

# **INCIDENT REPORT 1985**

There were 62 calls last year to assist a total of 70 people from 10 to 76 years of age. All ages were equally susceptible. 6 calls involved fatalities.

574 calls were made on members who put in 1628 man hours. Call-outs lasted anything from 30 minutes to over 12 hours, day and night.

The largest cause of accidents was a slip, of which there were 20, mostly involving a fracture or sprain. The second main call on our services is for people lost or benighted due to bad weather or inadequate navigation.

1	Sat. 5th Jan. 19.15	Raven Crag Combe Gill	2 climbers cragfast and benighted due to ice. Assisted in fine but cold weather to top of crag.
2	Sat. 26th Jan. 17.05	Grains Gill	Man fell and slipped 60' on snow, breaking his arm. Needed assistance from the Team after walking some way.
3	Tues. 19th Feb. 13.45	Brandlehow Lakeshore	Boy (14 yrs.) slipped on ice and sprained his ankle.
4	Sat. 30 Mar. 13.45	Gate Gill Blencathra	Report by walker of orange cagoule or sleeping bag seen with arm sticking out. Investigation found an old poly bag!
5	Wed. 3rd Apr. 00.30	Helvellyn Gill	2 girls overdue on walk from Glenridding to Thirlmere. Lights on the fell were seen by the police. Girls found unharmed.
6	Mon. 8th Apr. 15.10	Armboth Fell Watendlath	Woman slipped and broke ankle. Carried down by police, ambulancemen and tourists before Team arrived.
7	Wed. 10th Apr. 12.50	Helvellyn Gill	Man (58 yrs) with suspected heart attack. Brought down by Team and conveyed to hospital by ambulance.
8	Wed. 10th Apr. 23.00	Wasdale- Thirlmere	Man (20 yrs) failed to make rendezvous after walk in poor weather. Men and dogs searched all night. Major search initiated next day just before he turned up having been off the fell all night!
9	Wed. 17th Apr. 08.15	Lingy Bank Rosthwaite	Fox huntsman crushed by rock-fall when trying to remove terriers from a hole. Taken with multiple injuries to Newcastle by R.A.F. Rescue helicopter.
10	Wed. 24th Apr. 16.00 .	Birkside Helvellyn	Boy (10 yrs) slipped jumping over a stream. Taken, unconscious, with head injuries by R.A.F. Rescue helicopter to hospital.
11	Thurs. 25th Apr. 13.45	Dash Falls	Request to assist ambulance crew on incident but not required.
12	Tues. 30th Apr. 16.30	Rowling End Causey Pike	Teacher with school party slipped and broke her leg.
13	Sat. 4th May 15.10	N.E. Buttress Gillercombe	Teacher slipped and fell sustaining injuries to head, ankle and knee. Required assistance after attempting to walk down. 3rd incident at this site in 2 years.
14	Tues. 14th May 21.15	Glaramara summit	Man (52 yrs) died when lost with wife. She raised alarm in Wasdale having returned via Scafell Pike! Lost body found by search dog.
15	Tues. 28th May 12.15	Dob Gill Harrop Tarn	Woman (76 yrs) died whilst walking with companion. Passing walkers raised alarm.
16	Tues. 28th May 16.00	Rigg Head Quarry	Boy (14 yrs) in school party broke his ankle.
17	Tues. 28th May 17.00	Above Rakefoot Farm	A man was found unconscious by passing walkers. Taken to Carlisle Infirmary with an undiagnosed medical condition.
18	Thurs. 30th May 17.10	Greta Gill Corridor Route	Father walking with daughter tore the cartilage in his knee.  Daughter called out the Team.
19	Sun. 2nd June 16.10	White Bridge Grains Gill	Woman slipped and sprained her ankle.
20	Sun. 9th June 17.10	Donkey's Ears Shepherd's Craq	Man fell 40' from top pitch of climb on to flat slab and sustained chest and leg injuries.

21	Thurs. 13th June 14.05	Taylorgill Force	Boy (15 yrs) in school party slipped and gashed his knee.
22	Wed. 19th June 19.00	White Bridge Grains Gill	Woman slipped and broke her ankle. Assisted by Cockermouth M.R.T. on exercise in the area.
23	Fri. 21st June 13.10	Glaramara summit	Party of 6 boys on Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme expedition in poor weather. 4 'went to ground'. 2 raised alarm.
24	Sun. 23rd June 21.35	Falcon Crag	Woman slipped on wet ground and broke an ankle descending from watching peregrines.
25	Sun. 30th June 10.30	Gt. Calva	Fell-runner overdue at checkpoint on 'Bob Graham' round. Turned up in Keswick as Team was being called out.
26	Sun. 7th July 12.15	River Derwent Portinscale	Dog fled in terror into the river pulling its owner with it, whilst escaping a chasing cow! Man sustained broken ankle.
27	Thurs. 18th July 15.50	Rowling End Causey Pike	Girl (16 yrs) slipped and hurt her back.
28	Tues. 23rd July 19.30	Hall's Fell Blencathra	Boy (15 yrs) separated from family in wet, misty weather. He later turned up in Keswick.
29	Sat. 27th July 12.00	White Bridge Grains Gill	Woman slipped and broke her ankle (see 19 and 22)
30	Sat. 3rd Aug. 15.10	Great Gable summit	Runner in Borrowdale Fell race slipped on wet rock tearing ligaments in knee. Another runner suffering from exposure was evacuated by Bowland Pennine team who were manning the race. Weather cold, wet and windy.
31	Tues. 6th Aug. 17.45	Dry Gill Carrock	Man (60 yrs) collapsed and died whilst walking.
32	Sun. 11th Aug. 13.50	Ashness Bridge	Woman slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle. Assisted ambulance crew 150 years from the road.
33	Wed. 14th Aug. 16.00	Comb Crags Helvellyn	Boy (12 yrs) in school party suffered from mild exposure in heavy rain.
34	Wed. 14th Aug. 18.00	Force Crag Mine area	Man (19 yrs) failed to return from walk in poor weather. He turned up before Team in action.
35	Mon. 26th Aug. 15.30	Stile End High Coledale	Woman slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle.
36	Tues. 3rd Sept. 13.25	Latrigg	Man slipped on wet grass and broke his leg.
37	Sun. 8th Sept. 17.15	Skiddaw path Millbeck	Man slipped on wet grass and broke his ankle.
38	Fri. 13th Sept. 02.00	Scafell Pike area	Man and woman on this walk failed to return to guest house. Car found at Seathwaite. Found at 08.15 at 2500' with no warm clothing at all, but none the worse for the experience.
39	Sat. 14th Sept. 16.30	Low Manesty Lakeshore	Request to assist ambulance crew. Walker slipped on wet grass and injured leg.
40	Thurs. 19th Sept. 23.15	Knott Rigg	Woman reported missing from home. Car located on roadside. Large search including search dogs found body the following afternoon.
41	Sun. 22nd Sept. 13.05	Walla Crag/ Ashness footpath	Woman slipped and broke her ankle.
42	Wed. 25th Sept. 16.40	Bowderstone Pinnacle	Climber cragfast on climb. His leader managed to climb off the crag to raise the alarm.
43	Fri. 27th Sept. 16.35	White Bridge Styhead	Man (20 yrs) slipped and dislocated his shoulder.
44	Fri. 4th Oct. 23.15	Eskdale - Honister	Man (20 yrs) overdue on walk from Eskdale in wild weather. Lights seen flashing in Sourmilk Gill located the benighted walker, unharmed.
45	Tues. 15th Oct. 20.00	Troutdale Pinnacle	3 inexperienced climbers got into difficulties and became benighted. Leader managed to get off the crag to raise the alarm.
46	Tues. 15th Oct. 20.30	Angle Tarn Langstrath	Elderly man left for walk at 16.00 and failed to return. Later found in Langdale at 21.30

Sun. 20th Oct. 12.30	Hause Gate Maiden Moor	Man (58 yrs) collapsed. Helicopter diverted from exercise in area, but man died just before its arrival.
Sat. 20th Oct. 17.30	Little Chamonix Shepherd's Crag	Girl (17 yrs) in University climbing group fell 10' on first pitch of climb sustaining minor back injuries.
Sat. 26th Oct.	Brown Slabs Shepherd's Crag	Man (28 yrs) fell 20' on the first pitch sustaining minor head injuries and concussion.
Sat. 26th Oct.	Glaramara	Father and 2 children (11 and 13 yrs) benighted due to over-ambitious nature of walk and physical disability of father.
Sat. 16th Nov. 11.30	Stockley Bridge	Man (44 yrs) reported in a collapsed condition. Off-duty ambulanceman in attendance. Further heart attacks en route to hospital.
Sun. 29th Dec. 12.30	Noble Knott Whinlatter	Orienteer slipped and dislocated shoulder. He had been helped to roadside before Team's arrival. Escorted to hospital.
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## **Calls for Assistance in Other Areas**

(mainly involving Search Dog handlers)

53	Mon. 6th May 00.00	Langdale	Called to assist Langdale/Ambleside M.R.T. in a search for 2 missing girls. Later found safe in Ambleside.
54	Thurs. 30th May 08.30	Fairfield Horseshoe	Soldier (19 yrs) missing on navigation exercise. Located safe by helicopter on Nab Scar.
55	Sat. 6th July 07.40	Kirkstone area	Man (51 yrs) missing since previous evening on walk. Body located under Dove Crag by campers.
56	Fri. 26th July 06.30	Arnside Knott	Man presumed missing after car had been left for several days. Search called off when he was found to be walking Westmorland Way.
57	Fri. 9th Aug. 05.15	Troutbeck area	A missing Dutch couple found safe by a Rescue Team near Troutbeck.
58	Wed. 21st Aug. 00.00	Thirlmere- Patterdale	Father and son reported missing. Search called off when located safe at home by police!
59	Mon. 25th Aug. 05.10	Cross Fell Pennines	Man (30 yrs) thought to be missing found to have spent night in Teesdale.
60	Mon. 30th Sept. 14.00	Tarn Hows area	Search for woman (32 yrs) a possible suicide victim. Body found on day 6 by a Rescue Team member.
61	Sun. 20th Oct. 06.30	Coniston area	Search for over a week for missing possible suicide victim. Search called off when man was located at home.
62	Mon. 18th Nov. 19.00	Catstycam area	Search of area where rucksack and clothing had been scattered. Nothing found except dead sheep.

# Incident Numbers 1975 - 85

1975 - <b>33</b>	1980 - <b>31</b>
1976 - <b>37</b>	1981 - <b>29</b>
1977 - <b>34</b>	1982 - <b>38</b>
1978 - <b>32</b>	1982 - <b>38</b> 1983 - <b>48</b>
1979 - <b>43</b>	
	1984 - <b>61</b>

1985 - **62** 

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#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 1985

338 329 674	Motor Vehicle Expenses Insurances Petrol & Oil Repairs & Maintenance	359 453 364	1176	1984 530 2624 427 2235	Patrons' Subscriptions Donations Grants Collecting Boxes	679 3946 200 2266
211 599 290 109	Garage & Team HQ Expenses Rent & Rates & Water Telephone & Electricity Repairs & Renewals Insurance	267 673 110 129	1179	26 73	Bank Deposit Interest National Savings Bank Interest Income Tax Recovered on Covenanted Donations & Subscriptions	15 1387 309
259 200 609	Maintenance of Radio Equipment Radio Licences Printing & Stationery	378 461				
608 130 440 303	(inc. Annual Report) Personnel Insurance Postages & Sundry Expenses Maintenance of General Equipment Insurances	628 376 768 323	2934			
816	EXCESS OF GENERAL INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR CARRIED DOWN		3513			
5915			£8802	5915		£8802
437 1589	Personnel Equipment Depreciation of Vehicles & Equipment		636 1415	(300)	Balance Brought Down	3513
(210)	Balance-surplus Carried to Accumulated Fund		1462			
816			£3513	816		£3513

#### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 1985**

1984			1984			
	ACCUMULATED FUND As at 30 November 1984 Surplus from Income & Expenditure Account	17347 1462	200	STRETCHER EQUIPMENT As at 30 November 1984 Less: Depreciation	200 40	160
	Less: Donation to Search & Rescue Dog Assoc.	18809 300	2500	RADIO EQUIPMENT As at 30 November 1984 Less: Depreciation	2500 500	2000
17347	AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT FUND Donations to date	18509 8500		GENERAL EQUIPMENT As at 30 November 1984 Less: Depreciation	1500 200	1300
			3500	MOTOR VEHICLES As at 30 November 1984 Less: Sale of Trailer Depreciation 75		2750
			80	CONSUMABLE STORES As per Valuation		80
				INCOME TAX RECOVERABLE		309
			2458 36 7073	BALANCE AT BANKERS Midland Bank plc Current Account Deposit Account National Savings Bank Investment Ac	3399 17011	20410
17347		£2700	9 17347	•		£27009

### **Keswick Mountain Rescue Team 1986**

(formed 1947) 39th Year

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# Team Leader's Report

At the start of 1985 we decided to replace our Ford Transit. It had served us well but was 17 years old and had become increasingly unreliable. In keeping with our policy of low publicity we decided to try and raise the money

In six months we had enough funds to order the vehicle and now twelve months after launching the appeal we have our four wheel drive Ford Transit, equipped as an Ambulance and ready for the road.

To achieve our target in so short a time is a great tribute to the generosity of the people and the organisations of Keswick. I would like to take this oportunity on behalf of the team to express our appreciation and thanks to everybody who donated.

It has been another busy year with over 60 callouts. I am sure this is a trend that is going to continue, inevitably as our fells get more and more visitors. But I am sure the team will continue, to cope with anything that is asked of them in their usual prompt and efficient manner.

Mike Nixon