



EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE
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Busy Weekend for New Team Members

Two Edale Mountain Rescue Team trainees underwent a gruelling final assessment before becoming full team members this weekend. However the programme of medical, search and technical rescue exercises was interrupted by a real call out on Saturday afternoon.

A 16 year old male climber from Cheshire had fallen on Stanage Edge. While abseiling his anchor failed and he fell around 10 metres to the foot of the crag, landing on a passer-by. He was treated for suspected back and hip injuries before being carried to the waiting Midlands Air Ambulance for transfer to the Northern General Hospital. Fortunately, the young lady that broke his fall was unhurt!

Having packed the equipment away, the assessment weekend continued with an overnight navigation exercise which also involved the new team members spending the night on Bleaklow without the benefit of tents.

Monday saw the team in action again when a climber fell at Burbage North. Once again he had fallen the full height of the crag, around 8m. The 24 year old from Kent was treated for suspected back and pelvic injuries by an Edale Team Doctor and other team members before being flown to the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield, this time by the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Our new recruits, who have already been training for 18 months, passed with flying colours. Their skills will be put to good use during 2010!

<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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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.

Our new website includes a library of press releases. Please visit http://www.edalemrt.co.uk/press_releases.html

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