

1991

- * All to have beepers. Pruned callout list to 35. Cost £12,000. System based on Team radio transmitter.
- * Speed of callout revolutionised. Morale improved.
- * All vaccinated against hepatitis B.
- * 2nd new turbo-diesel Land Rover for £16,000.
- * MRC now has standard, approved drug list for teams.

1 13 January 1991 14:25 Old Coach Road - Threlkeld Knotts

A teenager (15 yrs) out on his trials bike skidded on ice and broke his leg.

2 13 January 1991 15:29 Skiddaw - Barkbethdale

A resident of Bassenthwaite village reported a body lying in the snow near the summit of Skiddaw. Further investigations on foot and by helicopter in the area, revealed a large protruding boulder!

3 19 January 1991 15:25 Blencathra - Scales Tarn

2 climbers fell 500' when the leader's steps collapsed as he was climbing through the cornice. They sustained relatively light injuries. They were taken by helicopter to Carlisle Infirmary.

4 20 January 1991 16:35 Latrigg

A lost orienteer came across a body hanging from a tree. The team was requested to assist the police with the recovery of the body.

5 9 February 1991 19:10 Glaramara - Raven Crag, Comb Gill

Calls for help were heard by other walkers. A search by the team found the injured climber (32 yrs), who had fallen 100' while descending after completing a climb. He had received severe head injuries.

6 11 February 1991 15:45 Styhead Tarn

A man (30 yrs) slipped on ice and injured his ankle. He was carried down and taken to Keswick Hospital.

7 28 February 1991 19:15 Great Gable area

Walker (47 yrs) decided to extend his walk due to the good weather. He over-exerted, and exhausted himself, becoming lost and benighted. He was located on Moses' Trod at 2300 hours.

8 3 March 1991 14:00 Great End - Central Gully

6 climbers were avalanched out of the gully. Most walked away with light injuries. One sustained 2 broken vertebrae, a broken pelvis and other injuries. A helicopter took him to Hexham General Hospital.

9 4 March 1991 13:30 Yewdale Knott

A jogger reported whistles. An investigation proved negative results.

10 16 March 1991 11:25 Blencathra - Hall's Fell

A hunt follower supposedly blacked-out and fell. He was unable to move after the experience.

11 19 March 1991 9:00 Langdale - Wasdale

Requested by Wasdale MRT to assist in search for 2 middle-aged walkers who failed to return. They turned up at 1015 hrs at Wasdale Head, just as the team was setting off. They had spent the night on the fells.

12 19 March 1991 22:45 Sty Head

2 walkers became separated at Sty Head. One got to Wasdale Head, the other was found near Seathwaite in an exhausted and confused state. They were attempting the Coast to Coast walk.

- 13 24 March 1991 14:35 Castle Crag - Irrawaddy HVS**
One climber was being lowered to a variation of the route. The belays failed; both climbers fell, but one managed to find a hand hold which arrested his fall. The other sustained multiple and fatal injuries. He was a former Team member.
- 14 31 March 1991 16:25 Helvellyn Gill - the Swirls**
A mountain biker caught his chain wheel when riding off the end of a bridge. He fell off into a stream and injured his knee.
- 15 7 April 1991 14:10 Grisedale Gill, Whinlatter**
A man (56 yrs) slipped on steep ground while making a direct descent to the valley to escape from the strong winds. He broke his ankle.
- 16 21 April 1991 14:30 Rosthwaite-Watendlath path**
A young woman was found by other walkers in a collapsed condition with suspected appendicitis. She was detained overnight at Carlisle Infirmary, and later had her appendix removed.
- 17 29 April 1991 15:45 Eagle Crag, Greenup Gill**
A man (51 yrs) slipped while descending steep ground, when off route. He injured his knee. Weather wet and wild.
- 18 8 May 1991 11:00 Blencathra - Mousethwaite Comb**
A male walker (45 years) collapsed with chest pains. He was taken down by stretcher and transported to Keswick Hospital.
- 19 19 May 1991 15:08 Cat Bells - Hause Gate**
A man (60 yrs) collapsed near the summit of Cat Bells. An alarm was raised, but the man was found walking down, in good condition, in the company of another walker who was a doctor.
- 20 22 May 1991 17:44 Thirlspot - near the Kings Head**
A man (53 yrs) collapsed and died while walking near Thirlmere.
- 21 29 May 1991 21:50 Lower Falcon Crag - Spinup**
Climber fell while seconding the climb. He sustained head injuries and was unconscious until a week later when he died.
- 22 7 June 1991 13:46 Carrock Fell - summit**
A competitor during an international competition was dragged backwards along the ground before he had deflated his chute. He sustained back and leg injuries. He was taken to hospital by helicopter.
- 23 8 June 1991 19:40 Sprinkling Tarn area**
A young lady (25 yrs), after a hard day on the hills, in poor weather, and without much food or sleep, collapsed from cold and exhaustion.
- 24 11 June 1991 18:50 Whinlatter Forest**
A teenage boy was reported overdue from an orienteering exercise. 5 search dogs and team members were involved in a search. He had become lost in mist and was located by two fell-runners who met the Team Land Rover on a forest road.
- 25 20 June 1991 15:00 Cat Bells - Hause Gate area**
A man slipped and injured his ankle.
- 26 23 June 1991 8:41 Scafell Pike area**
On 3 peaks walk, 2 boys (16 yrs) became separated from party of 32 while descending from Scafell Pike. Asked to assist Wasdale MRT at daybreak. Found lost, cold and wet at Sampson's Stones in Eskdale.
- 27 25 June 1991 18:34 Longthwaite, above Youth Hostel**
Boy (11 yrs) in school party fell while bouldering. He injured his ankle. Team members recovered him into the Land Rover just ahead of a very large bull!
- 28 30 June 1991 16:28 Langstrath**
A woman (50 yrs) was reported to be in distress with acute abdominal pains. However, she had recovered and managed to walk down before the team was fully under way.

- 29 3 July 1991 0:04 Greenup Gill area**
Campers, several of them independently, reported seeing a hot air balloon crashing in the Greenup Gill area. An exhaustive search involving Team search dogs revealed nothing. False alarm with good intent.
- 30 4 July 1991 15:50 High Spy**
A man (59 yrs) collapsed and died while walking. He had a medical history of angina.
- 31 7 July 1991 15:25 Great Dodd**
A man (39 yrs) collapsed while walking with his relatives. One of them, a nurse, was unable to revive him.
- 32 8 July 1991 16:45 Greenup Gill**
A boy (16 yrs) slipped and sprained his ankle while on a D of E expedition. Weather - heavy showers.
- 33 30 July 1991 23:00 Raven Crag, Thirlmere**
Reports were received from a walker of shouts, whistles and then falling rock, followed by silence. A search of the area produced negative results. False alarm with good intent.
- 34 30 July 1991 23:15 Castle Crag**
A local resident reported distress torch signals from the top of the crag. An investigation found 2 boys who were bivvying. They had been signalling to their friends on the campsite below.
- 35 31 July 1991 11:25 Shepherd's Crag - Rogue's Gallery**
A climber fell 20' when off route. He sustained head injuries.
- 36 31 July 1991 19:30 Shepherd's Crag - Slings**
A solo climber fell while retrieving gear after he had previously failed on the route. He sustained multiple fatal injuries. He was found by other climbers.
- 37 2 August 1991 22:00 Barf**
A man and his family went up to the Bishop of Barf. He was unable to make the descent due to vertigo. 4 of them subsequently became benighted.
- 38 14 August 1991 16:55 Base Brown**
A man slipped and tripped, spraining his knee.
- 39 17 August 1991 13:20 Glaramara - Gillercomb**
A man slipped and fell 80' while climbing the scrambling route on Gillercomb Buttress. He sustained arm and leg injuries.
- 40 21 August 1991 22:45 Blea Tarn - Watendlath**
A girl on her D of E expedition was reported to have collapsed. She was experiencing breathing difficulties.
- 41 31 August 1991 9:45 Honister - Drum House**
A man was found in a collapsed condition by walkers. He was dead on arrival of the team.
- 42 1 September 1991 17:15 Glaramara - Comb Gill**
An elderly gentleman was unable to walk further due to severe cramp.
- 43 2 September 1991 15:35 Rigg Head Quarries**
A woman slipped and fell, injuring her wrist. She was carried down.
- 44 6 September 1991 23:34 Great Gable - Napes**
Two climbers on the Napes were reported overdue. A search was mounted. They were found at half past midnight arriving at their car. The leader had fallen, damaged his knee. They made their way down in darkness.
- 45 7 September 1991 16:22 Ashness Gill**
A man fell about 30' while scrambling in the Gill. He sustained multiple cuts and bruises.

- 46 17 September 1991 14:34 Great End - foot of crags**
Other walkers found this man at the foot of the eastern end of Great End crags. In spite of the use of a mobile phone and the nearness of a rescue helicopter from RAF Leconfield, the man was found to be dead.
- 47 18 September 1991 13:42 Langstrath - Blea Crag**
Reports of whistles and shouts were investigated. Nothing was found. Assumed to be a shepherd with his dog. False alarm with good intent.
- 48 22 September 1991 11:16 Blencathra - Sharp Edge**
A woman fell from Sharp Edge at the awkward step. She sustained multiple, fatal injuries.
- 49 1 October 1991 16:22 Blencathra - Glenderamackin by Sharp Edge**
A man (26 yrs) succumbed to the weather while on an adventure training course. He was carried down in extremely high winds. The stretcher and bearers were all blown over and scattered by the wind at one point.
- 50 8 October 1991 17:41 Rosthwaite-Watendlath path**
A woman slipped on wet rock and broke her ankle.
- 51 13 October 1991 16:00 Skiddaw - Jenkin Hill**
52 A man fell while running downhill and broke his leg.
- 53 18 October 1991 18:40 Grains Gill**
A report of a diabetic in coma turned out to be a fatal heart attack.
- 54 22 October 1991 16:45 Reecastle Crag**
Team member slipped while training dogs (SARDA). He sustained a sprained ankle.
- 55 22 October 1991 18:40 Langstrath - foot of Stake Pass**
2 elderly walkers were overcome by exhaustion. They were being helped down by other walkers when met by the Team.
- 56 26 October 1991 14:25 Crag Hill**
A man was reported to have collapsed. He recovered and insisted on walking down when met by the Team. This man later collapsed and died on another walk - see 19/5/92.
- 57 31 October 1991 10:45 Langstrath**
Campers were stranded on an island by the raging river near Stonethwaite.
- 58 3 November 1991 12:30 Bleaberry Fell**
Orienteer slipped and knocked his knee on a rock, breaking his patella.
- 59 5 November 1991 14:25 Maiden Moor**
Woman slipped on steep wet grass and broke her ankle.
- 60 9 November 1991 15:07 Clough Head - summit**
Paraglider was dumped on the summit by bad air currents. He sustained a fracture/dislocation of his shoulder and back injuries. Another paraglider broke one ankle and sprained the other while going to his aid.
- 61 10 November 1991 14:55 High Rigg**
A young woman slipped and went out of control down some scree. She was captured by three others who all rolled down the scree. Only one casualty - with a broken ankle and abrasions.
- 62 10 November 1991 21:15 Pavey Ark area**
Requested to assist Langdale/Ambleside MRT in search for 2 men reported overdue from Jack's Rake. 16 dogs and team members searched all night. The men turned up at first light having been lost. They had taken shelter in a temporary hut erected by a path repair team at Angle Tarn.
- 63 3 December 1991 19:15 Glaramara**
A man and wife parted ways at Sprinkling Tarn. He failed to return to his car. He was found asleep in Langstrath, having been lost and benighted.