



EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE

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Climber Seriously Injured at Rivelin Edge

Edale Mountain Rescue Team members were called away from fundraising in Hathersage and Edale on Sunday afternoon after a young man fell while leading a route on the Needle on Rivelin Edge near Sheffield. The climber, in his mid 20s and from London, had fallen around 30 feet, landing on his right side. He sustained an open fracture of his femur (thigh bone), a potentially life threatening injury and was in a great deal of pain. A local team member was quickly on scene and began treating the casualty. He was rapidly followed by more team members and the crew of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. After being stabilised and given pain relief on scene he was evacuated to the road for transfer to the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield where underwent emergency surgery.

The team's incredibly busy year continues with this incident being the 4th of 5 attended in the last week. On Tuesday, a callout to Higgarr Tor rounded off April, our busiest month on record. An 11 year old boy from Leek had got his foot trapped in rocks while on an outdoor pursuits trip with his school. Fortunately he was quickly released by team members none the worse for the experience!

An early start to the Bank Holiday weekend saw the team called to Stanage Edge at 1am on Saturday to rescue a young man from Sheffield who had broken his ankle while partying in Robin Hood's cave. He was treated on scene and evacuated to an ambulance at the roadhead, assisted by the Derbyshire Police helicopter who used their Nitesun searchlight to illuminate the scene. On Saturday night, a team dog handler and navigator went to assist Woodhead MRT with a search for 3 missing walkers on the Pennine Way. They were located just as the team were deploying.

Finally, on Bank Holiday Monday, the team were called along with Buxton MRT to assist a 40 year old lady from Northampton who suffered an ankle injury while walking on Mam Tor. She was carried down to level ground before being flown to Hospital in Chesterfield by the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

As well as responding to these callouts, team members were out throughout the weekend fundraising in Edale, Hathersage and Bakewell.

<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.

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

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