

KMRT Rescues, 2004

A quiet year!

1	17 January	15:04	Seat Sandal above Dunmail Raise	A man used his mobile phone to summon help when he became stuck in steep, loose, icy ground. He was not sure where he was but was located by telling us his car was by a large island in the middle of the road (Dunmail Raise) and that he could see our vehicle approaching from his right!
2	22 January	20:48	Carrock Mine, Mosedale	A man (71 yrs) failed to return home in Cockermouth. His wife raised the alarm but nobody knew where he had gone. His car was located by the police in Mosedale, whereupon a search involving over 50 rescuers, search dogs and mine rescue specialists was mounted. He was located 40' down a mine shaft having spent 10 hours there. He had lowered himself down on a knotted rope but had been unable to climb back out. A fortunate end to a remarkable story!
3	28 January	12:55	Lodore Falls	A man (50 yrs) slipped on snow and ice on the footpath behind the hotel. He was carried to the hotel by staff. We were requested to assist with transport to hospital due to the snowy roads and lack of an ambulance.
4	5 February	19:15	Central Fells	4 men called for assistance on a mobile phone, having become lost and benighted. Their poor map had led to navigational errors. They were found 3 km from their intended route (Scafell Pike) on Allen Crag.
5	21 February	16:17	Shepherd's Crag - Adam	A climber (21 yrs) fell about 50' while leading the climb. He pendulumed and smashed his helmet against the cliff. He was taken by helicopter to Carlisle with head, chest and leg injuries. He was very fortunate as it turned out he escaped without any broken bones. The helmet certainly prevented a much worse outcome!
6	5 March	19:55	Helvellyn - Striding Edge	A joint operation involving 3 teams, search dogs and a helicopter located the body of a man (44 yrs) who had been traversing Striding Edge with his brother. After they had become separated on the Edge, the brother reached the summit and then spent some time in looking for him before descending back to the valley in the hope that he may have returned to the car.
7	17 March	01:50	Hanging Knotts, Bowfell	A search involving 4 mountain rescue teams looking for a man (26 yrs) who had become lost. He was located, cragfast. in the early hours. He was helped off and walked down.
8	18 March	18:40	Central Fells - Esk Hause	2 walkers (38 yrs) became lost on Scafell Pike. They had descended into Upper Esk where they were located by Wasdale MRT. Having escorted them to Esk Hause, Keswick MRT brought them back down to Borrowdale.
9	25 March	14:06	Yewdale Knott, Borrowdale	A lady (79 Yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle. An air ambulance in the area was used to take her to hospital. (See incident 11).

10	28 March	18:44	Great End area	A man (50 yrs) and his wife became lost in cloud. They were located in Calf Cove and escorted back down to Seathwaite. A birthday for the husband to remember!
11	1 April	13:04	Knotts, Borrowdale	A lady (68 yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle. She was taken by air ambulance to hospital. (See incident 9).
12	4 April	14:22	Blencathra - Sharp Edge	A walker called in because she had seen a couple of people shouting and seemingly in difficulties near the notch on Sharp Edge. Although the area was checked out by team members, nothing untoward was found. A false alarm with good intent.
13	9 April	17:09	Rosthwaite - Watendlath path	A man (79 yrs) ground to a halt while walking. Very painful hip joints prevented any further progress. He was carried down and transported to Keswick Cottage Hospital.
14	18 April	12:57	Castle Crag - Allerdale Ramble	A mountain biker (26 yrs) came off his bike during a fast descent and sustained amfractured pelvis. He was airlifted to hospital by a Sea King helicopter.
15	23 April	17:28	Taylorgill Force	A man (23 yrs) slipped on steep grass while trying to regain a lost footpath and sustained and broken ankle.
16	24 April	13:32	Greta Gorge cycle path	A cyclist (32 yrs) was found in a collapsed condition. Despite the best efforts of passers by, an air ambulance and 2 doctors, he was pronounced dead at the scene.
17	5 May	19:30	Esk Hause shelter	A man (33 yrs) required assistance as he was suffering from exhaustion.
18	6 May	19:10	Shepherd's Crag - Grasp	A lead climber (40 yrs) fell 30' on to boulders. He fractured his pelvis, spine and heel.
19	8 May	18:10	Blencathra - Gate Gill	4 walkers (1 man and 3 women) required assistance after they became disoriented and lost in bad ground when they tried to escape from the Hall's Fell ridge.
20	10 May	14:38	Mosedale	2 men were injured when their helicopter made a crash landing following technical difficulties.
21	11 May	15:35	Dollywaggon Pike	A lady (70 yrs) fell backwards and broke her ankle.
22	11 May	19:12	Quayfoot Buttress - Aberration	A climber fell 25' while leading the climb, breaking both legs.
23	22 May	14:12	Grisedale Pike - Sleet How	A man (53 yrs) slipped and badly gashed his hand. As he was having difficulty in getting down, some passers by called the Team to assist.
24	22 May	14:35	Ashness to Falcon Crag path	A man (73 yrs) with a lung condition collapsed and was taken to hospital by helicopter.

25	27 May	23:50	Helvellyn	A man (28 yrs) was overdue. A search was mounted by Patterdale and Keswick MRTs. He was found at 5 am on the road.
26	31 May	10:32	Derwentwater - Calfclose Bay	A lady (71 yrs) fell and sustained a suspected fractured neck of femur.
27	3 June	11:00	Steel Fell	A walker fell while climbing up the steep gully on the front of the Fell. His friend tried to stop him and sustained a broken arm. In all, 4 of them were knocked down by the original faller.
28	4 June	17:17	Scafell Pike - Esk Hause area	A boy (9 yrs) became separated from his father. The father stayed on the hill and the son made his own way back to Wasdale where the car was parked!
29	6 June	19:00	Styhead Tarn	A request from Wasdale MRT to assist with walking a man (29 yrs) from Styhead to Seathwaite. He was very tired due to his cerebral palsy.
30	15 June	17:19	Dob Gill - Binka Stone	A lady (46 yrs), wearing Scholl sandals, slipped and broke her ankle.
31	20 June	22:25	Helvellyn area	A man (46 yrs) left Keswick in a depressed state. After his car was located near Thirlmere, a search was mounted involving 3 teams and search dogs. He was found on the summit of Helvellyn in the early hours, waiting for his last sunrise.
32	26 June	23:58	Easedale - High Raise area	A group of 5 (16-17 yr old) D of E Bronze expeditioners went missing in poor weather conditions. They were last seen at Easedale Tarn at 1 pm on their way to Stickle Tarn over the tops. In a search involving 3 teams and search dogs, they were located camping at Easedale Tarn, believing they were at Stickle Tarn!
33	15 July	10:45	Grainsgill Beck, Mosedale	A man (56 yrs) had an epileptic fit and sustained cuts and bruises to his face when he fell.
34	15 July	13:32	Skiddaw summit plateau	A lady (52 yrs) slipped on wet rock and sustained a badly gashed head and injured wrist. She was taken to hospital by Sea King helicopter.
35	15 July	18:10	Ullock Pike - Mirehouse path	2 walkers became cragfast in steep ground when taking the direct path down to the road.
36	19 July	16:30	Blackmoss Pot	A local 10 yr old boy dropped a rock on his foot while playing in the water, possibly causing a fracture.
37	21 July	16:09	Seathwaite - Hind Gill	A lady (30 yrs) slipped on the steep, rocky path and sustained a Potts fracture to her ankle.
38	3 August	20:48	Stoneycroft Gill	A 15 yr old girl broke her ankle while gill scrambling. She had stumbled backwards while her foot was jammed under a rock.
39	9 August	13:05	High Spy summit	A man (58 yrs) slipped on wet ground and broke his ankle.

40	14 August	13:50	Cat Bells - Hause Gate	A man (50 yrs) was reported to be having breathing difficulties. It may have been a coronary problem.
41	17 August	12:09	Blencathra - Sharp Edge	A man (51 yrs) slipped on the loose surface dislocating his shoulder while trying to arrest his fall into a gully. He was taken to hospital by helicopter.
42	18 August	18:30	Central Fells	We were requested to assist Wasdale MRT in locating 2 poorly-equipped walkers who had lost their way while descending Scafell Pike. They were located near Rough Crag with an insideout umbrella!
43	18 August	21:00	Great Gable	A young couple (30 yrs and 32 yrs) were reported to be overdue at Seathwaite. Although reported to be attempting Gt Gable, they had been encountered by rescuers during the previous search on the Scafell Pike route. As a consequence, they were quickly located and assisted from the fell.
44	31 August	14:35	Derwentwater - High Brandlehow	An Italian man (* yrs) turned his ankle and sustained a fracture while walking with his young family. We were requested to assist the ambulance crew with the carry to the waiting ambulance on the road.
45	4 September	10:09	Smithy Green, Bassenthwaite	A man (58 yrs) was reported missing from home in Carlisle. His car was located by the side of Bassenthwaite Lake. A search was mounted involving 10 search dogs, 2 rescue boats to search the lake shore, a rescue helicopter and 24 rescuers. Nothing was found. Following the sighting of a man with the same description near Embleton on the next day, Cockermouth MRT mounted a search with 7 dogs, a helicopter and rescuers, but it was later discovered that the sighting had been that of a vagrant! The body of the missing man was recovered from the lake on the afternoon of the 6th.
46	11 September	15:20	Force Crag area, Coledale	A girl (14 yrs) slipped and twisted her ankle in poor weather while taking part in a sponsored walk.
47	13 September	15:40	Ashness to Falcon Crag path	A lady (62 yrs) slipped on wet grass and broke her ankle.
48	5 October	13:52	High Spy - Nitting Haws	A man (62 yrs) slipped on wet rock and tumbled 10' - 20' down from the path sustaining 8 broken ribs and head injuries. He was airlifted by helicopter to West Cumberland Hospital. See letter.
49	8 October	12:32	Dale Head - north ridge	A woman (62 yrs) slipped and tumbled off the path. She sustained various facial cuts. We were at the top of the mountain and on scene within 21 minutes as the first team member, who lived down the valley, was able to hijack a private helicopter which had just landed. However, the casualty declined a lift down as she was not happy with flying!
50	12 October	13:02	Force Crag area	A lady (67 yrs) slipped off the path and broke her ankle. She was taken to hospital by Air Ambulance.

51	17 October	15:45	Great Wood, Borrowdale	A man (46 yrs) under mental care ran off from his companion, not wishing to return to his nursing home. He clearly wanted to make things difficult for his searchers, so the Team's effort was abandoned.
52	17 October	22:43	Dale Head	3 walkers (including a male of 49 yrs) ran out of daylight after a long day and become lost. They went to ground and were located at 01:00 hrs.
53	25 October	15:11	Esk Hause	A man (52 yrs) slipped on wet rock and dislocated his shoulder. After having made Esk Hause, he went to ground and waited for assistance.
54	28 October	14:10	Maiden Moor	A man (46 yrs) collapsed and died whilst walking with his family.
55	29 October	14:30	Esk Hause area	A man (21 yrs) was benighted while walking. He was found on Bowfell in the early hours.
56	1 November	18:22	King's How	A couple (62 yrs) lost the path and tried to make a direct descent to Grange. However