



EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE

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A Busy Month for Edale Team

As the end of June approaches, Edale Mountain Rescue Team have been called out to 77 incidents so far in 2010 – just 20 fewer than in the whole of 2009.

June has seen the team deployed to a typical mix of jobs in the Peak District – fallen climbers, missing vulnerable adults, mountain bikers and fell runners. The remarkable summer weather has ensured that there have been plenty of visitors to our area of the National Park and unfortunately some have had an unplanned visit to hospital as a result!

The first weekend in June saw us called to assist a fell runner who had injured her ankle near Hollins Cross just as night came on. With some support and encouragement from the team, she was able to walk back down to the road.

The following week saw a series of mid week callouts. On Tuesday the 15th June we attended a lady with an ankle injury near Abney Low. After treatment and a short carry she was evacuated to hospital by Air Ambulance. The next day we were called together with Buxton MRT to a fallen climber at Robin Hood Buttress on Stanage Edge. He had suffered head injuries and was briefly unconscious. He was treated on scene by the crew of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and team members before being carried off the crag to the helicopter. On Thursday evening the team assisted another fell runner, this time in Padley Gorge near Grindleford. The runner was taking part in the annual Grindleford Fell Race and sprained her ankle while descending back to the village.

On the evening of Sunday 20th June, after a surprisingly quiet weekend, the team was called out by East Midlands Ambulance Service after a lady was pulled off her bike by the family dog near Derwent Reservoir! She had sustained a badly sprained ankle and after pain relief and splinting by a team member, she was taken to hospital in Sheffield by road ambulance.

The following weekend the team were back at Stanage Edge after a climber fell around 20ft and fractured his ankle. He was treated for this and also for potential spinal injury after a significant fall. He was evacuated back to the road and transported to hospital by a road ambulance.

The final callout of the month was on Tuesday 28th June, when a 16 year old lad suffered a severe asthma attack near Cogman Clough in the upper Derwent valley. We responded together with Glossop MRT and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. As team members were making their way up the hill the patient was located and evacuated by the helicopter.

Edale team will be fundraising at the Cliffhanger event in Millhouses Park in Sheffield this weekend (3rd and 4th of July) - a great opportunity for people to meet team-members and learn more about what we do.

<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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