



Penrith Mountain Rescue Team Callouts 2006

No 1

01/02/06 12.50pm

Call to assist ice climber.

4.5 hours

Climber ascending ice fall (Blea Water Beck) on face of High Street had fallen 20 meters. Team called to provide immediate medical assistance and evacuate casualty. Temperatures below freezing so rapid evacuation essential. Helicopter from RAF Boulmer called to assist and winched casualty from site of fall. Climber treated for broken scapula at Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

No 2

19/02/06 3.40am

Call to assist party of walkers lost in Cross Fell area of North Pennines.

2 hours

Search for party of 8 young people reported lost somewhere North of Cross Fell with one member of the party believed to be hypothermic. In sub-zero temperatures 14 members of the Team plus 2 search dogs with their handlers and a Search & Rescue helicopter from RAF Boulmer tasked to locate the party. Party found at 5.30am by helicopter and 3 members of the group airlifted to the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. Remainder of the party well-equipped and made their own way off the fell.

No 3

25/02/06

Call to search for lone walker reported overdue Mardale Head, Haweswater.

1 hour

Father reported his son overdue from walk between Bampton Common and Mardale Head. Walker returned safely and team stood as preparing to deploy.

No 4

12/03/06 9.40am

5 hrs.

Call to assist Cumbria Constabulary with checks on occupants of vehicles stuck at roadside due to heavy snow.

Provision of 4-wheel drive capability for patrols of M6 Motorway and A5305 to allow Police Mobile Support Group to check on safety of drivers.

No 5

21/03/06 16.30hrs.

0.5 hrs

Call to assist Cumbria Constabulary in search for person reported missing in Armathwaite area of the Eden Valley.

Police located missing person and Team stood down as deploying.



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No 6

22/03/06 18.30hrs.

8 hrs

Call to assist Cumbria Constabulary in search for local resident who had not returned from a walk in the Merton Fell area of the North Pennines.

Search dogs and the Kirkby Stephen Team co-operated in the search of paths and areas that the missing person was none to frequent. An RAF helicopter, with heat seeking equipment, also conducted an extensive search. Missing person not located so Teams stood down at 2.30am.

No 7

23/03/06 05.00am

11 hrs

Renewal of search described in No. 6 (above) - Merton Fell area of the North Pennines.

An RAF Seaking helicopter, search dogs, Mountain Rescue Teams from RAF Leeming, Kendal, Keswick, Kirkby Stephen, Moffat, Patterdale and Teesdale and the local Police co-operated in the search of an extended area. The missing person was not located and all civilian teams were stood down at 16.00hrs.

No 8

24/03/06 12.30pm

6.5 hrs

Team requested to assist Police in search of area most frequently walked by missing person (see No. 6).

Team members (6) assisted Police in line search of fields adjacent to footpath below ton Pike.

No 9

25/03/06 06.30am

9.5 hrs

Renewal of search described in No. 6 (above) - High Cup Nick and Merton Fell area of the North Pennines.

An RAF Seaking helicopter, search dogs, Mountain Rescue Teams from RAF Leeming, Kendal, Kirkby Stephen, Moffat, North Tyne, Patterdale and Teesdale plus local Police co-operated in the search of an extended area that included the high fells. Nothing found and teams stood down.

No 10

25/03/06 18..30hrs

2 .5 hrs

Call to assist 2 walkers lost in the area of Kidsty Pike (High Street) above Haweswater.



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No 11

01/04/06 09.00am

2 .5 hrs

Call to search area around Brampton (Appleby) following reported sighting of person missing since 22nd March (See No.6).

Nothing found and Team stood down.

No 12

29/04/06 09.00am

2 hrs

Call to assist young female walker in Loadpot hill area.

Casualty had pre-existing condition and collapsed whilst out walking. Team deployed to area but casualty airlifted from fell by Cumbria Air Ambulance.

No 13

07/05/06 13.00hrs

5 hrs

Call to assist female walker on Kidsty Howes, Haweswater.

Walker had caught her foot whilst descending and suffered fracture to left ankle. Low cloud base so, in the absence of helicopter, casualty was stretchered to Mardale Head where met by Cumbria Ambulance Service who transferred lady to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

No. 14

14/05/06 13.25hrs

1.5 hrs

Call to assist Cumbria Police in search for child missing in Carlisle.

A 6yr old boy had been reported missing from his home in a Carlisle suburb. Police required additional manpower to conduct search. Boy located safe and well at a friend's house 300m from his home address. Team stood down.

No. 15

15/05/2006 10.00am

6 hrs

Call from Police to assist person stuck in field – Newbiggin, Kirkby Thore. Police advised someone had called 999 reporting that they were stuck. Mobile phone company triangulated the call and provided the Police and MR Team with a possible location. Wide area around this location searched but to no avail. Following receipt of further information it was learned that lone male walker had been walking Pennine Way North to South and had overnighted at Garrigill on Saturday when had last contact with wife. Team established walker had not shown at next location (Dufton) where accommodation booked for Sunday night. As walker assumed to have been benighted his condition gave team cause for concern so an helicopter from RAF Boulmer called to assist with search of large area between Garrigill and Teesdale. Rescue Teams from Teesdale and Kirkby Stephen co-operated in search. The lost



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walker was located unharmed by helicopter close to Maize Beck (above High Cup Nick) and escorted from fell by team members.

No. 16

22 /05/2006 15.20hrs

1 hr

Call to assist Patterdale MRT with the evacuation of a casualty from Raven Crag, Pasture Beck.

Young woman on military training had fallen fracturing her lower leg. Treated on the fell and stretchered to Hartsop where met by Cumbria Ambulance Service who transferred casualty to the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

No. 17

22 /05/2006 16.20hrs

8 hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT in search for missing person in Fairfield area.

Lone male walker reported missing on traverse of Fairfield Horseshoe. This search had been initiated the previous evening by Langdale Team. Nothing found.

No. 18

30/05/2006 2.30am

6 hrs

Call to search for walker reported missing on Hadrian's Wall Path.

Lone female walker had failed to show at Youth Hostel where she had left her luggage. Supported by a helicopter from RAF Boulmer, the team searched the wall between Carlisle and Greenhead, near Haltwhistle. Nothing found. Following bulletins on local radio, missing person located at B&B in Burgh-by-Sands.

No. 19

11/06/2006 23.15hrs

0.5 hrs

Call to search for walkers reported overdue from walk on High Street.

Party returned safely as Team deploying.

No. 20

18/06/2006 2.30am

3 hrs

Call to search for walkers reporting themselves lost on Cross Fell, North Pennines.

Walkers (4) became disoriented in low cloud and reported themselves lost.

Found near Greg's Hut and transported from Fell in Team Land Rover.



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No. 21

24 /06/2006 14.15hrs

4 hrs

Call to assist Patterdale Team with search for walker who had fallen from Helvellyn. Team airlifted by helicopter from RAF Boulmer to Red Tarn from where search of gullies was initiated. Body of walker located at base of Grand Couloir. Stretched down to Red Tarn from where airlifted to Patterdale.

No. 22

02 /07/2006 22.30hrs

2 hrs

Call to assist walkers reporting themselves lost on Crossfell (North Pennines). A couple, from Bromsgrove, had set off from Kirkland to go up Crossfell but, when descending from the summit plateau, had missed the path and followed Crowdundle Beck. In the gathering darkness they realised that they could not find any off the fells and telephoned for help. Contact with the couple was made by a team member who, from information they gave about what they could see, established roughly where they were. A Landrover was dispatched and phone contact was made at an agreed time when the team's Landrover would be approaching the possible location. The strategy worked and the couple saw the vehicle's blue flashing light as it came towards them.

No. 23

03 /07/2006 15.15hrs

1 hr

Call to assist walker collapsed on Kidsty Howse, Hawsewater. High temperature prevailing at the time and walker collapsed with heat exhaustion. Advised by 'phone to sip water pending arrival of rescue team. Cumbria Air Ambulance was available and arrived at scene before rescuers. Walker transferred to Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

No. 24

03 /07/2006 20.00hrs

1 hr

Call to assist Police in search for despondent, missing in suburbs of Carlisle. Missing person located as team deploying.

No. 25

04 /07/2006 19.00hrs

0.5hrs

Call to assist Cumbria Ambulance Service in the evacuation of a casualty from the River Eamont. Whilst playing in the river a child sustained a lower leg injury's foot when his foot became trapped under a stone. The Fire Service was called to assist with the release of the child and the Team to evacuate the casualty to the road head.



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No. 26

25 /07/2006 21.08hrs

0.4hrs

Call to assist NW Ambulance Service in the evacuation of a casualty some 15 minutes walking distance from nearest vehicle access point.

Alerted by Cumbria Police following request from Ambulance Service for a mountain rescue team to assist in the evacuation of a large male subject believed to have fallen from a motorised wheel chair and to have injured himself. The incident was reported to have occurred some 15 min walking time from the nearest vehicle access point.

The location was in Thruston field, a small village 5km west of Carlisle. On arrival, it was found that the ambulance crew, together with some locals had evacuated the subject to the waiting ambulance and the team were stood down. A 'stand-down' call was made at 21:30.

No. 27

29 /07/2006 12.00hrs

0.8hrs

Call to assist collapsed walker on Kidsty Pike, Haweswater.

A 64 years old male walker was reported to have collapsed. The Team responded but Cumbria Air Ambulance arrived on the scene and evacuated the casualty before the Team arrived.

No. 28

29 /07/2006 18.40hrs

3.8hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT.

A 14 years old girl, part of an organised group, reported collapsed in Thornthwaite Mouth area of Stony Cove Pike (Hartsop). Casualty stretchered from fellside by Team.

No. 29

06 /08/2006 11.00hrs

2.0 hrs

Animal rescue - Coucher Crag, Swindale.

Farmer requested team recover cragfast sheep.

No. 30

09 /08/2006 14.00hrs

2.0 hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT.

A participant in an Orienteering Competition had sustained an injury requiring him to be stretchered from Boredale Hause above Patterdale.



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No 31

12/08/06 14.00hrs.

8 hrs

Call to assist Cumbria Constabulary in search for local resident who had not returned from a walk with his dog.

Missing person last seen in Gelt Side, south of Brampton (nr. Carlisle). Extensive search of area with helicopter support (RAF Boulmer) and Kirkby Stephen MRT plus search dogs (SARDA) but nothing found (45 MRT personnel). Nothing found so teams stood down for the night.

No 32

13/08/06 08.30hrs.

8 hrs

Resumption of search for missing person.

A fit 74 years old male with his black labrador. The missing person understood to go on a 4 to 5 hours walk every day. However, known to suffer from confused states so concern for his safety. The Police and Penrith Team supported by teams from Kirkby Stephen, Keswick, Moffat, RAF Leeming, Teesdale, Swaledale, North of Tyne, Northumbria National Park and SARDA (97 MRT personnel in total) but nothing found so teams stood down.

No 33

14/08/06 10.30hrs.

3.5 hrs

Resumption of search for missing person.

During course of search report received that a man fitting the description had been found on the fellside above the village of Cumrew, some 10 Km south of Brampton. Residents heard dog barking and set out to investigate. Dog led them to owner who was found collapsed and hidden from view. Penrith team and local Police and Paramedics arrived on scene and stretchered casualty to awaiting Cumbria Air Ambulance which transferred him to hospital in Carlisle.

No. 34

16/08/2006 15.45hrs

2.25hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT.

A 12 years old boy had fallen from Striding Edge. Patterdale MRT requested assistance of Team with recovery and evacuation of casualty. Casualty airlifted to hospital by Cumbria Air Ambulance.



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No. 35

19/08/2006 14.10hrs

4.58hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT.

A walker on Striding Edge reported to have suffered a shoulder injury. Patterdale MRT requested assistance of Team with recovery and evacuation of casualty. Further details to follow.

No. 36

27/08/2006 14.45hrs

1.75hrs

Call to assist walker near Knock, North Pennines.

A walker on a lower portion of the Pennine Way reported with a leg injury. Woman had suffered dislocation of the knee. Evacuated from fell and transported to hospital in team ambulance.

No. 37

28/08/2006 14.08hrs

TBA hrs

Team member assisted Keswick MRT with call-out at Ard Crag

A lady walker had slipped on wet grass and in the fall sustained a fracture to her wrist.

No. 38

29/08/2006 20.15hrs

Shouts reported, assist Keswick MRT

2.00hrs

Team Member attending Marine Coastguard Agency (MCA) training at Keswick MRT Base, when Keswick received call-out to Langstrath where an informant had reported hearing shouts from on or around the vicinity of Sergeant's Crag. The MCA Team traveled to Langstrath and helped by carrying gear further up the path for the use of Keswick MRT members. A search of the east side of Langstrath was conducted and during search it was decided that the evidence that someone was actually missing was scant so team stood-down.

No. 39

01/09/2006 02.30hrs

2.00 hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT.

A girl camping overnight, as part of an exercise, suffered a severe asthma attack necessitating medical care and evacuation. Team called to assist Patterdale MRT with carry-out.



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No. 40

15/09/2006 16.45hrs

00.25 hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT.

Person reported missing in Aira Force area. Team stood down as deploying.

No. 41

17/09/2006 12.30hrs

3.75 hrs

Call to assist walker on Riggindale (Haweswater).

A male walker reported to have suffered a heart attack. Team and Cumbria Air Ambulance called. Team evacuated casualty (deceased) to road head.

No. 42

27/09/2006 14.45hrs

6.00 hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT

A walker dislocated his shoulder while on Helvellyn. Team called to assist Patterdale with evacuation. Cumbria Air Ambulance called and managed to land near casualty site but weather deteriorated so aircraft could not take-off. Casualty stretchered from hill.

No. 43

09/10/2006 13.30hrs

4 .00 hrs

Call to assist Kirkby Stephen MRT

Cumbria Constabulary had called in Kirkby Stephen the previous evening to assist in the search for a missing 40 years old male. More manpower was required to thoroughly search close to where the missing person's car had been found. All police and MR search teams stood down at dusk as nothing found.

No. 44

15/10/2006 08.30hrs

7 .00 hrs

Call to assist Kirkby Stephen MRT

This call-out was a follow-on from No. 42 (above) and, apart from Kirkby Stephen and Penrith, involved teams from Northumberland National Park, North Tyne, Scarborough and Swaledale. The police required line searches of the plantation (previously searched by dogs) and moorland (previously searched via Police helicopter) near where the missing person's car was found abandoned. Body found early afternoon.



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No. 45

22/11/2006 08.00hrs

23 .30 hrs

Call to assist Keswick MRT

Elderly male reported missing. Team called to search Cat Bells and some agricultural land. Nothing found at time Team stood down. Body of missing person located in Newlands Valley later on 23rd November.

No. 46

14/12/2006 08.00hrs

2 .0 hrs

Call to assist Police with search of River Eden.

The Police had received a report of a canoeist in trouble in a stretch of the heavily swollen River Eden, near Armathwaite. The Fire & Rescue Service had been called and Penrith MRT was asked to provide additional manpower since the hours of daylight were limited. An Seaking helicopter from RAF Boulmer was called to assist with the search. Nothing found so teams stood down as light failing.

No. 47

17/12/2006 12.35hrs

0 .50 hrs

Call to assist Patterdale MRT

A walker reported to have suffered a heart attack whilst walking in the Grisedale area. A helicopter was in the area so team stood down once helicopter confirmed its availability to assist with the evacuation of the casualty.

No. 48

17/12/2006 22.40hrs

3.00 hrs

Call to assist Cumbria Constabulary

A despondent female reported missing in the area of Langwathby bridge. Her car and shoes found in the fishermen's car park. Woman located on the bank of the River Eden, by Lancashire Police Air Support Unit helicopter, some way downstream, and found to be suffering severe hypothermia. Resuscitation provided on the scene and casualty stretchered to road where an Ambulance was waiting to transfer her to The Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. Subsequent further attempts to maintain life failed.

No. 49

23/12/2006 10.40hrs

5.30 hrs

Call to assist Cumbria Constabulary in search for vulnerable missing person.

Vulnerable (bi-polar disorder) reported missing from home, having been out for most of the night. Reported missing after 07:15, alerted by Police to assist with search at 10:40; located safe and well at 15:48. Police took charge of the person and brought to home safely.