

## **THE SCOTTISH MOUNTAINEERING TRUST 1999-2000**

TRUSTEES met on September 30, 1999 and February 24, 2000.

During the course of these meetings support was given to the Jonathan Conville Memorial Trust Winter Course 1999-2000; the An Teallach Mountaineering Club - Strawberry Cottage renovations; the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds - Cairngorm Plateau Survey; John Muir Trust Schiehallion Appeal; the Scottish Mountaineering Club - Cataloguing of SMC Library; the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team for a new base and headquarters; Argyll and Bute Council for a new bridge at Clashgour, Blackmount; the Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team for new team vehicles, and the Footpath Trust project - Ben Wyvis. Support is also being given to the National Trust for Scotland for footpath works on Ben Lawers and Glen Coe. The JMCS were given further support for the new gas installation at the Loch Coruisk hut.

Standing grants are made over to the Mountaineering Council of Scotland towards administration costs including the access officer.

The Trustees have sought advice this year on the technical aspects of a footpath project by the Footpath Trust in Coire an Laigh, Beinn Eighe. Any feed back from Club members regarding any SMT-funded path work would be much appreciated.

The SMC benefits through annual royalty payments for the use of the Club's name in publications. A substantial portion of the production costs of small print Journal pages is met by the publications company. The Munro CD ROM project achieved excellent sales. The new version of the CD ROM is now on the market.

The Directors of the publications company during the period are T. B. Fleming (Chairman), D. J. Bennet, K. V. Crocket, C. D. Grant, A. Kassyk and T. Prentice (Publications Manager). D. C. Anderson attends Board meetings as Convenor of the Publications Sub-Committee.

The present Trustees are R. T. Richardson (Chairman), T. B. Fleming, D. C. Anderson, R. K. Bott, G. S. Nicoll, A. Kassyk, G. E. Irvine, P. W. F. Gribbon, S. M. Richardson and B. R. Shackleton. A. Kassyk and P. W. F. Gribbon are Trustee Directors and provide liaison between the publications company and the Trust.

J. M. Shaw is the Trust Treasurer.

The following grants have been committed by the Trustees.

General Grant Fund

Jonathan Conville Winter Courses 99/20 £1015

An Teallach Mountaineering Club - Strawberry Cottage, (plus an interest-free loan of £4000 to be repaid over a period of four years). £2000

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Cairngorm Plateau Survey. £500

SMC, Cataloguing of SMC Library. £500

Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team, Base and Headquarters. £10,000

Argyll and Bute Council, Bridge at Clashgour, Blackmount. £1000

Dundonnell Mountain Rescue Team - team vehicles £3500

JMCS Coruisk Hut - further funding (gas installation) £640

John Muir Trust - Schiehallion Appeal £10,000

Footpath Fund

Footpath Trust - Ben Wyvis £6000

James D. Hotchkis, Trust Secretary.