



EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE

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Team Still Busy Despite the Weather!

Poor weather in the Peak District does not seem to have deterred visitors to the Peak District from getting out on the hills. Edale MRT have been involved in 5 incidents over the last 10 days.

On Friday 6th November at about 4.30 pm, the team was called to assist Glossop MRT with a job on Fairbrook Naze, south of the A57 Snake Pass Road. A lady had called for help after sustaining a back injury while out walking. In the event, she was able to make her way down unaided and was met by team members near the road. After being checked over by team medics she made her own way home.

The following evening, Edale team members were providing safety cover at the annual Edale Bonfire Night Firework display. A little earlier a party of three young men from Bessacarr in Doncaster were caught out by darkness and low cloud while walking in the middle of the Kinder plateau. After wandering for a few hours they decided a 999 call was the best option to get down safely and Kinder and Buxton mountain rescue teams along with search dogs were called. Edale team also joined the search from Edale village and were able to guide the party back to the road after signalling to them from the valley bottom. The party were cold and wet but otherwise unharmed.

Wednesday saw the team called to Edale help a 72 year old female walker who had suffered a knee injury in Bretton Clough near Grindleford. After treatment by team members, the lady was carried by stretcher the 1.5km back to Sir William Hill where an ambulance was waiting to transfer her to hospital.

At 10.00 am on Saturday 14th November, the team's first job of the day involved a mountain biker who had fallen in Cave Dale near Castleton. The gentleman had sustained a serious injury, fracturing his femur. Team members from Edale and Buxton teams were quickly on scene together with an ambulance crew from East Midlands Ambulance Service. He was stabilised at the scene and due to the severity of his injury, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance was requested to fly him to hospital in Sheffield.

Finally, in gathering darkness late on Saturday afternoon, a small section of team members were deployed to locate a group of four walkers lost on Kinder. They were quickly found near Edale rocks and escorted safely back down into the valley.

Another busy period for Edale team, with a couple of incidents once again highlighting that appropriate equipment and experience is needed to safely tackle the hills and moors of the Peak District during these short winter days.

<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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