

1989

- * BT pagers provided for leader and deputies.
- * Police provide new FM sets for all teams. 15 handhelds, 3 vehicle sets and 1 base set.
- * Salopettes and fleece jackets provided.
- * Stainless steel stays put on aerial mast for £238.
- * Annual lease £225.
- * Pillar mountain rescue kit removed.
- * Rechargeable handheld torches bought.

1 2 January 1989 20:55 Central Fells

A man (63 yrs) was reported overdue after walking to Scafell Pike, Bowfell or Glaramara. After a night search in poor conditions, he turned up unharmed in Langdale.

2 3 January 1989 5:30 Pillar Rock, Ennerdale

During the course of the previous incident, information was received that there may be 3 climbers benighted. They were winched off by helicopter when located by a team member on board, searching at first light.

3 1 February 1989 14:45 Shoulthwaite Gill

A lady (50 yrs) became unable to move in steep ground while walking. She was placated and escorted down.

4 25 February 1989 16:10 Great End - summit

A man (56 yrs) collapsed and died whilst walking near the summit in fresh, deep snow. His body was recovered and carried down by the Team.

5 20 March 1989 16:20 Blencathra - Sharp Edge

2 men became cragfast in icy conditions when the weather deteriorated while they were descending. They were located and escorted off by the Team.

6 25 March 1989 16:20 Borrowdale - Mountain View

A request was received to assist a bogged-down ambulance which had gone to recover a woman (74 yrs) who had slipped and broken her ankle.

7 25 March 1989 21:10 Great End - Central Gully

A man (25 yrs) had been struck by a boulder dislodged by another party while climbing. Although he sustained cuts, bruises and fractures, he managed to complete the climb and make his way down to the valley over several hours. The Team met him near Seathwaite.

8 2 April 1989 15:05 Great End - Calf Cove

Request to assist in the possible evacuation of 14 schoolgirl hypothermia cases. A massive search by many teams in blizzard conditions. The party was eventually located near Sty Head making its way down.

9 5 April 1989 14:15 Rigg Head Quarries

A youth (17 yrs) with a sprained ankle.

10 11 April 1989 10:40 Shepherd's Crag - Brown Slabs area

A boy fell about 10' and broke his wrist when his abseil rope belay failed. His teacher also sustained injuries.

11 14 April 1989 11:45 Blencathra - Mousethwaite Comb

A woman (72 yrs) slipped on a rock and tumbled about 200' down the fellside. She sustained multiple injuries.

- 12 16 April 1989 13:45 Skiddaw - Broad End**
A man (52 yrs) was reported as collapsed and unconscious. A helicopter on exercise in the area was summoned but found the man to be dead.
- 13 20 April 1989 17:00 Force Crag**
A man suspected to be interested in birds of prey fell about 250' and was killed instantly.
- 14 1 May 1989 15:55 Seat How, Thornthwaite**
A woman suffered leg injuries and fainting fits.
- 15 6 May 1989 18:00 Langstrath**
A man (70 yrs) encountered difficulties with exhaustion near the head of the valley. He was a diabetic.
- 16 27 May 1989 16:15 Taylorgill Force**
A woman (60 yrs) was reported to be in difficulties. In the event, the Team was not required.
- 17 4 June 1989 10:55 Bowder Stone Crag**
A climber fell 30' and sustained head, shoulder and spinal injuries. A helicopter on exercise in the area was diverted to the incident and assisted in the recovery, as did a visiting RAF MR team.
- 18 24 June 1989 17:10 Sty Head**
A man in an expedition group was reported to have collapsed with stomach problems. He recovered and was able to walk off unaided.
- 19 26 June 1989 17:28 Seathwaite Mine**
A youth (18 yrs) was out of control descending the mine tips. He badly gashed his leg.
- 20 2 July 1989 15:37 Great Dodd**
A man (50's) collapsed on a walk. A helicopter on exercise in the area was called in to assist. The man was found to be dead.
- 21 2 July 1989 17:20 Moses Trod**
A man (60's) reported to have collapsed with exhaustion on Kirk Fell. The Team went out to assist but the man was later reported to have reached the valley unaided.
- 22 2 July 1989 17:20 Castle Crag**
A request for assistance was received to help investigate a fire. This was found to be deep-rooted in the ground. The Fire Service took over the problem.
- 23 3 July 1989 14:49 Watendlath - Rosthwaite path**
A woman (45 yrs) wearing boots, in hot, sunny weather, slipped on some grass and broke her ankle.
- 24 11 July 1989 23:10 Wasdale - Stonethwaite**
4 girls on a D of E expedition were reported overdue at their campsite at Stonethwaite. They turned up after midnight having been to Langdale. Weather very good.
- 25 13 July 1989 13:30 Blencathra - Foule Crag**
The sighting of a body at the foot of the crag was reported by some Danish walkers who were on Sharp Edge. The body of a man (24 yrs) was not identified for two weeks.
- 26 16 July 1989 13:50 Dale Head Tarn area**
A youth (16 yrs) fell and broke his arm when out of control while descending the mountain. The alarm was raised by amateur radio in contact with Gatesgarth. Beautiful weather.
- 27 17 July 1989 3:50 Grains Gill**
A boy (14 yrs) slipped and sprained his ankle having monitored others from his school attempting the 3 Peaks. He was walked down after treatment.
- 28 17 July 1989 15:30 Taylorgill - 1000' boulder**
A boy (13 yrs) in a school party fell when running downhill and badly gashed his head. Hot and sunny.
- 29 25 July 1989 15:10 Latrigg**
A woman slipped and broke her ankle.

- 30 31 July 1989 14:50 Black Crag - Mortician**
A climber fell about 10' near the top of the climb. He struck his head in the fall and became unconscious while hanging on his rope. He was lowered from the crag and taken to hospital where he died the following morning. The rock had become wet from recent rain.
- 31 1 August 1989 14:45 Maiden Moor**
A man collapsed while walking with his wife. A helicopter was called to assist but the man was found to be dead. The weather was good.
- 32 3 August 1989 13:25 Ashness Bridge**
A woman slipped on dry grass and broke her leg.
- 33 6 August 1989 13:10 Great Wood, Borrowdale**
A woman (30's) slipped and broke her leg.
- 34 9 August 1989 10:30 Wasdale Horseshoe**
A request was received from Wasdale MRT to assist in a search for two 16 year old boys who were overdue. They were found in Wasdale as the Team was leaving.
- 35 13 August 1989 12:45 Blencathra - Gate Gill**
A call was received to assist a fell runner who had twisted his ankle. However, he had managed to walk down before the arrival of the Team.
- 36 13 August 1989 18:25 Sour Milk Gill**
A woman had slipped in the wet and dislocated her knee.
- 37 15 August 1989 14:35 Scale Close Coppice**
A woman had slipped and broken her leg. A windy but dry day.
- 38 20 August 1989 15:20 Sail**
A man had collapsed while walking in wet and windy conditions. The man was found to be dead on arrival of the Team. A helicopter attended but was unable to assist.
- 39 20 August 1989 17:40 Latrigg**
A woman slipped on wet grass and broke her leg in wet and windy conditions.
- 40 28 August 1989 15:00 Barrow**
A woman slipped and broke her ankle. It was a sunny day.
- 41 29 August 1989 19:05 Walla Crag**
A boy (12 yrs) became separated from his parents on the descent from the summit. A search was initiated in case the boy had become involved in the crags. However, he was located safely on the road below.
- 42 2 September 1989 11:20 Sour Milk Gill**
A man (50's) was reported to have collapsed from exhaustion. He was recovered from the fell.
- 43 14 September 1989 11:55 Watendlath - Lodore path**
A woman slipped and broke her ankle.
- 44 19 September 1989 15:50 Great Gable - Breast Route**
A woman slipped and broke her ankle, but managed to reach Sty Head before meeting the Team.
- 45 21 September 1989 15:00 Cat Bells**
A man (59 yrs) collapsed and died whilst walking.
- 46 30 September 1989 11:53 Ullock Pike**
A woman (60's) was reported to have collapsed from exhaustion. She had recovered somewhat on arrival of the Team who escorted her down. Good weather.
- 47 1 October 1989 16:00 Castle Rock - Gangway**
A young soldier (18 yrs) slipped from near the top of the climb and fell about 60', sustaining fatal head and chest injuries.
- 48 23 October 1989 11:45 Cat Bells**
A woman had slipped on sheep droppings, resulting in a broken ankle.

- 49 23 October 1989 13:10 Grains Gill**
A woman had slipped into the ravine, receiving a gashed and possibly broken leg. Weather fine.
- 50 23 October 1989 15:45 Keswick - Vicarage Hill**
As the Team was already mobilised and no civilian ambulance was available, it was asked to attend a road traffic accident in which a local boy had fallen off his bike, sustaining minor head injuries.
- 51 27 October 1989 5:00 Wythburn valley**
A woman had slipped on wet grass and broken her ankle.
- 52 6 November 1989 15:50 Wythburn - forest**
A tree 'jumped' whilst being felled and landed on a forestry worker. He sustained a fractured pelvis.
- 53 7 November 1989 13:20 Greenup Gill**
Assistance was requested from the Ambulance Service which had been called to a male asthmatic (18 yrs) in distress on the fells. He was carried off and taken to Keswick Hospital.
- 54 12 November 1989 11:15 Blencathra - Sharp Edge**
A Royal Marine lost his footing and fell about 150' from the Edge, sustaining head and leg injuries. A helicopter was called to assist. The man was fortunate, subsequently being found to have only relatively minor injuries. A bright day but greasy underfoot.
- 55 18 November 1989 15:05 Skiddaw - Applethwaite Gill**
A woman slipped and broke her ankle. The ground was damp underfoot.
- 56 19 November 1989 2:00 Whinlatter Forest**
Two boys (15 yrs) were reported overdue on a night orienteering exercise. A search, including Search Dogs, was mounted. The boys were found asleep but unharmed against a tree, in frosty conditions at 5 am.
- 57 22 November 1989 22:15 Langdale area**
Two men were reported missing after a day's walk. Their car was located in Langdale and a search was mounted. They were located unharmed, in Eskdale in the early hours.
- 58 6 December 1989 11:20 Latrigg - summit**
An artist's easel and rucksack were reported to be abandoned. A quick search revealed the painter at his work, not far away.
- 59 16 December 1989 16:00 Threlkeld - old railway line**
A woman was reported to have collapsed. However, she managed to get to the road and her own transport before the arrival of the Team. Cold and wet with sleet.
- 60 24 December 1989 11:20 Latrigg**
A man had slipped on wet grass and broken his ankle. It was very wet and windy.