

1988

* Initial trials with BT pagers poor. Bad reception area.

1 16 January 1988 16:15 Grains Gill

A man (52 yrs) slipped and dislocated his R knee. He was assisted some way down by friends before the arrival of the Team. Dry, mild weather.

2 27 January 1988 15:15 Blencathra - Scales Fell

A man (20 yrs) was practising ice axe braking near the top of the mountain when he caught a crampon tip in the snow. This caused him to break a leg. Cold with cloud at 2000'.

3 6 February 1988 13:10 Eel Crag- Coledale Hause

A man (30 yrs) separated from group slipped and fell about 200' down a snow slope. He may have been blown off his feet. He was airlifted by helicopter to West Cumberland Hospital but found to be dead on arrival. Dry, windy day. Assisted by Cockermouth MRT.

4 24 February 1988 15:30 Miner's Crag, Newlands

A man in new boots slipped on a patch of ice on the footpath and broke his leg. A fine, cold day.

5 5 March 1988 16:30 Langstrath - Angle Tarn Gill

A man (43 yrs) with some Venture Scouts slipped and fell about 20' into the gill breaking his ankle. He was airlifted to hospital by a helicopter which had just completed another rescue in the area.

6 17 March 1988 16:10 Great Gable - Aaron Slack

A man was discovered by another walker to be unable to walk down due to an injured knee which had recently been operated on. He was attended to by 2 members of Patterdale MRT who were in the area, before being carried down. Dry and overcast.

7 24 March 1988 11:25 Ashness Bridge

Requested by the Police to assist with a broken leg above the Bridge. However, the incident was dealt with by the civilian ambulance and the team was stood down.

8 30 March 1988 18:30 Tarn Crag, Harrop Tarn

A girl (teens) in a D of E expedition group suffered from a strained thigh and was carried off by the Team.

9 2 April 1988 11:00 Blencathra - Gate Gill

A man was reported to be in distress with chest pains. He had managed to walk some way down before the arrival of the Team. Mild and drizzly.

10 2 April 1988 16:20 Great Dodd

A man (51 yrs) reported to have collapsed with a heart attack. He was found to be dead on arrival of the Team and was evacuated by helicopter in difficult visibility.

11 6 April 1988 15:15 Lower Falcon Crag - path below

A woman (60 yrs) slipped off the path and fell about 50' sustaining a broken leg and head injuries. A fine, dry day.

12 6 April 1988 15:15 King's Head, Thirlmere - crag above

A man (25 yrs) reported to be cragfast whilst scrambling. He was wearing training shoes. He was taken off by the Team.

13 20 April 1988 15:10 Shepherd's Crag - Little Chamonix

A man (32 yrs) slipped and fell 120' whilst soloing the climb with 2 friends. He received multiple injuries - a crushed pelvis and wrist, internal and back injuries. Mild and dry. Released from hospital on 9 July.

14 23 April 1988 16:05 Castle Rock - Zig Zag

A man (40 yrs) fell 30'-40' and sustained head injuries, which were perhaps added to by his helmet! Sunny, dry and warm.

15 17 May 1988 21:22 Shepherd's Crag - MGC

A man fell about 15' and received minor head and wrist injuries. Cool and overcast.

16 31 May 1988 13:10 Taylorgill Force

Man slipped and fell whilst scrambling on the path. He sustained a dislocated shoulder, cuts and bruises. Weather fair.

17 31 May 1988 15:35 Castle Head

A man (62 yrs) slipped and fell, dislocating his shoulder. He was assisted by other walkers and taken by car to hospital.

18 12 June 1988 16:02 Helvellyn Gill

A woman wearing trainers slipped on the dusty path and broke her ankle. Hot and sunny day.

19 20 June 1988 14:55 Watendlath - Lodore path

A woman tripped and broke her ankle. A fine day. The Team forgot to take any radios!

20 26 June 1988 12:45 Greenup Edge

A girl (16 yrs) in a youth group, was unable to walk due to an injured knee. Wearing plimsolls. A fine day.

21 26 June 1988 17:50 Greenup Gill

A woman (40 yrs) in a rambling group, with a strained ankle, possibly caused by unfamiliar, new boots.

22 11 July 1988 12:00 Lining Crag - Langstrath

A report from the Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Pitreavie that a light aircraft had gone missing over the Lake District in poor weather. 4 helicopters were scrambled. The aircraft, a Cessna 150 and its 2 occupants were found with only shock and bruising.

23 12 July 1988 13:55 Grains Gill

A youth (16 yrs) was taken ill with abdominal pains while taking part in a D of E Award Silver expedition. He was carried off and detained in hospital with a kidney infection.

24 20 July 1988 14:30 Castle Rock - Agony

A man fell about 100' when his handhold gave way, landing on a ledge 10' from the foot of the climb. He suffered a broken leg and pelvis and multiple bruising. Dry and warm.

25 21 July 1988 21:38 Honister Hause

A request from Ambulance Control to recover an asthmatic casualty from a broken down ambulance.

26 23 July 1988 23:30 Scafell Pike - Langdale

Request to assist LAMRT with search dogs looking for 2 youths (18 yrs) overdue from a late start to walk to Scafell Pike with minimal equipment. Found benighted in Mickleden. Weather poor and deteriorating.

27 9 August 1988 17:30 Dale Head - Great Gable Crag

A man (25 yrs) in a party of 6 became cragfast. He was taken off unhurt.

28 15 August 1988 14:30 Shepherd's Crag - Little Chamonix

A youth (14 yrs) slipped from the ledge at the bottom of his abseil and fell 30' 40' receiving fatal injuries.

29 19 August 1988 16:50 River Derwent, Borrowdale

A woman slipped and broke her arm on riverside path. She was recovered and taken to hospital.

30 24 August 1988 20:25 Seathwaite Mine

A party of 6 students and 4 instructors were trapped by a roof fall while exploring the old workings.

31 6 September 1988 18:30 High Tove

Request by the Police to check a rucksack which had been left by the summit cairn. Search dogs used but nothing found. It had been left in error by a youth group.

- 32 12 September 1988 14:45 Greenup Gill**
A man (54 yrs) was taken ill on a walk. A helicopter was called to assist but the man had managed to walk some way down unaided. He was found to have a viral infection.
- 33 20 September 1988 13:15 Langstrath - Blackmoss Pot**
A woman broke her ankle whilst walking. She was recovered and taken to hospital.
- 34 25 September 1988 15:50 Moses Trod**
A woman in a rambling party was blown over with her leg between 2 rocks. She broke her leg and other party members became very cold in the high winds and driving rain.
- 35 9 October 1988 4:00 Scafell area**
A party of nine (5 adults and 4 15 yr old girls) attempting the 3 Peaks were benighted in gale force winds and heavy rain, having left Wasdale Head at 1530 hrs. They were located near Broad Crag Col at 0830 hrs by a search dog handler.
- 36 16 October 1988 23:00 Great Gable - Napes to Honister**
2 climbers (21 yrs & 19 yrs) missed a rendezvous with 2 friends on Green Gable after climbing on the Napes. They turned up the following morning at Honister YH having spent the night out. Search dogs and 4 teams involved in the search.
- 37 17 October 1988 12:30 Blencathra - Blease Fell**
A solo walker (62 yrs) collapsed and died near the summit in fine, sunny weather. Passing walkers had failed to revive him.
- 38 17 October 1988 16:00 Blencathra - Sharp Edge**
A woman (62 yrs) slipped and fell about 70' from the Edge into a gully, sustaining multiple injuries. She was lowered from the gully and picked up by a waiting helicopter but was found to be dead on arrival at hospital.
- 39 18 October 1988 11:45 High Tove - Armboth**
A girl was reported to have injured her leg. She was located and carried down in rain.
- 40 18 October 1988 17:00 Greenup Edge**
A youth group was reported to be in difficulties with an exposed group member. They were located sheltering in a tent. One person was carried down. The weather was unpleasant.
- 41 25 October 1988 14:10 Cat Bells - N ridge**
A woman (48 yrs) slipped on wet grass and sustained a broken leg while walking.
- 42 26 October 1988 14:50 Robinson - Scope End, Littledale**
A woman (70's) slipped on wet grass and fell, breaking her leg.
- 43 29 October 1988 15:35 King's How**
A woman slipped on a patch of ice and injured her ankle. The weather was beautiful but cool.
- 44 4 November 1988 18:15 Scafell Pike area**
A youth (19 yrs) with no torch was reported missing after leaving Styhead Tarn at 1230 hrs en route for Scafell Pike. The search revealed that he had been seen at Wasdale Head at 1430 hrs. He was found next morning under Esk Buttress having been benighted.
- 45 5 November 1988 12:05 Skiddaw - Doups**
A man (70 yrs) was reported to be in a collapsed condition. However, he had managed to walk down before the arrival of the Team.
- 46 9 November 1988 17:30 Blencathra - Sharp Edge**
The Police requested the Team to investigate circumstances surrounding a rucksack which had been seen beneath the Edge. A search, with dogs, revealed nothing. It was later discovered that the rucksack had been dropped and not retrieved because of its inaccessibility.
- 47 11 November 1988 8:45 Great End - Cust's Gully**
A party of 30 Royal Marines had radioed for help after one of their number had dislodged a rock on to others below. 3 sustained cuts and injuries to legs and arms. They were evacuated by helicopter.

48 12 November 1988 17:30 Black Crag - Troutdale Pinnacle

2 students from N London Polytechnic. The leader had fallen from the final pitch, pulling out two of three runners. As a result they were both benighted on the climb, although uninjured.

49 12 November 1988 17:45 Blencathra - Hall's Fell

2 walkers had become split up whilst descending the ridge in darkness. They turned up as the Team was starting the search.

50 14 November 1988 16:00 Shepherd's Crag - Vesper

A climber, having fallen once, fell again from the second pitch. However, his runner failed the second time and he landed at the foot of the climb, sustaining head and shoulder injuries. He was transferred to Newcastle General Hospital.

51 7 December 1988 16:50 Hobcarton Crag

A solo walker lost his dog, a golden retriever, whilst walking. A quick search in poor weather in the likely area found nothing. The dog was located the next morning, 100' down the crag, and was taken off, none the worse for its experience.

52 28 December 1988 13:05 Derwentwater - Brandlehow

A woman (60's) slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle in three places.

53 29 December 1988 13:10 Latrigg

A woman slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle.