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	'Alerts' are included among the list of incidents here but they are not added to the total number of 'rescues'.					
1	05-Jan	09:45	Helvellyn Dodds Blencathra - Glenderaterra	A man in his 40s who went for a walk somewhere on the Dodds was reported overdue by the hotel in Patterdale where he was staying. After an unsuccessful overnight search in atrocious conditions by Patterdale MRT and search dogs, the search was escalated at first light. Keswick, Kendal, Kirkby Stephen and Penrith MRTs, plus 7 search dogs and a helicopter from RNAS Gannet assisted Patterdale in the search. The Police have since taken an interest in the man as he was not in the area where he said he was going! 14 members - 6 hours A 41 year old man hit a patch of ice whilst mountain biking, and crashed heavily, damaging his pelvis and leg. The Team was requested to attend by the		
2	15-Jan	11:31	Track	Ambulance Service, and assisted in carrying the casualty to the Air Ambulance, which had managed to land nearby and attend to the casualty. He was then airlifted to the Cumberland Infirmary for further treatment. 15 members - 1 hour 19 minutes		
3	18-Jan	14:13	Latrigg - Whinny Brow	A man reported himself having a panic attack, as he was on steep, slippery ground and unable to move. As the Team assembled, some members went direct to the location and one was quickly able to assist the man to easier ground, thence not requiring any further action from the Team.		
4	27-Jan	14:21	Helvellyn - Thirlspot	14 members - 37 minutes A 59 year old lady slipped on wet grass and suffered a leg injury. The Team administered First Aid, and carried her down to a waiting ambulance. She was taken to Lancaster Hospital for further treatment. 16 members - 1 hour 23 minutes		
5	31-Jan	02:37	Braithwaite Village	A 72 year old Alzheimers' sufferer, on holiday with his son, became confused and took his dog out for a walk. His son went to look for him and, unable to him, requested the help of police and the Team. The Team responded with a small group initially, and a Team search dog handler, en route to the base, encountered the missing man and his dog in Keswick town centre. He was delivered into the care of the police, who returned him, and his Labrador, safe well back to his family. 14 members, 2 search dogs - 1 hour 13 minutes		
6	04-Feb	13:55	Coledale Hause	A 47 year old man out walking with friends, slipped after taking off his crampons, and suffered a lower leg injury. The Team made its way to the scene, and assisted the crew of the Air Ambulance to splint the injury, and then load the patient into the helicopter for onward transport to the Cumberland Infirmary.		
				15 members - 1 hour 38 minutes		
7	04-Feb	15:55	Sharp Edge	A 38 year old lady attempted Sharp Edge and became cragfast on ice, just beyond the awkward step. She was discovered by a member of the public who called the Police. The Team immediately despatched a team of 6 to assist her, and further members joined as they become available. The two were recovered by rope, and assisted off the fell. 17 members - 4 hours 15 minutes		



A 63 year old lady slipped on frozen turf about 500m up the main ridge, and suffered a suspected broken ankle. The Team was called to assist the ambulance service who reached the scene just ahead of us, and after the lady had been splinted, stretchered her down to the waiting ambulance at Braithwaite Lodge.

15 members - 1 hour 26 minutes

8 11-Feb

9 15-Feb

10 17-Feb

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Barrow

Latrigg

Derwentwater



A 50 year old man slipped on a muddy path, and fractured his ankle. One of the Team doctors was quickly on scene, and the Team arrived shortly afterwards to help splint his leg. He was then sledged down to a waiting ambulance at Gale Road car park, and despatched to the Cumberland Infirmary for further treatment.

12 members - 1 hour 15 minutes



The Team was requested to organise the rescue of two canoeists who had capsized near Rampsholme Island. They had managed to get ashore. A further member of the party was on St Herbert's Island, where they had intended to camp for the night. The Team's boat was on the water within 15 minutes of getting the initial call, and went to check out those who had been in the water. At the same time, the Team's Sprinter ambulance was deployed to the Ashness landing stage with warm clothing, drinks and a Team Doctor. The boat ferried the two ashore to be checked over, and recovered the remaining member of the party from St Herbert's Island. All three were brought back to the Team HQ, and arrangements made for them to stay at a local Youth Hostel, as their camping gear had been lost in the capsize.

15 members 1 hour 57 minutes

11 1	17-Feb	19:25	Seathwaite	Whilst the last incident was in progress, a lone 43 year old male walker reported himself benighted somewhere near Seathwaite. Phone contact was lost whilst trying to establish where he thought he was, so plans were made on the little we knew. Two team members from the Borrowdale area were requested to check out the obvious footpaths, and a back up vehicle with 6 more members was sent to support them. Others stood by at base in case the initial search failed to find him. Fortunately, he was turned up by one of the Borrowdale contingent within 40 minutes of the intial call, and walked off to his vehicle at Seathwaite.
12 1	18-Feb	13:22	Whinlatter Forest	12 members - 1 hour 7 minutes A 27 year old old male mountain biker suffered a heavy fall, whilst negotiating a jump on the south loop. He broke his collar bone and some ribs on landing. The Team administered analgesia, splinted him in a vacuum mattress, and evacuated him with our Sprinter 4 x 4 ambulance to the Visitor Centre. He was then transferred to a road ambulance for transfer to the Cumberland Infirmary. 17 members - 1 hour 28 minutes
13 1	19-Feb	09:55	Harrop Tarn	The Team responded to a request to assist a collapsed 40 year old male near Harrop Tarn. The first vehicle had nearly arrived on scene when the Ambulance Service reported that the gentleman had fainted, come round, and had been able to walk to the ambulance with help. All were stood down.
14 1	19-Feb	11:00	Helvellyn - Thirlspot	18 members - 1 hour Team members rescued a sheep which had become cragfast.
15 2	21-Feb	11:34	Threlkeld area	4 members - 2 hours 10 minutes An 11 yr old child was reported missing and the Team was asked to help in the search. A member of the local community found the child, and the Team was stood down.
16 2	26-Feb	14:28	Blencathra - Sharp Edge	24 members - 1 hour 6 minutes A male in his 40s took a 50 foot tumbling fall into the usual gully whilst descending Sharp Edge. He suffered serious head, facial and leg injuries. The Team was immediately mobilised, and requested air support to assist with the rescue. The Air Ambulance managed to drop off a doctor and a paramedic, but then was forced to withdraw by the weather. Unfortunately, the cloud base then descended and as a consequence, the Team had to lower the casualty 150 feet down the gully, and only then could a Sea King from RAF Boulmer load the casualty aboard and fly him to Carlisle for treatment.
17 0	01-Mar	13:41	Skiddaw - Ullock Pike	24 members - 5 hours 32 minutes A 51 year old man collapsed whilst walking. The Team responded immediately and requested air support from both Air Ambulance and the RAF, while inserting foot parties from the top of Dodd. Unfortunately, the fluctuating cloud base meant that it was impossible for the Air Ambulance to reach the casualty. A paramedic from NWAS accompanied the team, and treated the casualty at the scene before he was stretchered down the ridge towards Bassenthwaite where a Sea King from RAF Valley was able to pick him up, and fly him to Furness General Hospital for treatment. 22 members - 3 hours 9 minutes
18 0)4-Mar	11:00	Woof Stones, Langstrath	We were requested by a local farmer to rescue a cragfast sheep. The job was accomplished successfully. 4 member - 4 hours 30 minutes
0	08-Mar	14:37	Greenup - Helm Crag area	We received a call to assist a man who had fractured his knee and become disorientated. As this job rather looked as if it belonged to Langdale/Ambleside MRT, we passed it on to them. However, they contacted us again a couple of hours later saying that they would like our help in locating this casualty. Happily, they then found the man and were able to complete the job without our assistance.
19 0	9-Mar	19:02	Glaramara - Hind Gill	A couple got lost above Hind Gill. The Team turned out, and one of the local team members from Borrowdale located them fairly swiftly. However, one member of the party was unwilling to descend the steep and slippery Hind Gill path, so the decision was made to walk them down to Mountain View.
20 1	LO-Mar	12:24	Low Briery	15 members - 4 hours 30 minutes A couple riding a hired tandem came to grief on a boardwalk which was rather damp and greasy. The teenage girl injured her knee. We were requested to attend by the Ambulance Authority to carry the girl to the ambulance. 13 members - 50 minutes
21 1	.4-Mar	16:03	Seathwaite area	A 48 year old lady from Devon, walking with her husband, slipped on the path down Taylorgill, and injured her ankle. The Team splinted her at the scene, and stretchered her down to a waiting ambulance at Seathwaite Farm. She was taken to the Cumberland Infirmary for further treatment. 19 members - 1 hour 42 minutes
	L4-Mar L5-Mar	17:04	Central Fells Cat Bells	Whilst the previous rescue was in progress, the Team was alerted to a pair of walkers lost in cloud somewhere in the Central Fells area. They thought they were on Esk Pike, but the grid reference they provided put them on Glaramara. On further investigation this turned out to be in Langdale/Ambleside's area, so the job was passed to them. However, as it was impossible to re-contact the informant on either of the mobile phone numbers given, action was deferred until contact could be re-established. The sequel to this story was that these 2 people eventually ended up in Wasdale and had to pay £110 for a taxi back to their car in Langdale! NOTE - If you need to call out rescue services, and have a signal at your location, then stay put. In many areas, you don't need to move far, for contact to be lost. A 64 yr old female fell on to her outstretched arm and broke her wrist. She was in a lot of pain so we administered analgesia before stretchering her down to the road to an ambulance which took her to hospital. 2 hours 25 minutes

A 58 year old male collapsed with heat exhaustion whilst walking the Cumbria Way with a companion. The Team initially sent a small group to assist him down, only to find that the Great North Air Ambulance had been tasked to pick him up. However, the aircraft was only able to land about 800m away, and as the crew were unable to carry him to the aircraft unaided, the Team went up to help get him on board. The aircraft then flew him down to the Team's vehicle, and he was taken to Keswick Cottage Hospital for a check up.

13 members - 3 hours 5 minutes

Great Lingy Hill

23 27-Mar

16:35



24	31-Mar	12:31	Borrowdale - Woden's Face	A young man fell 3 metres whilst bouldering, suffering rib, arm and knee injuries. The Team was summoned to assist the ambulance service to transport him to the Great North Air Ambulance. He was flown to Whitehaven Hospital for treatment. 13 members - 1 hour 31 minutes
25	03-Apr	14:51	Seathwaite Tarn or Farm?	Strange one, this A man phoned to report that his wife, who was with a group of 16 children, had slipped and broken an arm at Seathwaite. The Grid Reference he gave appeared to place them in Braithwaite (in our area). The mobile phone number passed to us by police was one digit short, so the informant could not be re-contacted. The Team decided to set off for Seathwaite, only to be recalled when the man phoned in again, and it turned out to be near Seathwaite Tarn, South Cumbria. So we all came home again and left it to Duddon and Furness MRT!
26	10-Apr	14:48	High Seat - Dodd	12 members - 23 minutes A 51 year old lady slipped on a muddy path and broke her leg. An Air Ambulance also ppeared on scene, but required assistance from the Team by stretchering the lady to the aircraft. She was flown to the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle for further treatment. 14 members - 1 hour 35 minutes

20 members - 2
hours 8 minutes

53	19-Jun	13:16	Borrowdale - Taylorgill	A 49 year old man collapsed with chest pains. An Air Ambulance attended, but despite CPR, he was pronounced dead at the scene. The Team was asked to evacuate his body to Seathwaite. 19 members - 3 hours 34 minutes
54	19-Jun	15:15	Friar's Crag	Whilst the previous rescue was in progress, an 88 year old lady collapsed at Friar's Crag. A few extra Team members were available to assist and the Team doctor attended from surgery. The lady recovered enough to be taken to the Cottage Hospital for further examination. 6 members - 35 minutes
55	22-Jun	15:03	Honister Mine	Police requested assistance to recover the body of a man from Honister Mine. 18 members - 3 hours 57 minutes
56	23-Jun	02:30	Keswick Town centre	The Team was asked to provide some swiftwater technicians to assist the Fire & Rescue Service with potential flooding and evacuation work. The Team went to check out various problems at the request of the controlling Fire Officer. We returned to base at 0415 as the water was receding, and stood down at 0450.
57	26-Jun	16:05	Whinlatter Forest	12 members - 2 hours 25 minutes The Team was requested to attend Tarbarrel Moss by the ambulance service to help evacuate a mountain biking casualty with a leg injury. However, the ambulance crew were able to retrieve him without assistance and the Team was stood down whilst en route. 16 members - 37 minutes
58	27-Jun	19:09	Dale Head - Rigg Head Quarries	A 16 year old student trapped his foot briefly, and suffered an Achilles Tendon injury. Intially there was some confusion about the location of the incident, but one of the local Team members located the group, and was able to inform HQ as to where to deploy the Team. The casualty was stretchered down to Rosthwaite to meet up with a civilian ambulance. 18 members - 2 hours 25 minutes

59) 06-Jul	18:29	Oughterside	A 51 year old male reported himself unwell and near collapse on the Stoneycroft track during a descent from Causey Pike. The Team despatched two vehicles, and located him just above Oughterside. He was treated for exhaustion, and after some time for recuperation, was able to be walked by Team members down to Force Crag mine. He was then driven down to Braithwaite to be reunited with family members, who took him to the Cumberland Infirmary for a check up.
				23 members - 2 hours 22 minutes
	07-Jul	15:50	Helvellyn - Whiteside	During a charity day being led by the Team, a couple requested assistance, as they had lost the footpath in mist coming off Helvellyn. Using the SARLOC system, where a a GPS position can be established using a smartphone, we were able to give them advice as to which way to traverse to locate the footpath. A further phone call after an hour ensured that they had managed to make their way on to safer ground.
60) 08-Jul	16:42	Castle Crag, Borrowdale	The Team were requested to assist a lady who had fallen and dislocated her shoulder. However, as the Team were en route, they were informed that the ambulance was in attendance, and they were stood down. 11 members - 20 minutes
61	. 10-Jul	13:20	Blencathra - Glendaterra track	The Team was requested to attend an 80 year old lady, part of an organised walking group, who had turned her ankle at the far end of the Glendaterra track. The Team splinted the leg, and transported her in the Landrover as far as the Blencathra Centre, where she was transferred to a road ambulance, for onward transport to the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.
62	. 14-Jul	16:36	Central Fells - Corridor route	12 members - 1 hour 23 minutes A 27 year old female, taking part in a challenge event, stumbled and hurt her hip, so she was unable to weight bear. There was some misunderstanding as to whose area the incident was in, but Keswick responded by sending a Landrover with 6 Team members to Seathwaite to make a start. There were also two Team members already on the hill, and in the event, they were able to assist the crew of the Air Ambulance to load the casualty for transport to West Cumberland Hospital. 13 members - 1 hour 44 minutes
63	3 21-Jul	10:40	Brandreth - Moses Trod	A 64 year old male acting as radio cover for a 10 Peaks event, slipped whilst crossing a boulder field, and broke his ankle. As the location was unclear, somewhere on the boundary of Keswick and Cockermouth teams, both attended. The Great North Air Ambulance located the casualty but was unable to put down near him because of unsuitable ground conditions. It eventually landed 500m away. The aircraft doctor then treated the casualty, and personnel from the two teams arrived, The casualty was then carried 500m uphill, and loaded on to the Air Ambulance to be flown to West Cumberland Hospital for treatment.
64	25-Jul	12:05	Borrowdale - Scale Close Coppice	7 Team members on the hill; 9 on stand by at base + 8 Cockermouth Team members - 2 hours 56 minutes. A 19 year old male with a Duke of Edinburgh group collapsed with stomach pains, and was unable to stand. The Team attended and treated him for exhaustion. He was stretchered down to Rosthwaite, and taken by ambulance to Keswick Hospital for observation and treatment.



65	28-Jul	19:02	Whinlatter Forest	A 51 year old man, visiting for the day with his family, suffered an epileptic fit whilst on a walk. One of his children raised the alarm, and the Team and Ambulance service combined to locate him on the south side of the forest. By the time the Team arrived, he had recovered somewhat, and the Ambulance paramedic suggested that he should be taken to West Cumberland Hospital for further tests. 10 members - 1 hour 8 minutes A couple in their 40s rang the police to report themselves lost "somewhere in the Scafell area". This call initially went to Wasdale MRT who initiated a search,
66	29-Jul	23:50	Central Fells - Esk Hause	but had to escalate it with assistance from two other teams and Mountain Rescue Search Dogs. There was very little information at first about where they might be. They were not well equipped for the conditions of low cloud and persistent rain. Keswick were asked to cover routes from the Seathwaite side of the hill. The couple were eventually discovered in the top of Calf Cove Beck at about 2.40 am, and evacuated by a Sea King from RAF Boulmer, in poor visibility. 11 members - 5 hours 55 minutes
67	02-Aug	12:30	Langstrath - Woof Stones	Two sheep were successfully recovered by Team members after being reported as cragfast. 2 members - 3 hours 30 minutes A group of 3 were reported overdue from a walk. They had no torches, and had last been seen at Sty Head Tarn. The Team began to assemble, but were stood
	04-Aug	22:29	Sty Head	down when a local team member at Seathwaite reported their safe arrival at the farm. 5 members - 28 minutes
68	10-Aug	23:36	Greenup Edge	A 74 year old man was reported overdue by his walking companion on the Coast to Coast between Rosthwaite and Grasmere. Themisperhad had trouble with his footwear, and had fallen behind his friend. As he had a previous medical history, the Team mobilised immediately, and requested assistance from Langdale team, and Lake District Mountain Rescue Search dogs. He was found by Team members in Wythburn, walking in his socks (!). He was provided with a pair of boots, and assisted down to his accommodation in Grasmere.
				13 members + Langdale team + 7 search dog teams - 3 hours 40 mins
69	11-Aug	11:14	Latrigg	A 49 year old mountain biker parted company with his machine descending Spooney Green, and suffered a fracture dislocation of the shoulder. He was treated at the scene, and transferred to a road ambulance for transport to the Cumberland Infirmary. 16 members - 46 minutes
70	20-Aug	16:04	Borrowdale - Nitting Haws	A couple walking on the High Spy ridge decided to try and shorten their route by descending through Nitting Haws. Unfortunately, they lost the path, managed to traverse into some very difficult ground, and became cragfast. They phoned for assistance, and the Team despatched a group to locate them. The couple were able to describe their position quite accurately, and were found in an area of steep drops and loose rock. They were roped down to a safer ledge, and then along a traverse to reach safer ground. They were then walked down to the farm, and given transport back to Keswick.
				9 members - 2 hours 59 minutes
	21-Aug	22:06	Sty Head area	A report was received of a group overdue. In the time it took the Team Leader to phone the police to get details, they had walked into Seathwaite Farm!
71	27-Aug	15:13	Newlands - Stoneycroft	Ambulance control requested assistance to locate and treat a lady with a leg injury somewhere on the Stoneycroft track. A Team vehicle was despatched immediately, and a number of team members went direct. In the event, the first team member to arrive discovered that the lady had been recovered by a group gill scrambling, and was already at the ambulance. The Team was stood down. 20 members - 25 minutes
	27-Aug	20:53	Wythburn to Stonethwaite	On a day when the weather had consisted of persistent rain for much of the day, a group of four Duke of Edinburgh adventurers was reported overdue at their campsite by a supervisor. The Team was alerted, but a decision was made to give them more time to walk in. They duly arrived at the campsite an hour later, reporting that Wythburn had been "very boggy"!
72	30-Aug	16:06	Dale Head Tarn	An 80 year old gentleman walking with his daughter, suffered a back spasm and was unable to continue. The Team sent a vehicle to the top of Honister, and a group then made its way to help out. The Great North Air Ambulance beat the team to the scene, and he was given pain relief. Team members then assisted the gentleman to the aircraft, and he was flown down to Honister to meet up with the Team's ambulance. He was then transported back to his accommodation.
				20 members - 2 hrs 14 mins
73	30-Aug	23:00	Moses Trod area	Cockermouth Team was called to search for an elderly overdue couple doing the Coast to Coast route, who had not turned up at Rosthwaite. They requested help from Keswick and Lake District Search Dogs. The Team sent out three parties to cover the likely routes from our end, but these were stood down when the couple turned up, tired but well, at Gatesgarth Farm in Buttermere. 8 members + CMRT + 3 search dog teams - 45 minutes
74	01-Sep	1220	Sticks Pass	Police requested the assistance of the Team to treat and recover a fellrunner on a local event, who had become mildly hypothermic at the top of Sticks Pass. The Team collected information from the event control point at Legburthwaite, and set off up the Pass with the necessary equipment. Approximately a third of the way up, the members were informed that an Air Ambulance was attending the incident. The Team continued until word was received that the aircraft had successfully collected the casualty, and flown him down to the event control. At that point, the Team stood down, and returned to base.
				7 Members on the hill; 11 others involved either in various support roles, or on stand by - 1 hour 30 minutes.
75	01-Sep	22:47	Wythburn	One could excuse Team members for being slightly less than enthusiastic to turn out for a second night's search - particularly when they were asked to search for the group that they had searched for on Incident 73! This time the request for assistance came from Langdale team, who had a report of an overdue group on the Coast to Coast. The Team was tasked with checking out the route from Stonethwaite to Greenup Edge, whilst one of the Team's search dogs went round to Wythburn to assist a Langdale party and dog. Fortunately, the group was located fairly close to the road by a Lakes Search Dog, and they were helped off the hill. It transpired that the 73 year old gentleman had turned his ankle badly, and this had slowed the group down.
76	03-Sep	13:59	Thirlmere - Harrop Tarn	10 members + Search Dog - 1 hour 36 minutes. A 70 year old man walking with a friend, slipped on wet grass and suffered a fracture dislocation of his ankle. Whilst the Team were en route, he re-located the ankle joint himself! When the Team arrived, they splinted the ankle, and the Great North Air ambulance flew in to evacuate him. However, as the ground was so soft, the only solid location for landing proved to be 400 metres uphill, so the Team stretchered him to the aircraft. He was then flown to West Cumberland Hospital for further treatment.

Hospital for further treatment. 19 members - 2 hours 21 minutes



A 30 year old lady fell and twisted her knee on the path just below Great End; this caused her to fall backwards and cause a recurrence of an existing back problem. The Team despatched a vehicle with six personnel, but further back up was slowed by a subsequent callout. Because of low cloud, air support was not an option, so the Team requested further assistance from Cockermouth MRT. The casualty was stretchered from the hill, and transferred to an ambulance so she could be transported to West Cumberland Hospital for further treatment.

18 members + 9 Cockermouth - 5 hours



A 78 year old man slipped and fell whilst walking the shoreline close to Ashness landing stage. He suffered a severe head injury, and the Ambulance service requested assistance to evacuate him from the shore. Personnel en route to the previous incident were diverted to help, which took some time. Once he was in the ambulance, team members then continued to help at Incident 77.

9 members - 1 hour 2 minutes

The Team was requested to assist Langdale Ambleside team by searching for a 69 year old solo male walker, who suffered from a medical condition. He had gone out for a walk over Helm Crag and not returned. The Team mobilised a small group with three search dogs, to sweep up Wythburn as far as Greenup Edge. Fortunately, the man was located at the top of Far Easedale by Langdale after an hour and a quarter. The casualty was airlifted from the scene by an RAF helicopter.

7 members + 3 search dogs - 2 hours 10 minutes.

A 52 year old woman, climbing with her son, took a 10 metre pendulum fall, and damaged her back and head. Her son managed to lower her to the ground, and raise the alarm. The Team turned out swiftly and, assisted by the paramedic from the Great North Air Ambulance, treated and splinted her at the scene. A helicopter from RAF Valley was tasked to assist, and winched the casualty from the scene. She was flown to Cumberland Infirmary for further treatment.

17 members - 3 hours 15 minutes



A 42 year old man turned his ankle badly, and his companion requested assistance. The Team set off to Swirls car park, but in the meantime, an RAF Sea King which was assisting Cockermouth MRT offered to collect the casualty after completing its task in Buttermere. The helicopter went direct to the scene and then flew the casualty to the Cumberland. The Team was then stood down.

12 members - 53 minutes

The Team was summoned to a casualty with a leg injury. This incident was originally reported to be on Striding Edge, but the map reference was for Lower Man. It proved impossible to contact the informant, so the Team sent out one vehicle, and also alerted Patterdale MRT in case the incident was on their side. Once contact was established, it was clear that the task was Patterdale's, and the Team stood down.

9 members - 40 minutes

Wasdale MRT requested assistance from the Team in walking a vulnerable person off the hill from the Sty Head area. A group of 6 was despatched to Seathwaite, but in the event, the person was already off the hill and accounted for.

7 members - 35 minutes

We were requested, alongside other Lake District teams, to go down to Wales on the following morning to join in the search for 5 year old April Jones. However, late that evening, Dyfed Powys Police decided to withdraw all mountain rescue teams, which had hitherto concentrated on the remote and inaccessible areas of the search. In all, MRTs had spent 9250 hours in the search.

The Team was alerted to a casualty reported as suffering a hip injury after a fall. This turned out to be a 26 year old man who had attempted to speed fly down from Windy Gap, using a rig similar to a paraglider. He was caught by a cross wind, the canopy collapsed, and he fell between 10 and 15 metres to the ground, suffering back and pelvic injuries. The incident was attended by the Great North Air Ambulance, and the Team assisted the paramedic to splint the casualty with a spinal splint. They then transported him to the aircraft. Because of the nature of his injuries, he was flown directly to the Royal Victoria Infirmary at Newcastle for treatment.

The Team was requested to attend a 64 year old lady who had fallen and damaged her ankle whilst walking on her own. The first vehicle set off with 6 team members, whilst others stood by to follow on. Fortunately the Great North Air Ambulance was able to attend. The first team group went to assist the air crew to load the casualty, and the incident was quickly resolved. She was flown to the Cumberland Infirmary for treatment.

14 members - 2 hours 5 minutes

14 members - 2 hours 26 minutes

A 70 year old lady walking with an organised party, slipped crossing a stream and broke her wrist. The Team accessed the location by driving up from Rakefoot Farm to a point where it was impossible to go any further (because of the very wet ground) and then made their way to the casualty on foot. After treatment, she was stretchered back to Rakefoot Farm, where she was transferred to a road ambulance. She was taken to the Cumberland Infirmary for treatment.

19 members - 1 hour 30 minutes

Two men, aged 45 and 37, part of a larger group walking from Seathwaite, decided to press on to the summit of Scafell Pike, after the rest of the group turned back. The weather was very poor with heavy rain and high winds. They had no torch, compass or map, and were navigating from a guidebook. Unsurprisingly, they got lost and benighted. This resulted in a search by 4 rescue teams and 11 search dogs, lasting until 23:25 when they were located in the stretcher box at Mickledore between Scafell and Scafell Pike, by Wasdale team members. By the time everyone was down off the hill, it was 03:00. The weather had been widely forecast, the clocks had gone back - but we weren't surprised, as this happens every year, despite the warnings.

14 members + 3 other teams + 11 Search Dogs - 7 hours 50 minutes

Winter is upon us - and it is now dark by 5 o'clock - earlier if the weather is bad. Go properly prepared, with torch, compass, map, warm clothing and a whistle. It is sensible to start early, and to finish early.

A lady and her 11 year old son, walking with their dog in very slippery conditions, were advised that it was possible to descend Sharp Edge from the summit. They managed to get most of the way down towards the bad step, and became cragfast, having witnessed the events of Rescue 89. The Team split forces between the two incidents, with one party going to the summit and rigging ropes to enable the lady, her son and dog to be recovered, and walked off down to Scales.

15 members - 4 hours 41 minutes



77 13-Sep 13:36 Grains Gill

78 13-Sep 13:58 Derwentwater shore
 79 18-Sep 20:50 Wythburn

80 25-Sep 13:00 Combe Ghyll - Corvus

81 26-Sep 17:43 Helvellyn - Above Swirls

82 29-Sep 12:55 Helvellyn - Lower Man
 83 01-Oct 17:40 Sty Head

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Central Fells

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84 20-Oct

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85 27-Oct 12:19 High Pike

86 27-Oct 15:30 Walla Crag

17:00

88 29-Oct 13:30 Blencathra - Sharp Edge



Rescues 88 and 89 in progress

Three men decided to descend Sharp Edge. Having reached the difficult step, they decided it was too dangerous to continue. In trying to retreat, a 17 year old slipped and fell 20 metres into the usual gully, on the north side of the ridge. He was extremely fortunate only to suffer minor abrasions and cuts, and even more fortunate not to fall further. A 19 year old attempted to get to him and became cragfast 15 metres down Foule Crag. Eventually, a member of the public managed to get to him, and ascertain that his injuries were not life threatening. The Team rigged ropes from the ridge to allow a Team member to recover both casualties to the lower path, where they were then walked off to safety.

15 members - 4 hours 41 minutes

Sharp Edge is notoriously slippery after rain and for some days afterwards. Descent is much harder than ascent. Incidents on Sharp Edge tend to be serious!

fully committed, the incident was passed to Penrith MRT. A 31 year old man slipped and suffered an ankle injury whilst descending. Although his companions managed to carry him about 300 metres, it was obvious they weren't going to get down without help. They were well-equipped with a shelter and the relevant equipment (which was just as well, as it was snowing by

then!) and looked after their companion until the Team arrived. The casualty was stretchered down to Seathwaite Farm, and a road ambulance transferred the

Whilst the two previous incidents were in progress, the Team was contacted to deal with a 50 year old female with abdominal pains. As we were at that point

casualty to the West Cumberland Hospital for treatment. 15 members - 3 hours 14 minutes

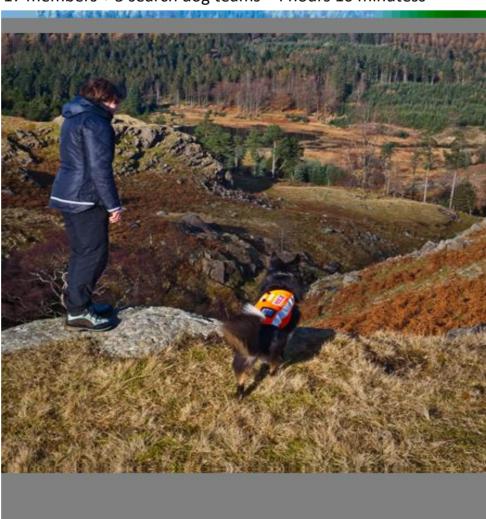




A concerned member of the public rang the police to say he could see stationary lights on Sticks Pass. These could have been from someone in trouble, and as a result one of the Deputy Team Leaders went to check it out. It turned out to be a number of UFO spotters, who, shall we say, had 'fortified themselves' before taking to the hill. They were persuaded to come down for their own safety! 1 member - 1 hour 21 minutes

Police requested the assistance of the Team in searching the area around Harrop Tarn and Blea Tarn for a missing despondant man, missing from home. The Team deployed a number of parties, and 5 search dogs were able to come and share some of the workload. Despite a significant amount of ground being searched, nothing was found.

17 members + 5 search dog teams - 4 hours 10 minutess



Shouts for help were reported. A small team attended, only to find that some passing runners had assisted two men who had fallen. As they were safely in the Castlehead Wood hands of the ambulance crew, the Team stood down. 3 members - 40 minutes Police requested the assistance of the Team to help with a local incident. This was resolved prior to the Team arriving on scene. Rigg Beck 4 members - 30 minutes

> A 50 year old lady slipped and fell, badly breaking her forearm, near the summit of Bakestall. This was an extremely painful injury. The Team accessed the scene from the Dash Falls track, and was nearly on scene when the Great North Air Ambulance arrived. The doctor from the Air Ambulance administered suitable analgesia; the casualty was then splinted and carried (uphill) to the aircraft. She was then flown to the Cumberland Infirmary for treatment.

15 members - 2 hours 15 minutes

89 29-Oct Blencathra - Sharp Edge 14:16

29-Oct Bannerdale Crags 15:12

90 03-Nov 17:32 Grains Gill, Borrowdale

92 05-Nov 09:24 Harrop Tarn area

00:26

Sticks Pass

91 04-Nov

93 13-Nov 19:50 94 14-Nov 22:56

95 18-Nov 12:45 Bakestall



A 26 year old lady walking with a companion, slipped on the Edge, and fell 10 metres into the usual gully, suffering arm and spinal injuries. A highly efficient joint agency approach saw the Great North Air Ambulance lift team members and equipment from Mousthwaite Comb on to the ridge. The paramedic from the air ambulance worked with team members to stabilise the casualty, while other Team members walked up by the usual route to assist. Other members of the party were secured by ropes, and the Great North Air Ambulance then "landed on" just to the east of the ridge, to allow a helicopter from RAF Boulmer to winch the casualty and her companion direct from the gully into the aircraft. They were flown to the Cumberland Infirmary so the lady could have further medical treatment. This combined operation by the three services meant that an incident that might in many circumstances last 4 hours or more, meant that the casualty was on her way to hospital within an hour and a half of the first call. The Team then de-rigged the ropes, and returned to base.

14 members - 3 hours 39 minutes

It is worth repeating the advice given after Rescue 89:

Sharp Edge is notoriously slippery after rain and for some days afterwards. Descent is much harder than ascent. Incidents on Sharp Edge tend to be serious!



A 41 year old man and his 12 year old son managed to get part of the way up Sharp Edge in icy conditions, and then became cragfast in a very precarious position in the gully which led to the summit. They phoned for assistance but were stuck for an hour and a half before the Team reached them. An RAF Sea King from Boulmer was tasked to assist. The Team summitted with the necessary equipment in 55 minutes from leaving the base and the helicopter arrived at more or less the same time as the first team members. Some very skilful flying from the aircrew meant that father and son were winched to safety in a few minutes, and then flown down to their transport at the foot of the mountain. The aircraft then returned and flew Team members and their equipment backdown to their vehicles at Mousthwaite Combe. This could have turned out very differently, had the two not been able to hang on, and they were very aware of how fortunate they had been. For advice, see Rescues 89 and 96!

15 members - 2 hours 14 minutes

The Team received a request from Cockermouth MRT to assist them as they had two simultaneous rescues. The Team responded with two Team vehicles and personnel to stretcher a lady, with an ankle injury, down from the path between High Snockrigg and the top of Robinson. She was taken to West Cumberland Hospital for treatment.

13 members - 1 hour 53 minutes



A female fellrunner slipped on wet, boggy ground and managed to sustain a fracture/dislocation of her ankle. She was treated at the scene by the Team and a paramedic before being stretchered downhill to a point where the Great North Air Ambulance had managed to land. She was then flown to West Cumberland

Hospital for treatment. 14 members - 1 hour 48 minutes



A 34 year old man took a 3m tumbling fall whilst descending the side of the Glendaterra Beck. He called for help, and some passers-by assisted him down to the beck. The Team turned out 10 members, in case he needed to be stretchered, but he was actually remarkably unaffected by his fall, having suffered cuts and dislocated fingers which he had put back himself. He declined treatment, but the Team did transport him down into Threlkeld to meet up with his prearrnaged lift.

12 members - 1 hour 6 minutes

The Team responded to a report that a 60 year old member of an organised walking group had collapsed 300m north of the summit. The weather conditions of rain and 40 - 50 knot winds made this a difficult rescue. A helicopter from RAF Valley was requested, as well The Great North Air Ambulance, which managed to deploy its paramedic on to Maiden Moor. However, he then had to walk for 15 minutes to get to the casualty site where a Team paramedic and party members were administering CPR. Sadly, despite the best efforts of all involved, the casualty could not be revived. The Team then recovered his body down to Hollows Farm.

24 members - 2 hours 55 minutes.

As the Team were clearing up from the previous incident, a report was received that a 27 year old male was lost in mist on Great Lingy Hill. He had located the shooting hut, but was not confident to find his way off the hill. A small team was sent out to assist him down to his transport.

9 members - 2 hours 13 minutes

96 21-Nov 14:01 Blencathra - Sharp Edge

97 24-Nov 12:06 Blencathra - Sharp Edge

98 29-Nov 14:36 Buttermere - High Snockrigg

Lord's Seat

Glenderaterra Beck

100 26-Dec

99 09-Dec

101 31-Dec 11:43 High Spy

14:29

11:48

102 31-Dec 15:10 Great Lingy Hill