

KMRT Rescues, 2003

A collection of interesting events this year.

1	3 January	18:52	Nethermost Pike - above Wythburn Church	A man (65 yrs) slipped and stumbled on an icy path while descending, breaking his leg. The alarm was raised some 4 hours later!
2		23:11	Local incident	A man (79 yrs) and an Alzheimer sufferer was reported missing from his local Nursing Home. A search was mounted involving 42 people from 2 Teams together with 5 search dogs. The man was found in a local churchyard next morning, cold but otherwise well.
3	5 January	12:30	Grisedale Pike	A man in his 50s was reported to be in a collapsed condition. A helicopter was tasked but despite the Team's efforts at the scene, the man was not able to be revived.
4	7 January	11:54	Allerdale Ramble above Rosthwaite	A lady (58 yrs) slipped on the icy track and broke her wrist and leg.
5	10 January	14:26	Latrigg - east side	A man (22 yrs) slipped and injured his ankle. We were requested to assist the ambulance because of icy conditions.
6	12 January	21:30	Crinkle Crag area	Request from Langdale/Ambleside MRT to assist in search for overdue solo walker (35 yrs). He was located on Long Top in the early hours, cold and wet but otherwise OK.
7	18 January	19:53	Base Brown	A man (32 yrs) and woman (30 yrs) used their mobile phone to call for help having become lost and benighted on a walk to Black Sail hostel. It was not clear where they were initially, but they were eventually located cold and exhausted and were escorted back down to the valley.
8	21 January	23:30	Glaragara	A request from Langdale/Ambleside MRT for advice and assistance in evacuating 3 lost, benighted walkers from High House Tarn.
9	22 January	12:23	Eel Crag, Newlands	3 hounds were reported to be in difficulties. One had been killed and 2 had been cra gfast overnight. Attempts were made to rescue the dogs, but poor conditions of ice and snow determined the rescue be delayed until the next day. A 600' roped descent located the dogs and brought them down to safety.
10	23 January	16:30	Helvellyn - above the Swirls	An elderly couple used their mobile phone to summon assistance after they had lost the path and were beginning to run out of daylight - on a magic one-off day of snows on the tops, blue skies and sunshine.

11	5 February	15:19	Latrigg above the car park	A man (24 yrs) got it wrong when sledging and broke his leg. The Team Land Rover was used for access as the road was icebound and the ambulance had been unable to attend.
12	10 February	16:41	Central Fells	2 ladies (35 and 40 yrs) set off from Seat hwaite for Scafell Pike but encountered a snow storm and become lost and bewildered. In their attempts to get out of their predicament, one of them fell and injured her ankle. The subsequent search, following a truncated mobile phone call involved 7 teams, 140 searchers and 2 rescue helicopters over 2 days. They were located by a helicopter suffering from mild hypothermia near Throstle Garth in Eskdale.
13	15 February	11:08	Barf - The Bishop	A young lady (24 yrs) had a panic attack on the steep ground. This was exacerbated by her boy friend not returning for 40 minutes while he was looking for an escape route.
14	22 February	14:49	Great Wood	A diabetic lady (62 yrs) sustained an ankle injury while walking. The Team was recalled as the incident was dealt with by the ambulance crew.
15		20:25	Great Wood	A Canadian couple (21 yrs) became lost in the dark under Walla Crag. They were located and assisted down.
16	25 February	18:49	Gillercomb Buttress	Some walkers saw some climbers on the crag and heard them shouting. In good faith, they called for mountain rescue. A search of the crag and surrounding area found nothing amiss.
17	5 April	15:28	Bowderstone	A young girl (10 yrs) fell about 6' when scrambling on the boulder. She knocked herself out momentarily and injured her back.
18	8 April	14:28	Walla Crag	A paraglider (45 yrs) made a bad landing. He sustained a broken pelvis, ribs and shoulder injuries. He was airlifted to hospital. At the same time, a lady broke her ankle near Ashness Bridge and a distressed young lady called at our HQ, suffering from an acute medical problem.
19	12 April	16:01	Langstrath - Bleak How	A young lady (27 yrs) fell 30' while leading a climb. She was concussed with unspecified injuries. A helicopter, already in the area, was used to transport her to hospital.
20	13 April	13:36	Blencathra summit	A male walker (53 yrs) collapsed and died despite the best efforts of a passing nurse and doctor. He was airlifted from the mountain.

21		16:45	Honister Pass	A lady (70 yrs) stumbled and fell, sustaining injuries to her wrist, face, head and knee.
22	15 April	16:32	Causey Pike	A lady (47 yrs) turned her ankle near the summit.
23		20:05	Shepherd's Crag - Eve	A female climber (32 yrs) fell about 2 metres, bounced off her second, and landed with back pains.
24	17 April	11:12	Barrow and Oughterside	Three days were spent with the fire service, National Trust and Park Rangers in tackling a huge fire which was fanned by the strong easterly winds.
25	17 April	21:25	Glaramara - Thorneythwaite Fell	A man (51 yrs) was carried off in an exhausted condition, having overstretched his expectations.
26	27 April	01:45	Central Fells	We were requested by Wasdale MRT to search the routes from Scafell Pike on our side of the mountain. 3 men had become separated in rain and mist on the summit at 9 pm, eventually using a mobile phone to call for help. Two were found on Brown Tongue and the third at the Mickledore stretcher box.
27	1 May	00:09	Base Brown	A man (21 yrs) and 2 youths (15 yrs & 16 yrs) went off-route when trying to descend Taylorgill. They had attempted to climb out of difficulties and had become cragfast.
28	3 May	12:17	Castle Crag	A lady (70 yrs) stumbled and badly gashed her leg. She was taken to hospital by a helicopter which was training in the area.
29		19:42	Bakestall - above Dead Crag	A group of 14 youngsters with a few adults went to ground when confronted with poor weather, steep ground and an injured party member. The children were safely escorted down and the lady (41 yrs) with back problems was stretchered off.
30	11 May	11:15	Woden's Face 'Direct'	A climber (17 yrs) fell 20' while leading. He pulled out his protection and landed at the bottom with 2 broken wrists, cuts and bruises.
31	25 May	16:00	Brandlehow, Derwentwater	A lady (70 yrs) slipped on tree roots and broke the neck of her femur.
32		16:50	Cat Bells	Three ladies decided to push an all-terrain buggy with a baby in it up the side of the mountain. They got to the point where they couldn't go back down, so used their mobile phone to call for assistance. The baby, who was protesting strongly, was carried down by a team member.

33	30 May	21:10	Ullscarf	An experienced fell-runner (71 yrs) suddenly collapsed and died while on an evening run. All attempts by his friends and the Team failed to revive him. He was taken to hospital by helicopter.
34	1 June	13:15	Grains Gill - White Bridge	A female walker (53 yrs) made a dash for a plastic bag carried away by the wind and managed to break her leg!
35	4 June	20:30	Greenup Edge area	A man (73 yrs) doing the Coast to Coast walk was overtaken by poor visibility and became disorientated. He called for help on a failing mobile phone link. We were requested to assist Langdale/Ambleside MRT in the search. He was found by a Keswick team member at the head of Wythburn and then slowly escorted down! See letter
36	7 June	16:18	Walla Crag	A lady (49 yrs) twisted her ankle on a steep descent, fracturing her tibia and fibula.
37	8 June	23.50	Stair - Little Langdale	A man (62 yrs) became lost in low cloud and rain. He was located at Brothwickeld at about 2 am. See letter
38	10 June	15:11	Grisedale Pike - Sleet How	A boy (13 yrs) was reported to be suffering from a fit. He was carried down and taken to hospital for observation.
39	21 June	14:40	Helvellyn summit	A man (48 yrs) was taken ill on the summit. A helicopter on exercise in the area flew him to hospital in Carlisle.
40	30 June	23:50	Central Fells	A search for an overdue solo walker (56 yrs). His car was located in Langdale and his route included Scafell Pike. 3 Teams and 10 search dogs (SARDA) were involved. He was found at 4.30 am near Cam Spout suffering from a head injury. As a result he was taken off by helicopter.
41	4 July	16:24	Glenderaterra Valley	A mountain biker (39 yrs) fell from her bike and injured her ankle. She was carried from her predicament to a waiting Land Rover which transported her to a waiting ambulance.
42	7 July	12:32	Cat Bells	A lady (34 yrs) wrenched her knee and was unable to continue. She was stretchered down the fell.
43	9 July	19:40	Black Crag, Troutdale	A climber (47 yrs) fell about 50' from Piranha (E3) while leading. He sustained head injuries and various cuts and bruises but was otherwise lucky!
44	12 July	18:05	Brundholme Woods	A lady (32 yrs) was reported to be missing from home. Her body was located not far from where her car was found.

45	16 July	17:26	Robinson	A lady (40 yrs) suffered from heat exhaustion, having walked half of the Buttermere Horseshoe in temperatures reaching 28°C. She was carried down and taken to hospital for treatment.
46	23 July	05:00	Scafell Pike	Requested by Wasdale MRT to assist in a search for a party of 4 adults and 2 10 year olds who were reported overdue. They were located at Brotherilkeld at 10 am next morning.
47	27 July	13:16	Black Crag, Troutdale	A climber (45 yrs) fell 20-30' while leading. He was held by his second but sustained broken ribs and associated injuries. He was evacuated by air ambulance.
48	1 August	16:39	Strandshag Bay, Derwentwater	A male (82 yrs) was in a collapsed condition. We assisted the paramedics in his recovery.
49	4 August	15:36	Fairy Glen, Langstrath	A woman (66 yrs) collapsed and fell on rock and suffered chest pains.
50	14 August	23:25	High Spy	A family of 2 adults (32 yrs) and 3 children (c10 yrs) became benighted and lost when they couldn't find their return path.
51	16 August	14:35	Lord's Seat	A man (30 yrs) with epilepsy was reported to have collapsed.
52	25 August	11:12	Catbells Terrace	A man (47 yrs) managed to overturn his quad bike, suffering back and neck injuries.
53	26 August	13:26	Catbells summit	A girl (9 yrs) slipped on rock and lacerated her knee.
54	26 August	20:30	Calf Cove	2 men (35 yrs) phoned in to say they couldn't find the descent from the Esk House shelter. They were found not there, but at the new Calf Cove shelter, and escorted down. They had no compass or torches.
55	6 September	14:26	Portinscale area	A local resident (83 yrs) failed to return home after a blackberry picking excursion. She was last seen on Friday at 7 pm heading away from the village. 30 searchers including dogs and a police helicopter eventually found her 41 hours later. She had fallen and was found by the helicopter lying under a hedge, having spent 2 very cold nights in the open. She was in remarkably good shape after her ordeal.
56	6 September	16:55	Taylor Gill Force	While the above incident was being organised, a lady (36 yrs) fell 50 from the path and sustained cuts and bruises to her head and leg. She was evacuated by RAF Leeming MRT who were assisting in the above search.

57	8 September	15:03	Scope End, Hindscarth	A lady (72 yrs) slipped and tripped while descending through steep bracken. She suffered a triple fracture / dislocation of her ankle. A helicopter which was training in the area took her to Carlisle hospital.
58	20 September	10:00	Blencathra, Scales Tarn	A request to assist in the recovery of an ATV.
59	28 September	14:55	Clough Head	A paraglider (32 yrs) crashed about 30'-50' to the ground and sustained a compound fracture to his tibia and fibula. He was evacuated to hospital by Air Ambulance before the arrival of the Team.
60	29 September	15:22	Caldbeck Fells	An Australian lady (61 yrs) became separated from her husband in mist on a walk from Caldbeck to Keswick. He arrived in Keswick. She didn't - until some time afterwards (fit and well)!
61	12 October	14:53	Blencathra, Bleas Fell	A man (53 yrs), a member of a walking group, slipped on grass and broke his lower leg.
62	18 October	17:36	Sty Head stretcher box	A man (56 yrs) slipped near the stretcher box and injured his ankle.
63	26 October	16:25	Esk Hause area	A lady (47 yrs) slipped on the path and broke her ankle. Some campers collected the stretcher from the box at Sty Head and had started to carry her down as the Team arrived. Well done, campers!
64		19:32	Moses Trod area of Coast 2 Coast walk	A man (50 yrs) and his son (15 yrs) were reported overdue on the Cleator Moor to Rosthwaite section of the walk. A beautiful, clear but cold day but wearing shorts and having no torches could have been a problem being stuck out overnight. They turned up next morning having stayed out at Black Sail Youth Hostel! Seemingly, having got lost, they retraced their tracks for a comfy night and were oblivious of the concern for them!
65	28 October	15:22	Longlands Beck Back 'o Skiddaw	A man (54 yrs) collapsed and died while walking with his wife and 2 daughters.
66	29 October	12:22	Causey Pike	A man (84 yrs) fell into the gully at the summit and sustained a dislocated shoulder. He was assisted by the Team and taken to hospital by air ambulance. See letter

67	30 October	02:00	Central Fells	A man (52 yrs) and his son (14 yrs) were reported overdue. 3 Teams and Search Dogs were deployed. The 2 people were located at 0630 hrs on the Corridor Route at Greta Gill.
68	18 November	19:00	Skiddaw	A father and his son (13 yrs) became lost and benighted. They had no navigation aids or torches. They were found near the top of Jenkin Hill.
69	22 November	10:30	River Greta, Brundholme	A young lady (30 yrs) dislocated her shoulder while trying a support stroke when canoeing down the river.
70	23 December	23:30	Central Fells	A search for a lone walker (38 yrs) who had not returned to his accommodation. His planned route was Scafell Pike from Seathwaite. He was found benighted at the base of Piers Gill.
71	24 December	15:20	Brundholme Woods	A man (22 yrs) who was horse riding was kicked by the horse being ridden by his partner. He sustained a broken tibia.
72	28 December	17:25	Lingy Bank above Rosthwaite	A boy (14 yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke his ankle.