



EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE

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Edale Team Attend Their 100th Job of 2010

Last Thursday, Edale Mountain Rescue Team were called to the 100th incident of the year when the team continued the search for a man missing for a week in the Linacre Woods area near Chesterfield. The Bank Holiday weekend resulted in 2 further jobs bringing the years total to 102 with 4 months still to go! The team attends an average of 100 jobs a year normally, so 2010 will be an exceptionally busy year for the volunteers who make up the team.

On Sunday we were called to assist an elderly gentlemen who had suffered a shoulder injury while walking on the Chatsworth Estate. As team member were deploying, the man was picked up the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. On bank holiday Monday, team members were called away from fundraising in Hathersage and Edale after a climber fell around 8 metres on Stanage Edge. He was treated on scene by the Air Ambulance crew and one of our team doctors who had been climbing nearby. He was then evacuated down from the crag and flown to hospital for further treatment.

The year has seen the usual variety of incidents that result from working in and around the Peak District National Park, one of the busiest in the country.

We have assisted 23 climbers who have fallen while scaling some of the many routes on our patch. 31 hill walkers and ramblers have needed our help after suffering injury or illness while out on the hill and another 8 groups have become lost as a result of bad weather, nightfall or just poor navigation skills. We've searched for 8 missing vulnerable individuals, often in semi-rural areas outside the National Park. 4 mountain bikers have been rescued after crashes and we've helped the Ambulance service with another 18 incidents where patients could not be reached because of bad weather or difficult terrain. 3 fell runners have been rescued during races or training in the Peak and our search dog handlers and navigators have helped with 8 searches outside our operational area. Finally, we've searched for one missing dog which sadly we couldn't find!

In addition to the actual callouts, our team members have been out every week, training, maintaining equipment, fundraising and giving talks to local groups. All in all, Edale team demands a very substantial commitment from its members who are all volunteers with normal jobs and families to fit in around rescue work! So far this year, they have devoted more than 2000 man hours to callouts alone.

<http://www.edalemountainrescue.co.uk>

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Notes to Journalists and Editors:

Edale Mountain Rescue Team is staffed entirely by volunteers and supported by public donations. Like other MRTs in England and Wales we receive no financial support from National or Local Government. One of the busiest teams in the country, attending around 100 incidents a year, the team operates in the busiest part of the Peak District National Park itself the second most visited National Park in the world. The team is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We are a registered charity, number 512559.

A selection of stock images of EMRT vehicles and personnel is now available online at

<http://www.edalemrt.co.uk/gallery.html>

Where we are unable to provide specific digital images relating to a given incident, please use one of the stock images here.

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Our new website now includes a selection of statistical information about the team's activities. Please visit http://www.edalemrt.co.uk/team_statistics.html

Press Releases Now Available Online.

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