



Penrith Mountain Rescue Team Callouts 2003

No. 1

29/01/03

Missing Dog, Nunnery Walks Lazonby

3.00hrs

Local estate worker reported his spaniel lost in ravine at local beauty spot. He felt that it might be down a 70 ft shaft that fed the water turbines and requested assistance in search. A member was lowered down to inspect the area, no trace of dog was found. Informant very grateful.

No. 2

02/02/03

Sheep Rescue, Swindale

2.50hrs

Sheep belong to Mr Carruthers of Rawfoot Farm, Swindale were reported stuck on Bewbarrow Crag, at the entrance to Swindale. Members retrieved sheep without loss or injury.

No. 3

11/02/03

Missing Party, Scafell area

1.00hr

Called to assist Keswick MRT in large search for party of two females reported lost and one injured somewhere in the Scafell area. Located by helicopter in Eskdale.

No. 4

21/02/03

Sheep Rescue, Swindale

2.00hrs

Sheep reported cragfast on high ledge on Gouther Crag, Swindale. All retrieved without loss or injury. Farmers father very pleased with job.

No. 5

22/02/03

Helvellyn, Lower Man

2.00hrs

Requested by Patterdale MRT to deal with an incident 100m north of Helvellyn summit; they were committed to another incident. A female 26 yrs had fallen injuring her ankle, possible fracture, more likely severe sprain. One party went via Thirlmere and the remainder went via Greenside. The Thirlmere party arrived 5 mins after a helicopter, in the area, airlifted the injured person to West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven. It had been in Langdale to airlift some-one else and was re-directed. Thirlmere party recalled, but Greenside party proceeded in support of Patterdale MRT dealing with earlier incident on Striding Edge. (See No. 6)



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No. 6
23/02/03

Helvellyn, Striding Edge

1.00hr

Following previous incident (No.5), Greenside party went in support of Patterdale MRT dealing with injured person at the Bad Step on Striding Edge, Helvellyn. Asked to attend site in case helicopter unable to airlift casualty.

Helicopter was diverted to Langdale so party set off for site with rope and tackle bag. Just short of Red Tarn, helicopter return and was able to airlift casualty to Carlisle.

Weather was clear, sunny but cold in fresh wind. The ground was damp but with large icy patches in places on the paths.

No. 7
12/04/03 Cragfast Scrambler, Birketts Gully

5.10hrs

Scrambler, in party of three, thought he was on the scrambles route called Blea Water Crag Gill (Scrambles Guide to Lake District: page 181). However, they were in fact on a winter route called Birketts Gully (Winter Climbs in the Lake District: page 61). he was reported cragfast, unable to progress upward or to retreat. Having accessed the site, members lowered person to safety. Weather fine but cool, ground was damp.

No. 8
13/04/03

Injured Walker, Langdale

1.50hrs

Member happened upon the injured party, was on site giving assistance for 1.5 hrs, Langdale/Ambleside attending and dealt with the evacuation.

No. 9
04/07/03

Sheep Rescue, Riggindale

3.00hrs

Local farmer reported sheep cragfast adjacent eagles nest in Riggindale, Haweswater. All animals retrieved without loss or injury.

No. 10 08/07/03
Birdwatcher, Haweswater shore

2.00hrs

Female aged 44 from Wolverhampton, reported having fallen at NY469111, Haweswater, sustaining a fractured ankle. The lady was treated at the scene and evacuated to hospital (Carlisle).

No. 11
12/07/03



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Search Assist Keswick MRT

2.00hrs

Requested to assist Keswick MRT in search for despondent. The search was concluded when the subject was found dead in woodland.

No. 12

12/07/03

Rescue Assist Patterdale MRT

1.00hr

Requested to assist Patterdale MRT dealing with incident on Swirral Edge, Helvellyn. No details available.

No. 13

15/0703

Search, Riggindale Rucksack

6.00hrs

Rucksack was found in Riggindale area of Haweswater. It belonged to a Hong Kong resident in the country on holiday.

Police were concerned for his safety. Following a protracted search involving search dogs, neighbouring teams and a SAR helicopter police enquiries in Birmingham located the gentleman living with relatives. He had forgotten the possessions and failed to notify the police of his loss.

No. 14

30/08/03

Sheep Rescue, Riggindale

1.00hr

Local farmer reported some of his sheep were cragfast on crags in Riggindale, Haweswater. A search was inconclusive, but an RSPB warden informed the party later that sheep had made their own way off the crag.

No. 15

13/09/03

Sheep Rescue, Harter Fell, Mardale

3.00hrs

Two sheep were reported to be stuck on crags of Harter Fell, Mardale NY468098. Both were retrieved without loss or injury.

No. 16

30/09/03

Shoulder Injury, Haweswater

1.00hr

Called to evacuate subject in Haweswater area who had sustained a shoulder injury. Prior to the team arriving on scene, the casualty was evacuated by GNAA (Great North Air Ambulances [x2]) who were in area making a promotional film for themselves.



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No. 17

11/10/03

Mountain Biker (Polaris), Alston

3.50hrs

A mountain biker, taking part in the Polaris Mountain Bike Challenge, has reported fallen off his bike. He had been descending a rough slippery track and sustained a fractured tibia and fibula. The request came via the Police from Cumbria Ambulance Service. The location was just inside Northumbria, but agreed to attend as access was quicker from this side. The injured rider, from Dublin, was airlifted by GNAA to Hexham General Hospital.

No. 18

29/12/03

Walker, Cockpit, Moor Divock

3.00hrs

Female walker aged 46 slipped on ice while crossing Elder Beck, Moor Divock, Helton Fell NY482222, sustaining a closed fractured ankle (left). Following treatment on scene, she was evacuated from the fell and transferred to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.