

# 1980

- \* New Constitution adopted by the Charity Commission. Became a Registered Charity.
- \* Police insurance now for £27,000.
- \* Local person suggested all hillwalkers carry a bleeper or similar.
- \* To spend £500 on survival gear.
- \* Spend £400 on mines rescue equipment.
- \* Contact RAF to see if helicopter communications can be improved.

**1 13 January 1980 21:00 Great End**

Search for overdue walker. Found on The Band at 0900 hrs just before Panel meeting called.

**2 20 January 1980 Great End - Central Gully**

5 people avalanched and 2 injured. RAF rescue helicopter called to assist.

**3 21 January 1980 9:45 Great End - Scafell Pike area**

2 men missing after walk to Scafell Pike. Bad weather forced stay on summit plateau. By morning one unable to proceed. Companion reported him to be on Great End. Many search teams out in 5 days of bad weather. Body found on day 6 by search dog on Ill Crag buried under snow.

**4 5 April 1980 14:30 Skiddaw**

Woman (42 yrs) slipped on old snow, breaking her tibia and fibula (wearing Wellingtons). Warm and sunny.

**5 20 April 1980 15:15 Castle Rock**

Man (56 yrs) fell 5' soloing down climb sustaining head lacerations and concussion.

**6 25 April 1980 15:30 Lower Falcon Crag - Masquerade**

Climber (22 yrs) fell 10' while leading 1st pitch. Injuries to heels and back.

**7 26 April 1980 23:00 Grains Gill**

Reverend gentleman (73 yrs) over-exerted on walk to Scafell Pike. Found with mild exposure and exhaustion. Weather good.

**8 3 May 1980 18:10 Sour Milk Gill**

Man (21 yrs) tripped on descent landing head first, lacerating his face, injuring his stomach and thumb and sustaining concussion. Ruptured spleen.

**9 5 May 1980 Watendlath**

Police recalled Team before it set off.

**10 8 May 1980 11:55 Surprise View**

Boys reported cragfast.

**11 20 May 1980 13:20 Stonethwaite**

Youth (18 yrs) sick and collapsed in party of children with no adult supervision.

**12 26 May 1980 13:00 King's How**

Woman (62 yrs) in well-equipped walking party, slipped on greasy rock and broke her ankle.

**13 4 June 1980 14:20 Esk Hause**

Man collapsed and died on walk.

**14 14 June 1980 15:30 Grange Fell**

Woman (57 yrs) in walking shoes slipped and broke her ankle.

- 15 18 June 1980 18:00 Langstrath**  
Woman (65 yrs) with arm and head injuries.
- 16 26 June 1980 18:40 Shepherd's Crag**  
Climber (17 yrs) with severe head injuries and broken arm.
- 17 2 July 1980 20:55 Goat Crag**  
2 reports of shouts for help from crag. Nothing found.
- 18 31 July 1980 13:15 Sty Head**  
Woman (41 yrs) with broken ankle.
- 19 8 August 1980 21:30 Goat Crag**  
Boy (11 yrs) cragfast.
- 20 13 August 1980 9:15 Higham Wood**  
Request to assist forestry worker with broken leg.
- 21 20 August 1980 15:30 Great Gable - Napes**  
Man unconscious having been hit on the head by a rock. Casualty with head injuries taken by RAF rescue helicopter to hospital.
- 22 20 August 1980 17:30 Ashness Farm**  
Woman with a broken leg.
- 23 22 August 1980 14:50 Woden's Face**  
Climber with a suspected broken ankle having fallen, leading climb.
- 24 25 August 1980 12:45 Sour Milk Gill**  
Man (25 yrs) with a dislocated knee cap.
- 25 9 September 1980 14:40 Grisedale**  
Woman (40 yrs) slipped on wet rock and broke an ankle.
- 26 26 October 1980 Harrop Tarn - Watendlath**  
Walker overdue from walk. Found benighted at Harrop Tarn with a broken ankle.
- 27 28 October 1980 22:00 Dale Head - Cat Bells**  
Walker overdue. Lengthy search. Body found by walker on Sail Pass near Eel Crag.
- 28 15 November 1980 13:40 Rigg Head Quarry**  
Walker slipped on wet slate near climbing hut. Injuries to pelvis.
- 29 21 November 1980 11:15 Uzzicar area, Newlands**  
Search for local woman (35 yrs) missing from home in heavy rain. Search also next day with negative results.
- 30 26 November 1980 15:15 Newlands Beck - Braithwaite marshes**  
Recovery of body of woman missing for 6 days. Found by police dog handler after floods abated having been washed down river.
- 31 29 November 1980 22:00 Rosthwaite - Thirlmere**  
Walker overdue from walk. Found benighted at Harrop Tarn.

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