

A watercolor illustration of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, a steep, rocky cliff face is depicted with dark brown and grey tones, showing some snow patches. A single evergreen tree stands on the left side of the cliff. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a sky with soft, white and blue clouds. The overall style is artistic and painterly.

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team Annual Report 1998

A REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 509860

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team 1998

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Callout List

Allan Alcock Forecourt Attendant	Mick Guy Head Teacher	Andy Jones Police Constable	David Robinson Shop Assistant
Donald Angus National Park Ranger	Roy Henderson National Trust Warden	Peter Little Pharmacist	Andrew Slattery Police Constable
Peter Barron National Park Ranger	Scott Henderson National Park Ranger	Brian Martland Retired	Rachel Slattery Special Education
Martin Bell Outdoor Pursuits Instructor	Chris Higgins Outdoor Pursuits Instructor	Malcolm Miller Head Teacher	Jill Sharpe Medical Representative
Paul Carter Baker and Confectioner	Mark Hodgson Chartered Builder	Phil Newton Hotelier	Brian Spencer Retired
Jan Cordon Student	Simon Hodgson Builder	Mike Nixon Retired	Keith Stephenson Joiner
Neil Dowie Hotelier	Dr Tim Hooper G.P.	Des Oliver Retired	Chris Strutt Student
Darren Elliott Builder	Katharine Horder Head Teacher	Dr. Will Ponsonby G.P.	Ian Wallace Dentist
Mike Fanning Solicitor	Paul Horder Teacher	David Pratt Teacher	Lance Waudby Delivery Driver
Anne Francis Teacher	Robin Humphreys Cashier	Dr Andy Reed G.P.	Dr Peter White G.P.
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Editorial

The Team is now into its 50th year of operation and is travelling very fast into the 21st century well equipped with today's modern hi-tech equipment.

As many past team members are aware the Team has not always been as well fitted out, despite the modern gadgetry the fells and conditions in them do not change – we will always be up against the elements.

Last year saw the publication of "Call-Out": The first 50 years. A book written by George Bott detailing the Teams history to date. (Information about the book can be found further in this report).

It seemed appropriate to include the Teams first ever annual report in this our 50th issue. In 1948 the report was typed on a single sheet of paper and stuck in the minute book.

The Team was involved in nine incidents during 1948, this is fewer than last years 67 but it is interesting to note however, that the number of Team members on the active call-out list is consistent, which is something that has remained stable throughout the last 50 years.

Rachel Slattery

Report for 1948

Report for 1948.

Given in at A.G.M. 19 2.49.

The year 1948 has been quite a successful one, serving us with new acquaintances and increasing conviviality.

We have had 4 major operations, and many minor ones. The 4 major ones, though perhaps not really successful in that we could claim immediate rescue, have at least been successful enough to give us the much needed experience we require to make a really first-class Team. Financially, we have floated with equanimity through 1948, sometimes near the rocks, but always full of optimism regarding the outcome, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Beck.

Our initial membership, numbering 34, has produced at least half that number who have been willing to give their time and labours to the cause of the Team, and these members at this stage are now augmented.

Following two excellent practices held last year under the expert guidance of our Chairman, and the operations already mentioned, the Team has now a store of experience on which to draw; and above these measures we have been very fortunate to have had the conscientious assistance of Doctor Lyth to instruct us in the art of First Aid, practically as well as theoretically, which will prove to be a very valuable asset in the future.

Edward Hanks
Hon. SECRETARY
1948.

Chairman's Report

Compared with the previous year, when fundraising was rampant and the new HQ was being built, and opened, 1997 was a doddle.

There has been an inevitable "fine tuning" period with the new building, and how we work from it; we have made some detail changes within the building, such as adding more racking and shelving to the drying room, small modifications in the kitchen and Control Room, and in particular, developing the rope training area with belays, climbing wall holds, and a belay ledge for stretcher lowering. The majority of this work has fallen to Team members, and has been tackled with enthusiasm and commitment by a dedicated group.



Dale Head 1.5.97

Financially, it was inevitable that the level of donations would fall at the end of the Appeal, and this has indeed been the case. However, the financial standing of the Team is reasonably healthy. Collecting Box donations have held up well, and in this regard, it is worth mentioning that Brian Martland, our Collection Box Co-ordinator, is standing down this year after 6 years of hard work. Brian has overseen the collection of some £55,000 worth of loose change during his period in office, and I would like to publicly acknowledge the enormous effort that he has exerted on behalf of the Team.

We decided as a Team that the next major project must be the replacement of our ageing Ford Transit ambulance, with an up to date turbo diesel version, and this will be paid for out of our existing funds with further assistance from our friend and benefactor, Mrs Ada Hillard. What would we do without her? The vehicle is currently on order, and delivery is expected by Easter.

I have opted to stand down as Chairman this year, as I feel the need for a change. I am to take over the Secretary's post, from which Pete Barron is standing down. Pete has worked tirelessly for the Team during his period of office, and will continue as a Deputy. Our thanks go to him also.

As usual, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge all of our various suppliers, supporters and benefactors for their interest and continued support in all sorts of ways; I thank you on behalf of the Team.

Enjoy your days on the hill.

Mick Guy.

Team Leader's Report

1997 - the quietest year for callouts since 1991 when there were 62. This year has seen 67 rescues with 3 fatalities. Rescues have varied from lower leg injuries, callout duration often less than one hour, to complicated, strenuous rescues at night in hostile conditions lasting up to 5-6 hours. 13 searches have been carried out during the year with team members involved in these searches being on the hill, in some cases, for over 12 hours. These searches are mainly at night and often in foul weather.

No matter what the incident, the Keswick Team, through its varied and intensive training, responds with skill, professionalism and a sense of humour where appropriate to relieve the worries of a casualty and other members of their party. It is a tribute to the enthusiastic training officers of the team that they have put together such varied training and have been able to enlist the services and skills of other team members to assist.

A number of officers of the Team have decided to step down this year, among them Mick Guy as Chairman, Pete Barron as Secretary, Brian Martland as Collecting Box Co-ordinator, Chris Strutt as Training Officer and Keith Stephenson as Base Officer. On behalf of all Team members, I thank them for all the work they have carried out for the Team whilst in 'office'.

Our thanks go, as always, to: All Team members, their wives, husbands and families. Team members employers for allowing time away from work. All our friends, supporters and benefactors and the local community for their support and encouragement. Our thanks also go to the RAF helicopter crews for their help on 7 incidents during the year. Their assistance and excellent flying skills have resulted in the quicker and less stressful evacuation to hospital of seriously injured casualties.

There has been extensive press coverage over recent years regarding the use, and abuse, of mobile phones in the hills. Whilst, yet again, we would stress that they are only additional to, and not replacements for, skill, experience and correct equipment, it is encouraging to note their more responsible use this year. Hopefully this is a trend that will continue. They can, of course save a great deal of time in calling out a rescue team in the case of an accident. It is vitally important, however, that the informant waits in a strong signal area until contacted by the team to collect further information. It is infuriating, when trying to contact a mobile phone in such circumstances, to only be able to obtain a recorded message from an answering service !

This year has seen another increase in the number of sponsored mountaineering events, such as three peaks challenges. Inevitably Scafell Pike is the middle peak on the route and in most cases seems to be climbed at night. We have had several calls for assistance due to such events, however, nowhere near as many as the Wasdale Team. We would stress the need for sufficient numbers of experienced walkers to be in every single group that goes on the hill. These events are no different to recreational climbing and walking albeit they do seem to attract a higher proportion of inexperienced walkers.

Mark Hodgson

1st - 50th Team Practice

On Sunday 7 March 1948 the first team practice took place, during this the founding members lowered a stretcher down Kern Knotts. In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary the Team staged a reconstruction of the first practice.

A stretcher lower was set up on Kern Knotts and a tyrolean traverse (effectively an arial ropeway) was arranged from Napes Needle to Needle Ridge.

However, as increasingly seems to happen during the Teams more sociable occasions a callout, this time on Brund Fell, tied up the members left in Keswick and the practice on Gable had to be cut short to provide extra manpower and to cover the possibility of a second callout.

There have been tremendous improvements in the equipment, communication and transport available to the Team over the years but the founder members would have still recognised the basic process of the vertical stretcher lower which has changed little since 1948 and the Team's stretcher which is still based on the original Thomas.

Roy Henderson & Chris Strutt.



1948



1998

Training Report

In the last twelve months the Team has celebrated our fiftieth anniversary. In many aspects the Teams training has changed over the last fifty years with modern climbing and rope handling techniques being used by the team and the vast array of first aid equipment.

As the Team continues to investigate new equipment the training will continue to change to keep step with developments. The facility the new base rope training area has offered the Team has been an invaluable asset to the training, allowing the Team to maintain competence in all aspects of rope handling skills.

We have continued to send team members to Glenmore lodge for more specialised winter training. In 1997 most of the Team took part in an off road four wheel driving course on the Greystoke Estate.

Our thanks must go to three of the team doctors for running a first aid and casualty care course. Thanks also to the RAF for their continued support in our training.

The enthusiasm of the team continues to amaze us. Not only in its willingness to turn out time after time, but to turn up to the training sessions week after week. However, with all our equipment and modern techniques the job is essentially the same as when the team first started.

Roy Henderson & Chris Strutt.

Winter Training

GLENMERE LODGE - COIRE CAS



Avalanche prediction



Snow anchors

Incident Report 1997

1	3 January 12:23	Sail Col, Newlands	A man (52 yrs) slipped on ice and broke his ankle. He was lowered down a steep, rocky slope in icy conditions and carried down to a waiting ambulance.
2	18 January 13:13	Cat Bells - Yewthwaite Mines	A girl (15 yrs) suffered a dislocated knee cap.
3	18 January 17:29	Esk Pike	2 men had become lost and disoriented when on Scafell Pike. They had called in on their mobile phone for advice but were clearly lost. Eventually a search by 2 teams found them on Esk Pike.
4	18 January 22:28	Kinn, Braithwaite	3 separate reports of 4 red flares and torch movements had been seen on Grisedale Pike. A search found nothing. A false alarm with good intent.
5	1 February 19:25	Millican Dalton's Cave, Borrowdale	A man was reported to be suffering an asthma attack. His own inhaler hadn't helped. His crisis was largely over on arrival of the Team and medical support.
6	11 February 20:20	Blea Tarn Gill, Watendlath	A man slipped and fell 7 metres breaking his arm and sustaining facial lacerations.
7	23 February 15:06	Cat Bells	A man (46 yrs) slipped on steep wet grass and broke his leg. His companion went down to the road, flagged down a passing car and went to Keswick MRT HQ only to find it unmanned. He then went to the local police station office which was closed. The local tourist office put him in touch with 999! NB Team members only attend when called out by the police by radio pager. Go to the nearest phone!
8	26 February 17:19	Ashness Fell	A man (28 yrs) became unable to walk after suffering knee problems. He was helped off the fell and taken to the local hospital.
9	1 March 20:15	Scafell Pike area	2 young men had left Wasdale Head at 1.30 pm to climb Scafell Pike, but had not returned. (They had been lost here before!) 7 mountain rescue teams and search dogs spent 12 hours in appalling conditions looking for them. They walked in to Wasdale Head Hotel at 7.45 am.
10	1 March 22:30	Sergeant Crag Gully	5 students from Liverpool were reported overdue from their climb. A search in storm-force winds and torrential rain eventually located them, cold and wet, sheltering behind a wall at the top of Heron Crag. They were escorted down.
11	4 March 15:38	Greenup Edge	A woman (53 yrs) slipped and sustained a scalp laceration. She managed, however, to walk down with a little assistance from the Team.
12	4 March 18:12	Sty Head	A lone walker phoned in on his cellphone saying he was lost in the mist. The description of his location seemed to be Sty Head. However, he was not found there, but had left a note saying that he was making his way down. He turned up at Wasdale Head and phoned again to ask if anyone was looking for him!

13	8 March 14:55	Brown How, Thirlmere	A woman (56 yrs) slipped on wet grass and slithered 30 metres down a boulder-strewn slope into scree. She sustained multiple lacerations, abrasions, head injuries and a broken nose.
14	13 March 01:45	Skiddaw House	Request from Police to assist with transport - absconded youths.
15	18 March 01:37	Castle Crag	A call to search for a missing, depressed woman (28 yrs). She was located on the summit in a distressed condition and was carried off.
16	29 March 11:22	Lonscale Fell	A male mountain biker (31 yrs) crashed and dislocated his shoulder.
17	30 March 15:24	Whinlatter Forest - Seldom Seen	A man (45 yrs) slipped on a rock while crossing a stream and injured his ankle.
18	6 April 17:20	Above High Close - Grange	A woman (53 yrs) slipped whilst walking and broke her leg.
19	9 April 13:00	Hindscarth	A man (60 yrs) was taken ill on the summit.
20	18 April 15:25	High Spy - Nitting Haws	A woman (35 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.
21	21 April 12:40	Stoneycroft Gill - Newlands	A woman (50 yrs) slipped on wet rock and broke her leg in four places.
22	24 April 14:00	Hall's Fell Ridge - Blencathra	A man (55 yrs) suffered a heart attack. He was stretchered to down below the cloud level and then airlifted to hospital.
23	1 May 11:45	Dale Head summit	A woman (63 yrs) slipped fracturing her leg. She was airlifted to hospital.
24	3 May 17:06	Skiddaw - Jenkin Hill	A male mountain biker (18 yrs) lost control on his descent. He sustained multiple lacerations, bruising, and a broken bike. The Team also towed the ambulance out of the mud.
25	5 May 20:45	River Greta	A request from the police to investigate an abandoned canoe on the river bank. Nothing untoward was found.
26	15 May 13:23	Ardus - Shepherd's Crag	A male climber (32 yrs) who had been soloing, was found dead at the foot of the crag.
27	17 May 10:50	Ullscarf above Harrop Tarn	A man (56 yrs) collapsed on his walk.
28	23 May 17:50	Side of Ullock Pike	A search was carried out involving 2 other teams and a RAF helicopter looking for a missing 32 year old epileptic male. He was found on the road by a police patrol car.

29	25 May 15:20	Sty Head stretcher box	A man (32 yrs) slipped and fell, badly lacerating his arm.
30	26 May 19:36	Fields below Castlerigg Stone Circle	A woman was trampled by a stampeding herd of cows. She sustained leg and facial injuries.
31	28 May 12:45	Park Wood, Thirlmere	A woman (41 yrs) slipped on the path and broke her leg.
32	28 May 12:49	Black Crag, Troutdale	A man (72 yrs) collapsed and fell unconscious while walking.
33	31 May 16:10	White Stones path, Thirlspot	A man (62 yrs) slipped on a steep path and broke his leg.
34	14 June 15:34	Greenup Edge	A woman (55 yrs) slipped on the path and broke her leg.
35	18 June 13:40	Falcon Crag, Borrowdale	A man (26 yrs) became distressed and stuck on steep ground. His calls for help eventually attracted attention.
36	24 June 21:06	Cat Gill, Walla Crag	A woman (60 yrs) slipped and broke her leg.
37	28 June 08:00	Calf Cove, Great End	A man (38 yrs) in a sponsored attempt at the 3 Peaks Challenge, succumbed to the weather and his own physical condition. He was stretchered down with 2 sprained knees.
38	2 July 21:17	Sty Head Tarn	A man (17 yrs) suffered a seized hip.
39	4 July 18:38	Threlkeld Knotts	A male paraglider (40 yrs) made a poor landing and was dragged over rocks resulting in a badly gashed leg.
40	4 July 19:20	Great Crag - Dock Tarn	A man (17 yrs) slipped and sprained his ankle.
41	9 July 14:44	Mousethwaite Comb - Blencathra	A man (37 yrs) collapsed and died.
42	9 July 22:46	Ennerdale to Borrowdale	A Dutch family of 4 failed to make a rendezvous in Borrowdale. They were located by search dogs at Black Sail Youth Hotel.
43	16 July 15:00	Brandlehow Woods, Derwentwater	A man (74 yrs) tripped over a tree root and sustained head and rib injuries.
44	23 July 19:03	Seathwaite Slabs	A boy (13 yrs) fell 7 metres when his abseil rope became detached.

45	29 July 15:50	Blea Tarn	An Italian girl (16 yrs) in a group collapsed on an expedition.
46	29 July 23:20	Blackmoss Pot, Langstrath	A woman (27 yrs) ended up in the wrong valley after a walk to Scafell Pike.
47	30 July 11:30	Walla Crag	A woman (51 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.
48	4 August 19:53	Whinlatter Forest	A German family became lost on a walk in the forest. They turned up on the road 10 miles away!
49	6 August 12:40	High Rigg	A boy (13 yrs) slipped while scrambling, sustaining head injuries.
50	6 August 16:00	King's How	A family became separated, some of them becoming stuck in boggy ground.
51	24 August 16:25	Ashness Gill waterfalls	A youth (19 yrs) became cragfast when following the watercourse bed. This is normally a severe scramble!
52	31 August 11:42	Bowderstone area	Whistles and shouts for help were heard. An investigation found a mountain leadership group on a training exercise!
53	20 September 10:57	Castle Rock, Thirlmere – Direct Route MVS	A climber (39 yrs) fell 7 metres and received a compound fracture of his leg.
54	21 September 15:00	Brandlehow, Derwentwater	A woman (50 yrs) tripped over a tree root, receiving various cuts and bruises to her head and face.
55	29 September 13:32	Cat Bells	Shouts for help were heard. An investigation found a shepherd rounding up sheep!
56	6 October 20:30	Watendlath - Thirlmere	A man (57 yrs) was reported overdue. He had left at 16.20 hours for a 3 mile walk without map, compass or torch! He turned up as the Team were leaving base.
57	12 October 13:18	Roughten Gill mines, Caldbeck	A woman (76yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.
58	19 October 13:52	Rigg Beck Col, Newlands	A woman (61 yrs) slipped and broke her ankle.
59	31 October 14:27	Helvelyn	A man (40 yrs) slipped on rocks whilst fellwalking and fractured his ankle.
60	1 November 14:17	Birkett Edge, Skiddaw	A man (31 yrs) slipped while crossing a wet wall and broke his ankle.

61	2 November 13:37	Glenderterra valley	An abandoned car was found, off-road. Fearing for the safety of its occupant, a search was mounted. The owner was later found in an hotel in Grasmere.
62	9 November 13:25	Jopplety How/Brund Fell	A woman (48 yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke her leg.
63	11 November 13:37	Ashness Bridge area	A woman (67 yrs) slipped on a wet stile and broke her leg.
64	20 November 14:42	Blencathra - Hall's Fell Ridge	A man (64 yrs) slipped and fell 100 metres into Gate Gill sustaining fatal head injuries. A difficult rescue in hostile conditions.
65	23 November 23:00	Crinkle Crag	A father and son became lost and benighted in poor weather. They were found at 05.40 sheltering.
66	25 November 19:42	Crinkle Crag	A man (64 yrs) failed to return to his car after an ambitious walk in poor conditions. He was found in Rossett Gill at 23.00 hrs.
67	31 December 11:11	Blencathra - Sharp Edge	A man (33 yrs) slipped on wet rock and fell 100 metres to the bottom of the ridge. He was helicoptered to hospital, escaping with only multiple lacerations, severe bruising and a broken finger. Luck was on his side!

Animal Rescues 1997

1	8 February 10:05	Crag Hill - Scott Crag	The Team were requested to recover a cragfast hound that had been on the mountainside for 3 days, but only just located. Local shepherds had been unable to get to it. Some team members went to its aid.
2	22 March 16:00	Upper Falcon Crag	A cragfast sheep was taken off.
3	11 April 14:00	Glaramara - Cam Crag Ridge	Request by local farmer to rescue a cragfast sheep.
4	12 May 13:10	Black Wall - Langstrath	2 sheep reported to be stuck on ledge. One was found to be dead. The other was rescued.
5	17 May 16:26	Seathwaite Mine	A dog that had fallen down an old mineshaft was safely recovered.
6	23 September 16:50	Seathwaite Fell	The Team were requested to recover a cragfast hound stuck on a ledge. This was the same hound as in incident one.
7	24 September 15:30	Gillercomb	Sheep stuck on crag. The Team were unable to locate it's position and had to return the next day to assist it down.
8	17 October 12:30	Hanging Haystacks, Borrowdale	A cragfast sheep was taken off.

Search Dog involvement in incidents outside the local area

1. 12th January (23:45)
A woman was reported missing in the Carling Gill area of the Howgills. Two Keswick Dogs and handlers attended. She was found by members of Kirkby Stephen team.
2. 14th March (22:15)
Dufton area of the Pennines. Two men overdue were the subject of a search by Penrith MRT. Two Keswick dogs and handlers attended, but the subjects turned up before deployment on the fell.
3. 18th May (05:00)
One Keswick dog and handler assisted with search on Ingleborough for a missing man. No trace found.
4. 27th September (13:00)
One dog and handler called to incident in Grasmere area, to search with Langdale/Ambleside Team and other search dogs for a missing attempted suicide. Found just in time by another SARDA Lakes dog, she survived.
5. 19th October (23:15)
All three Keswick dogs and handlers to assist Penrith MRT in search for missing 71 year old walker on Cross Fell. Found hypothermic the following morning by member of Teesdale MRT.
6. 9th November (23:00)
One dog deployed to Langdale/Ambleside area in search for three missing in Stickle Tarn area. Found by L & A Team member, at Angle Tarn!
7. 26th November (21:30)
Call to assist Langdale/Ambleside MRT in search for missing 64 year old man, lost in Bowfell area. Found by SARDA Lakes dog in Rossett Ghyll area. Three Keswick Dogs attended.
8. December 6th (04:30)
Two dogs and handlers deployed to look for teacher and 9 missing children in Swaledale area. Turned up whilst team were en route.
9. December 22nd (07:00)
Two dogs and handlers deployed to Conistone area, Wetherlam, to search for missing 38 year old man, who had been out overnight in very poor visibility. He was found safe and well at Levers Water by a member of Furness MRT.



*Midge
digging out
a body
from an
avalanche
in Scotland
(Training)*

This year saw the retirement of Keswick Search Dog "Midge" from active service after 7 years on the Call Out list. Midge, with her handler Pete Barron, had one of the highest success rates of all the SARDA Lakes dogs during her service. All those who heard her bark to indicate a find, won't ever forget it - it was like the Hound of the Baskervilles! We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Collection Box Sponsors

The post of Collecting Box Co-ordinator is changing hands this year and Brain & Liz Martland would like to express their sincere thanks to all box holders who have so wonderfully supported the Team during the last six years. Joan Spencer is taking over the job and all further enquiries re Collecting Boxes should be made to him on (01937) 73848



Acorn House
Allerdy House
Andersons Guest House
Argosy
Armathwaite Hall
Askew Eggs
Bank Tavern
Barclays Bank
Barrow House Y.H.A
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Bay Tree
Beckstones Guest House
The Beeches Guest House
Birch Howe
Bonshaw Guest House
Boots Chemist
Bookends
Borrowdale Hotel
Bow Fell
Brierholme Guest House
Brookfield House
Brooklyn House
Burleigh Mead Hotel
Caffle House Watendlath
Call of the Wild
Camping and Caravan Club Site
Cars of the Stars
Cartwheel Guest House
Casablanca Bar
Castle Inn
Castlerigg Camp Site
Chaplin's Bookshop
Chaucer House Hotel
Chitlee Guest House
Clarence House
The Coffee Shop
Coledale Hotel
Corner Shop

Cottage Hospital
Cowells
Craglands Guest House
Crosthwaite Garage
Crow Park Hotel
Cumbria Hotel
Dalegarth Hotel
Dale Head Hall Hotel
Dale View Hotel
Daresfield
Derwent Bank H.F
Derwent Cottage
Derwent Club
Derwent House
Derwent Jewellers
Derwentwater Caravan Park
Derwentwater Marina
Dog and Gun
Dollywagon Guest House
Eel Crag
Easedale Hotel
Fawsley House
Ferndene Guest House
Field and Stream
Fine Designs
Focus Photography
Four in Hand Hotel
George Fishers
George Hotel
Golden Lion Inn
Grange View G.H.
Great Little Tea Shop
Greystoke House
Grove House Gallery
Glamara C.H.A
Glencoe Guest House
Grange Bridge Cottage Cafe
Grange Cafe

Grange Cottage
Greystones Guest House
Hazel Bank Hotel
Hazeldene Hotel
Hazeldene Guest House
Hazelwood Guest House
The Heights Hotel
Hetheringtons
Highfield Hotel
High Lodore Farm Cafe
C and CA Holmes
Hope Memorial Camp
Horse and Farrier
Hunter's Way
Keswick Golf Club
Keswick Mountain Bike Hire
Keswick Mountain Sports
Keswick Outdoor Wear
Keswick Y.H.A
Kiln How Cottages
King's Arms
Kings Head Hotel
Kitchen's Cellar
Kylesku Guest House
La Primavera
Ladstock Hall Hotel
Lairbeck Hotel
Lakeland Sheepskin
Lake Road Inn
Lakeside Caravan Park
Lakeside House
Langstrath Hotel
Latrigg House
Laurel Bank Guest House
Leathes Cottage
Leathes Head Hotel
Linnet Hill Hotel

Lodore Hotel
Longthwaite YHA
Low Beck Side Farm
Luchinis Ices
Lynwood GuestHouse
Lyzzick Hall Hotel
Low Manesty Caravan Park
Mary Mount Hotel
Medical Centre
Moot Hall
National Park Info. Centre
National Trust - Lakeside
Necessary Angel
Needle Sports
New House Rothwaite
Newton Rigg College
Odd Fellows
Pack Horse Inn
Parkergate
Parkfield
Police Station
Priorholme Hotel
Rainbow
Rathbones
Rathbones Outdoor Wear
Ravenstone Hotel
Ravenstone Lodge Hotel
Ravensworth Hotel
Rembrandt Cafe
Richmond House Hotel
Rickerby Grange
Rigg House
Rock at the Warehouse
Rohan Ltd
Rothwaite General Store
Rowe Opticians
Royal Oak Braithwaite

Royal Oak Hotel Rothwaite
Salutation Inn
Sandon Guest House
Saw Mill Cafe Dodd
Scadell Guest House
Scafell Hotel
Scotgate Camping Site
Seathwaite Farm Cafe
Seatoller Farm
Seatoller House
Shemara Guest House
Silverdale Hotel
Skiddaw Grove Hotel
Spar Grocers
Speddings
Spuds and Things
Strathmore Guest House
Storms Holiday Homes
Sundance Foods
Sunnyside Guest House
Swinside Inn
Swiss Court Hotel
The Sick and The Wrong
Threshers
Timeshare Property Bond
Touch Wood
Treeby and Bolton
Twa Dogs
Tynemouth Lodge Hotel
Village Shop Braithwaite
Walker Park C.C. Site
Walpole Hotel
Wentworth Guest House
Whinlatter Forest Tea Room
White Horse Inn
Yew Tree Cafe
Yew Crag

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 November 1997

Keswick Mountain Rescue Team (hereafter referred to as 'the Team') is an unincorporated association and is established by constitution. It is a registered charity, number 509860.

The main object of the team is for the public benefit, to relieve suffering and distress arising therefrom, among persons and animals endangered by accident or nature hazards within the area of Great Britain and particularly on the mountains of Cumbria and the vicinity of Keswick.

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Trustees:	A M Guy	(Chairperson)
(Executive	P Barron	(Secretary)
Committee)	A F Jones	(Treasurer)
	M Hodgson	(Team Leader)
	D Pratt	(Team Member)

The above Committee Members (Trustees) were elected at the last Annual General Meeting by the Members.

Bankers: Midland Bank Plc
Market Square
Keswick
Cumbria

Trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under S44 of the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Treasurer's Report

After several hectic years fund raising for the New Headquarters Appeal and the subsequent construction and equipping of the Headquarters building, 1996/97 was, financially, a relatively quiet year. No new donations were made to the Appeal fund, but interest and income tax refunds amounted to £8,400. Building costs, architect and other professional fees, together with equipment costs totalled £27,892 leaving a balance of £19,325. If no further capital costs arise this account will be closed during 1997/98 and the residue transferred to general funds.

The amount of money coming into the general funds (£68,602) was slightly increased from the previous year, no doubt a continued result of our higher profile taken during the Appeal. The most notable increase, and the biggest income maker (£10,219) continues to be the collecting boxes in various premises throughout the town and the surrounding area. Our thanks go to the proprietors of these establishments, and also to Brian Martland, ably supported by his wife Liz, who is stepping down after several years as co-ordinator for the boxes. A significant drop in the number and level of donations was noted during the second half of the year, following the death of HRH Diana, Princess of Wales.

The major item of expenditure (£10,176) was providing all Team members with Goretex suits, enabling them to operate effectively in adverse weather conditions. We are grateful to Berghaus for their technical support and financial assistance with this.

Administrative costs have only increased marginally. As expected communication and Headquarters running costs have risen sharply. The Vodapage call out system cost £3,805, however the Trustees feel this is money well spent, increasing the efficiency of the Team

particularly in the initial stages of a call out. The installation of a third telephone line, mainly for use with the Vodapage and computer systems, led to a 48% increase in telephone costs. This is mainly due to the installation charge. Call charges are not significantly higher. Electricity (£1,060) and security - a new item (£1,374) have added to the Headquarters budget.

Courses is an area where there has been a noticeable increase in expenditure. This is due to most Team members taking part in an off road driving course at Greystoke Castle (£1,586).

To celebrate the Team's 50th anniversary local author George Bott was commissioned to write a short history. This resulted in publication by McKanes Printers of "Call Out: The First 50 Years" at a cost of £3,189. The original idea was not to make a profit, rather to celebrate the history of the Team. However sales to date have totalled £2,064 and we are confident that all costs will be covered.

During the year we took a decision to replace our ageing Ford Transit ambulance/personnel carrier. After studying various options it was agreed that the new vehicle should be another Ford, again fully equipped as a four wheel drive ambulance/carrier. A deposit of £2,000 has been paid, the remaining cost is expected to be about £40,000, and has been provided for in the balance sheet. The vehicle should be ready for delivery in April 1998.

There is no other significant expenditure anticipated for 1997/98. The trustees are of the opinion that sufficient funds are available to enable them to meet any demands that may fall on them.

Treasurer

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

We have examined, without carrying out an audit, the accounts for the year ended 30th November 1997 set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As described on page 1 the Trustees, as named on that page, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts and, based on our examination, to report our opinion, as set out below, to the Trustees.

Basis of Examination

We conducted our examination, under Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993, and in accordance with the appropriate directions for independent examiners issued by the Charities Commissioners under s43(7)(b) of that Act.

The examination was not an audit conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these accounts. Therefore, our examination does not provide any assurance that the accounting records and the accounts are free from material misstatement.

Results of Examination.

No matter has come to our attention during the course of our examination that gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records have not been kept in respect of this charity in accordance with s41 of the Charities Act 1993.

- (2) The accounts do not accord with those records.
- (3) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement specified in regulation 3 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995. (Save the requirements specified in paragraph 1 of Part III of the Schedule to the Regulations).

Further to this, no matter has been brought to our attention in connection with our examination, to which attention should be drawn in the report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Armstrong Watson & Co
Chartered Accountants
Institute of Chartered Accountants
in England and Wales

Bakers Yard
St Johns Street
Keswick
Cumbria

Date 20th January 1998

Statement

of financial activities for the year ended 30th November 1997

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	New Base Fund £	Total Funds 1997 £	Total Funds 1996 £
Incoming Resources					
Covenants		2,274	—	2,274	3,497
Donations		23,806	20	23,826	99,451
Collection Boxes		10,219	—	10,219	9,922
Street Collection		—	—	—	18
Legacies		21,611	—	21,611	17,159
Incomes Tax Recovered		3,619	7,544	11,163	1,705
Bank and Building Society Interest		3,153	935	4,088	12,751
Miscellaneous and Shirt Sales		(260)	—	(260)	361
Support Group		124	—	124	—
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		64,546	8,499	73,045	144,864
Resources Expended					
Garage, Team and HQ Expenses	2	3,497	—	3,497	4,013
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3	2,650	—	2,650	2,017
Other Expenses	4	11,720	337	12,057	11,969
Depreciation		17,104	—	17,104	13,113
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		34,971	337	35,308	31,112
Net Incoming Resources					
Before Transfers		29,575	8,162	37,737	113,752
Transfer Between Funds		27,879	(27,879)	—	—
NET INCOMING RESOURCES					
FOR THE YEAR		57,454	(19,717)	37,737	113,752
Balances Brought Forward					
At 1st December 1996		378,202	39,042	417,244	303,492
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD					
AT 30TH NOVEMBER 1997		£435,656	£19,325	£454,981	£417,244

The notes on pages 18 and 19 form part of these accounts

Balance Sheet

at 30 November 1997

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	332,066	259,690
Current Assets			
Debitors & Prepayments		2,418	—
Stock	6	1,130	988
Building Society Deposits		147,965	147,594
Cash at Bank		12,140	9,207
		163,653	157,789
Liabilities, Amounts falling due within one year	7	40,738	235
NET CURRENT ASSETS		122,915	157,554
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£454,981	£417,244
Funds			
Unrestricted		435,656	378,202
Restricted	8	19,325	39,042
	9	£454,981	£417,244

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 9th January 1998 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes on pages 18 and 19 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30th November 1997

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statements of Recommended Practice.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life. The rates used are as follows:

Property	—	Straight line over 50 Years
Equipment	—	15% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	—	25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2 GARAGE, TEAM AND HQ EXPENSES

	Unrestricted Funds £	New Base Fund £	Total Funds 1997 £	Total Funds 1996 £
Rent, Rates and Water	221	—	221	1,530
Telephone and Electricity	2,317	—	2,317	2,133
Repairs and Renewals	959	—	959	—
Insurances	—	—	—	350
	3,497	—	3,497	4,013

3 MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Unrestricted Funds £	New Base Fund £	Total Funds 1997 £	Total Funds 1996 £
Insurances	561	—	561	528
Petrol and Oil	418	—	418	114
Maintenance	1,671	—	1,671	1,375
	2,650	—	2,650	2,017

4 OTHER EXPENSES

	1997 £	1996 £
Maintenance of Radio Equipment	703	296
Printing and Stationery	2,816	2,460
Insurances	1,407	2,099
Postage and Sundry Expenses	2,009	3,057
Maintenance of General Equipment	1,232	454
Courses	3,533	1,910
Bank Charges	20	13
Fundraising Costs	—	337
	11,720	11,969

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost

	Leasehold Land & Buildings £	Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
At 1st December 1996	195,848	92,685	21,188	309,721
Additions During Year	26,414	20,563	42,503	89,480

At 30th November 1997	222,262	113,248	63,691	399,201
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Depreciation

	Leasehold Land & Buildings £	Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
At 1st December 1996	—	34,206	15,825	50,031
Charge for the Year	4,445	11,855	804	17,104
on Disposals/Write Offs	—	—	—	—

At 30 November 1997	4,445	46,061	16,629	67,135
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Net Book Value at 30th November 1997	£217,817	£67,187	£47,062	£332,066
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Net Book Value at 30th November 1996	£195,848	£58,479	£5,363	£259,690
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6 STOCK

	1997 £	1996 £
Consumable Stock	80	80
Stock of Shirts	—	908
Books	1,050	—
	£1,130	£988

7 LIABILITIES	1997	1996
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Accruals	£40,738	£ 235

	Balance at 1.12.96 £	Movement in Resources Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance at 30.11.97 £
8 RESTRICTED FUNDS				
New Base Fund	39,042	8,499	28,216	19,325

The new base fund was established in 1993 to raise specific funds to build a new headquarters for the Team in Keswick. The funds have been spent on leasehold property and equipment and the building is now complete and open.

	Net Current Assets £	Total £
9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS		
New Base Fund	19,325	19,325
Unrestricted Funds	435,656	478,594
	£454,981	£497,919

Deed of Covenant

A Deed of Covenant is a method of making a regular donation (for a minimum of 4 years) to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team. Not only does the Team have the benefit of having a known income, we can also reclaim from the Inland Revenue the Tax you have paid on the donation, which has the effect of increasing your donation by almost one-third. If you would like to help the Team in this way please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Treasurer.

Gift Aid Donations

Under Inland Revenue rules we can also reclaim Income Tax on single donations of over £250, which again makes a significant increase to your donation. If you feel that you may be able to help the Team in this way please contact the Treasurer.

The following persons made Deed of Covenant donations in 1997:

Dr J E Anderson	Mrs P Gamblin	B G Smith
K Backen	P M Harris	D G Smith
J B Beaston	W R Hartland	Mrs S P Smith
Mrs M R Beetham	W E Jones	R R Stockfis
Mrs J M Brown	J B Manley	Dr R M Sutton
Miss K Bullock	P Manson	Mrs J K Tait
A R Byron	S Marshall	M Thompson
J R Cawood	S O'Brien	Dr J Varley
A B Clark	M C A Peirce	K Ververs
A W M Cooke	J Perry	M J Voaden
Dr E Coupland	E G Pettipher	Dr J S Warwick
Mrs S Cresswell	B Pickup	B M Welch
W J Daniels	M Potter	D R White-Cooper
Mrs P Durbidge	T Roberts	G T Woods
Mrs H Fletcher-Rogers	Mrs J T Robertson	M G Wright
T Forshaw	W J Sephton	

Deed of Covenant

Full names and
address in CAPITALS

I (Mr/Mrs/Miss)
of

Promise to pay KESWICK MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM out of my
taxed income such a sum as will after deduction of income tax at
the basic rate amount to

Please enter NET amount

£..... annually.

Date must be on or
after date of signing

The payments are to begin on the day of 19.....
and continue for a period of four years from that date or until
revoked by me, whichever period is the longer.

Witness must NOT
be spouse

SIGNED AND DELIVERED as a Deed

this day of 19.....

Covenantors Signature

.....

Signature of witness

.....

Full name and
address of witness

.....

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Please complete
if you know details

Tax district

Reference number

National Insurance Number

20

Bankers Order: PLEASE DO NOT DETACH

To: Bank plc

.....

(Name and address of your bank)

Name of account to be debited:

.....

Account Number

PLEASE PAY to Midland Bank plc, Market Square, Keswick,
Cumbria CA12 5BQ (Sort Code 40-26-06) for the credit of
KESWICK MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM (Account Number
60498173).

the sum of £ (figures)

..... (words)

on the day of 19.....

and a like sum ANNUALLY on the

day of

in each following year until revoked by me, making a minimum of
four payments in all.

Signed Date 19.....

(Your Signature)

Please return this completed Deed to:

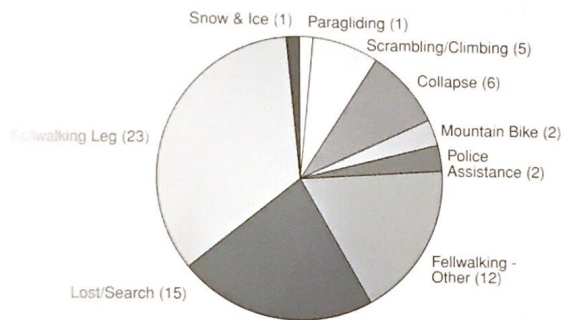
KESWICK MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

41 Blencathra Street, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4HX

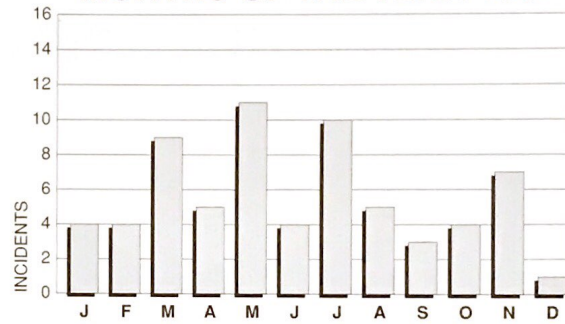
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INCIDENT TYPES 1997

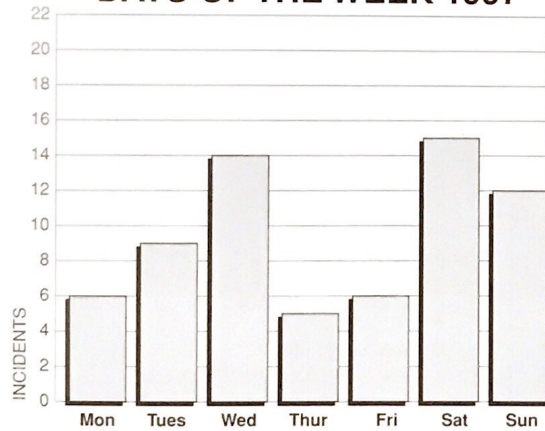
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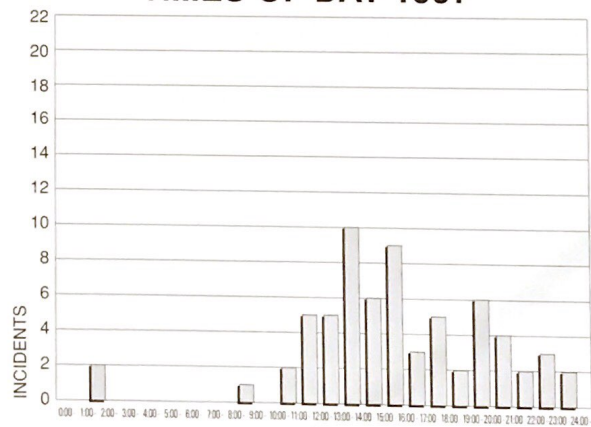
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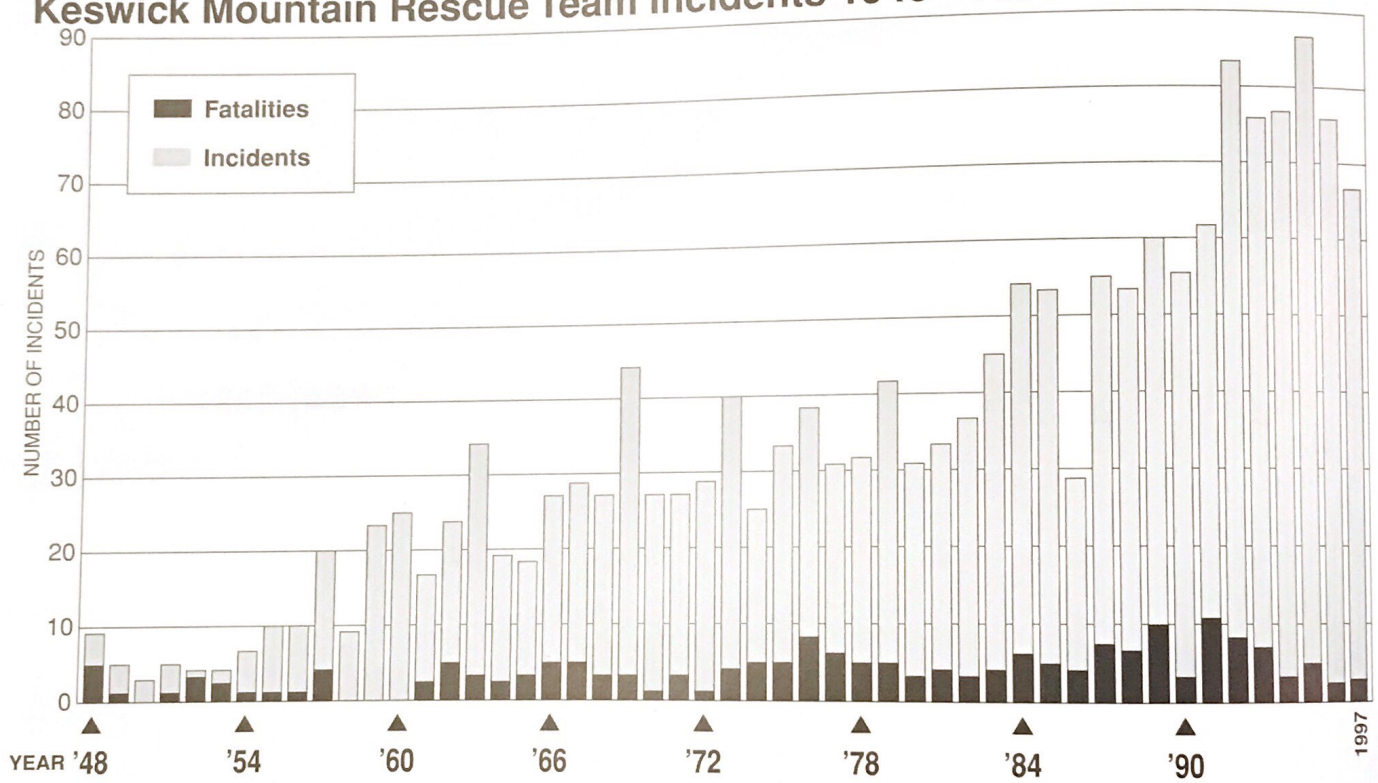
DAYS OF THE WEEK 1997



TIMES OF DAY 1997



Keswick Mountain Rescue Team Incidents 1948 - 1997



Donations 1997

Many people and organisations have made donations to Keswick Mountain Rescue Team during the course of the year. In common with all other Mountain Rescue Teams we receive no funding from official sources. We are, therefore, extremely grateful to all who support us in so many different and individual ways, allowing us to concentrate on assisting those in distress on the fells without having to be unduly concerned about every expense that is incurred. It is not possible to acknowledge all donors in the space available, however a full list is available on request.

Donations have been made in memory of the following:

Mrs H Bolger	Mrs N Chadwick	F Gannon
J Gibbs	N Gibbons	D Gourlay
C Green	Mrs J Gomersall	K Hill
G S Hindmarch	R Hockings	Mrs J Kenyan
A (Bert) Little	Mrs B Little	Mrs K J Lukey
Mrs K N Matthewson	J Singleton	D Tinto
F Winwood		



An archive photograph featuring members of the Team practising using the Austrian "Tragsitz" seat.

KESWICK MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

CALL OUT

THE FIRST 50 YEARS

by George Bott

On 24 April 1946, Wilfrid Noyce, later a member of John Hunt's successful Everest team, was badly injured while he was climbing on Great Gable. His rescue - a long and difficult operation - prompted a local climber, Colonel Horace Westmorland, to form a properly organised Mountain Rescue Team.

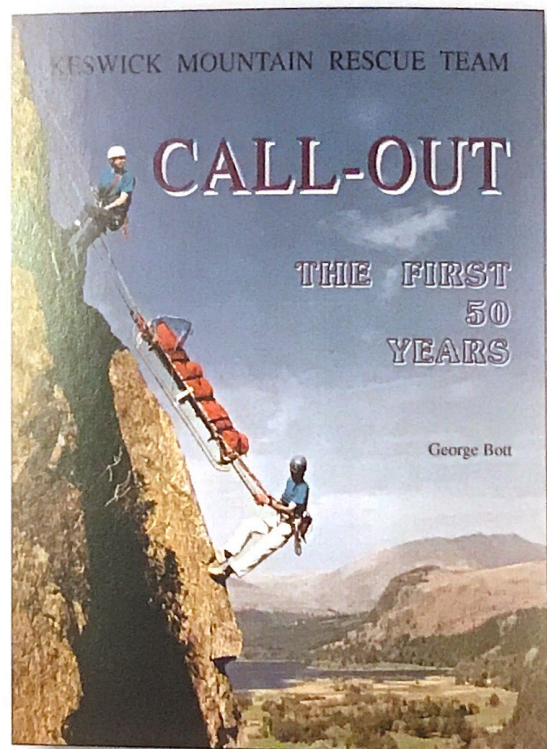
From its humble beginnings, the Team has grown into a highly efficient, well equipped group of volunteers, ready to respond to a call-out for help at any time of day or night.

CALL-OUT traces the story of the first 50 years of the Team, a history that records hardship and humour, dedication and drama, courage and commitment.

CALL-OUT has a full colour cover, photographs in colour and black and white, 56 pages.

Price £5 available in bookshops, or by post (£6 including postage and packing) from Brian Martland, Keswick Mountain Rescue Team, Cornerstones, 15 Helvellyn Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4EN.

All proceeds from the sale of **CALL-OUT** go to Team Funds.



For Mountain Rescue Call 999 and ask for Police

- Then be prepared to state:*
- Your name, and the number of the telephone from which you are ringing, and its location.
 - The nature of the incident, and its (accurate) location.
 - The time of the incident.
 - The number of casualties.
 - The details of any injuries.
- Then:*
- STAY BY THE PHONE so that the Team can contact you.



***Thank You for Supporting
Keswick Mountain Rescue Team***

A voluntary organisation funded by public donations