



EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE

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New Recruits and Rescues

Potential new recruits to Edale MRT were able to see the team in action at first hand during their assessment day on Sunday. Three hopeful applicants had spent the morning being introduced to Mountain Rescue and having their existing skills assessed.

Shortly after they and team members who had been involved in the assessment exercise returned to the Edale base in Hope at around 2pm, the team were called out to assist a female walker with a head injury. The injured woman had been walking with a group near Back Tor on Derwent Edge when she fell. The lady had already received assistance from a group of young people who were on the edge as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition.

As the team were making their way up onto the ridge, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance was able to land nearby and take the injured woman to hospital in Sheffield. This was just as well as the next call came in just as the team got back to the road!

A climber had fallen on Stanage Edge, one of the team's most frequent callout locations. The 26 year old from Sheffield had sustained a dislocated shoulder and possible chest injuries after falling. After treatment by team members he was carried down to a waiting East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) ambulance. Due to the nature of the man's injuries, he was accompanied to hospital by an Edale Team Doctor.

This was the 3rd callout for the team this week. At around 10pm on Tuesday night, Edale were one of four mountain rescue teams called out to search for 2 walkers who had become benighted somewhere on the Kinder plateau without torches. Buxton, Kinder and Glossop teams and 5 search dogs joined the search. The information from the missing pair seemed to suggest that they were on the North side of the plateau but the vague nature of the information led to a full search of the entire area.

This decision proved to be vital since they were actually located by a section of Edale team members nearly 6 kilometres away at Jagers Clough! They were unhurt and were escorted safely off the hill. This incident highlights once again the importance of being properly equipped and experienced when venturing onto high ground, especially as the nights draw in at this time of the year.

The week's activities were rounded off on Monday afternoon when a 48 year old lady from Sheffield fell and injured her ankle while walking on the hillside near Speedwell Cavern outside Castleton. In an impressive piece of flying, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance was able to drop a Paramedic near the scene as team members from Edale and Buxton MR teams were arriving. The casualty was loaded onto a stretcher and carried down the steep hillside to the waiting helicopter before being flown to hospital in Sheffield.

<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>

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