



EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE

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Climber Breaks Back in 3 places...

On Easter Saturday, Edale Mountain Rescue Team were called to a climber who had fallen from 'Valkyrie', a route on Froggatt Edge. The 45 year old male from Sweden had fallen around 7 metres. Team members were at the scene within 15 minutes and established that the injured man was suffering from chest and spinal injuries. After treatment by team members and the crew of the Derbyshire, Rutland and Leicestershire Air Ambulance he was placed on a spinal board and stretcher and evacuated to the helicopter which had landed at the top of the crag. After being flown to the Northern General Hospital it was confirmed that he had sustained 3 separate fractures to his spine and a collapsed lung.

This was just one of 7 callouts for Edale Team over the Easter weekend. On Good Friday Edale and Buxton teams were called to 2 walkers who were "stuck" on steep ground somewhere near Blue John Mine. After a quick search they were located above Odin Mine wearing unsuitable clothing and footwear. They were assisted to easier ground by team members and taken back to their car. Later the same day, the team was asked to search for 2 walkers who had become lost in mist on Kinder. They were talked down to safety as team members were preparing to go on the hill.

On Saturday evening, an Edale team Search Dog Handler and navigator were asked to assist Woodhead team in a search for a missing walker on Bleaklow. The man was later located by a police helicopter.

At 2pm on Sunday the team were called to assist a walker who had a knee injury near the top of Grindsbrook on the edge of the Kinder plateau. As luck would have it, team members were fundraising in Edale village and were able to respond immediately. The walker, a 26 year old woman from the Czech Republic, had suffered a recurrence of a previous injury and was unable to complete her walk. After locating the casualty, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance was requested to evacuate her to the valley which they kindly did, saving team members a long and difficult stretcher carry!

Early on Bank Holiday Monday, the team were contacted by Derbyshire Police to assist in the search for 3 men from Staffordshire who had parked their car at Hathersage, walked for 90 minutes and were now lost and disorientated in the mist. Fortunately, they had a mobile phone signal so were able to describe their surroundings to the duty leader. They were directed back to the road and their car, parked nearby.

Later on, at around 2pm, Edale and Buxton Teams were alerted to an incident on Mam tor. Once again a swift response was possible thanks to Bank Holiday fundraising activities. After being treated by a team doctor and other team members, a lady with an injured knee was given pain relief and carried by stretcher down to the road, and a waiting ambulance.

All in all a busy Easter, although the team and supporters still found time to collect more than £1200 in donations from members of the public in Edale and Hathersage! Many thanks to all those who gave so generously.

<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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