Winter Experience lectures, Clachaig Inn lectures on winter skills, avalanche hazard & winter mountain navigation, and a winter mountain safety presentation at Fort William Mountain Film Festival.

A weekend safety & good practice seminar for university clubs was held at Glenmore Lodge in November. It attracted 43 delegates from 10 Scottish university clubs. University students continue to be identified from incident reports as an ‘at risk’ group and it is proposed that this seminar should become an annual event.

The 'Winter Essentials' leaflet has been updated and revised. 10,000 copies of an avalanche information card have been produced in collaboration with Avalex. Stocks of the 'Virtually Hillwalking' CD are almost exhausted and the 'Glen Arna' home study book has been sold out and consideration is being given to producing more copies.

The Mountain Safety Advisor has been actively involved in providing advice and support concerning the HSE draft Work at Height Regulations due to be introduced in 2004, which could have serious implications for the work practices of professional mountaineers to the possible detriment of MCofS members.

Close links have been maintained with the Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland (MRCofS). Details provided in incident reports from the MRCofS help drive our safety initiatives.

We remain at the forefront in promoting safety on the Scottish mountains thanks to members of the S&T committee and so many friends of the MCofS who contribute their time, expertise and goodwill. Thanks are due especially to Roger Wild who has worked extremely hard to produce an enlarged and more comprehensive program of events of a very high standard and also represent the MCofS in many different ways.

Scottish Mountain Safety Forum - Bill Crabb

The forum, which meets three times annually, now comprises 25 organisations. This year the forum focused on a wide range of issues and due to its broad membership has contributed valuable input on mountain safety issues to the Scottish Executive.

The SMSF contributed to the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority consultation and submitted a response for consideration. It also contributed to the debate concerning the HSE draft Work at Height Regulations.

Last year I reported that VisitScotland was now represented on the forum and this year the value of that membership was demonstrated when VisitScotland part funded the cost of producing 50,000 copies of the updated 'Winter Essentials' leaflet and arranged for it to be available in tourist information offices, hotels, B&Bs and other locations throughout Scotland. The Mountain Training Trust also helped to fund this project.

The First Minister is kept well informed of the work of the Mountain Safety Advisor and instructed that the post, which was last year increased from 0.5 to 0.7, should be further increased to full time. This vote of confidence is a huge boost for the SMSF and the MCofS and is a result of the excellent work by Roger Wild.

Mountain Leader Training UK - Bill Crabb

As reported last year, the four Training Boards agreed to re-brand and their name changes have been successfully implemented.

Publication of the completely new official handbook for the Mountain Leader and Walking Group Leader schemes entitled 'Hillwalking' has been very successful. The first edition is now nearing sellout and the second edition, with revisions to cover Scottish access legislation, is to be published later in 2004. The second handbook will be entitled 'Rock Climbing' and will also be available later this year. It will be the new Single Pitch Award handbook.

John Cousins, the MLTUK secretary, has devoted considerable time to identifying and addressing potential problems presented by the HSE draft Work at Height Regulations.

Mountain Leader Training Scotland - Bill Crabb

Registrations for Walking Group Leader, Mountain Leader, Winter Mountain Leader and the Single Pitch Award have all increased. There has also been a general increase in course attendance with organizations encouraging staff to gain leadership awards. Increased registration has helped the financial situation, which is very healthy. A more up-to-date image was given to the Board logo

HUTS

Huts Working Group - John Leftley

The group maintains a general overview of issues related to hut management and liaises closely with the BMC's Huts Co-ordination Advisory Panel (HCAP).

The biggest issue during the past twelve months has been civil liability insurance cover for hut owners and operators. The vigilance of Glasgow JMCS and its lawyers highlighted a possible lack of liability cover for hut operators in the MCoFS members' civil liability policy. Thanks mostly to the hard work and persistence of Alex Haddow of the JMCS and Ray Perry of the BMC, a policy endorsement has been issued by the insurers that is acceptable to all parties.

The third MCoFS mountain huts seminar will be held in November and legal issues look set to dominate the agenda, particularly the draft Disability Discrimination Bill.

Tom Webster, a member of HWG and MCoFS representative on the management committees of the Glenbrittle (GBMH) and Macintyre (AMMH) huts has stepped down. We thank Tom for many years of dedication and (sometimes acerbic) contributions to hut affairs. He has been replaced on HWG by Brian Rendall, a member of the Strawberry Cottage management committee. Tom will be succeeded as MCoFS rep. to the two national huts by Vaughan Hammond, a member of HWG and a founder and trustee of Mill Cottage.

Alex Macintyre Memorial Hut

After years of negotiation with the BMC (the co-owners of the hut) and the hut management committee, a management agreement is soon to be signed. This is due largely to the hard work and determination of Nick Halls, MCoFS AMMH trustee ex officio, and of Iain McCallum of BMC HCAP. Brian Rendall has been nominated to succeed David Ellis as chair of the management committee.

Bookings income continues to increase and reached £9,000 for the first time during the last hut fiscal year when occupancy was about 35%. The hut was closed during November 2003 for extensive renovation to the kitchen and a rolling programme of improvements is being implemented.

Genbrittle War Memorial Hut

After major renovations during the past 18 months the hut continues to be managed and operated in its usual fashion.

Mill Cottage -Vaughan Hammond

During the year ending March usage of the cottage was similar to previous years at about 1,400 bednights. Charges remain unchanged. The distribution of bednights through the year has become more evenly spread, reflecting an overall increase in demand outwith the winter climbing season. Winter uptake seems to have diminished in line with the prevalence of good winter conditions, but the fine summer of 2003 may be another explanation.

Ongoing maintenance of the building and surrounds continued at a normal and modest level with no significant items of extraordinary expenditure required.

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2004

2003		2004
Income		
47,582	Affiliation fees Clubs	58,005
33,405	Individual members	40,290
710	Associates	1,284
2,957	Donations	3,778
312	Interest (Net)	181
10,000	Grants sportscotland	10,000
5,000	Scottish Mountaineering Trust	0
21,324	Scottish Natural Heritage	23,948
2,900	Sales	3,281
-2,200	Less cost of sales	<u>-3,272</u>
126	Royalties	11
1,465	Rents	1,308
0	Miscellaneous	1,562
2,000	Walking Wild - publications payment	0
-1,830	Less author's fees	<u>0</u>
<u>123,751</u>		<u>140,376</u>
Expenditure		
2,000	Expedition awards (sportscotland grant)	2,000
7,059	Officers' expenses	4,305
3,170	Committee expenses	6,651
1,298	Telephone	992
2,159	Postage	3,323
9,240	Scottish Mountaineer	9,360
5,222	Printing, stationary and computer expenses	4,104
4,134	Annual general meeting expenses	4,138
321	Heat and light	101
62,648	Officers' salaries, pensions and employers NIC	66,531
200	Mountain essay competition	200
1,024	Subscriptions	269
9,513	Rent and insurance	7,456
9,063	Civil liability insurance	15,019
4,151	Copier costs	4,440
3,282	Office expenses	4,827
329	Miscellaneous	82
1,941	Computer hardware	<u>634</u>
<u>126,754</u>		<u>134,432</u>
-3,003		5,944
3,500	Mill Cottage Trustees' donation to safety and training	4,000
<u>497</u>	Excess of income over expenditure for the year	<u>9,944</u>

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Balance sheet as at 31 March 2004

2003		2004
	Current assets	
36,955	Bank	35,136
1,745	Stock	1,250
1,371	Prepaid charges	8,451
<u>40,071</u>		<u>44,837</u>
	Current liabilities	
6,704	Accrued charges	5,497
0	Grants in advance	0
<u>6,704</u>		<u>5,497</u>
<u>33,367</u>		<u>39,340</u>
	 Capital and funds	
	General reserve	
9,600	Balance at 1 April - Year beginning	10,097
497	Excess of income over expenditure for the year	9,944
<u>10,097</u>		<u>20,041</u>
	 Henry Hindmarsh Access and Conservation Fund	
4,686	Balance at 1 April - Year beginning	4,586
-100	Expenditure during the year	0
4,586		4,586
0	Donation	0
<u>4,586</u>		<u>4,586</u>
	 Legacy - James Hewitt Bequest	
13,274	Balance at 1 April - Year beginning	10,000
-3,274	Transfer for Water Hazards Video production costs	0
<u>10,000</u>		<u>10,000</u>
	 Mountain Safety Budget	
8,684	Balance at Year End - 31 March	4,713
<u>33,367</u>		<u>39,340</u>

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland Mountain Safety Budget

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2004

		2004	
Balance brought forward- 1 April 2003			8,684
Grant from sportscotland			<u>22,000</u>
			30,684
Water Hazards Video			
Production costs		-445	
Mountain Safety Advisor			
Salary, Pension & Employers NIC		-15,408	
Expenses		<u>-1,905</u>	-17,313
Glen Arna Study Packs			
Sales		588	
Less	Purchase of projector	<u>0</u>	588
Lectures and Courses			
Navigation, winter safety and first aid			
	Participants fees	8,396	
	Tutors fees and expenses	<u>-7,227</u>	1,169
Sale of water hazards video			433
Winter essentials leaflet			
Subsidy - MTT & Visit Scotland		4,200	
Costs		<u>-4,200</u>	0
Avalanche cards			
Sales		1,241	
Less	Costs	<u>-3,143</u>	-1,902
Establishment costs			
	Copier		-1,110
	Postage and despatch		-831
	Telephone		-248
	Rent and rates		-1,864
	Administration		<u>-4,448</u>
			-25,971
 Balance as at 31 March 2004			 <u><u>4,713</u></u>

Mill Cottage
Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2004

2003		2004
	Income	
6,875	Booking Fees	6,101
66	Interest	39
6,941		6,140
	Expenditure	
1,301	Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	1,462
818	Heat and Light	653
500	Honararia	800
262	Insurance	220
3,500	Donation to MCoFS Safety and Training	4,000
67	Postage	0
348	Contribution to Erection of Cairn	0
6,796		7,135
145	Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year	-995
	Shown as:	
5,233	Opening Bank Balance	5,378
145	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	-995
5,378		4,383