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It would be an understatement to say that 2020 was a challenging year for us all, both physically and emotionally. In that year we all came to realise the benefit that open spaces have for our wellbeing. After the inactivity of a national 'lockdown', easing restrictions brought thousands of people flooding to the Yorkshire Dales. As a result, the number of call-outs attended by CRO members over the year was similar to that of other recent years. On 87 occasions, our volunteer team members faced the potential risk of contracting the corona-virus, in addition to the usual rescue hazards. Whether the casualties should always have been there was not ours to judge; we were asked to do a job by the statutory emergency services and got on with it, giving extra priority to member and patient safety.

Apart from the psychological effect of the enforced 'lav-off' on those of our members instructed to stay at home, one anticipated impact of the pandemic was on fund-raising. Collecting tins were inaccessible and major fundraising events, including the CRO Challenge, were cancelled. Although some of the income reductions won't feed through into the accounts until the new financial year, it was a pleasant surprise to find that people's generosity largely compensated for the 'losses'. As our local business community was also facing hardships, it was decided that none of the supporters of Rescue 2020 would be asked to pay for their advertisement. It was the least we could do.

At the time of writing, our members are supporting local medical practitioners by marshalling people arriving for vaccination in Skipton and Settle, then checking on them immediately afterwards. The future is looking brighter, with the promise of restrictions being phased out, so to everyone we worked with and to those who have supported us during the past year, we say 'Thank you!'. Thanks. to you, too, for taking the time to read this, our latest annual incident report. As always, there are lessons to be learned from reading about others' misfortunes, so plan, prepare and stay safe when vou venture out to enjoy the Dales.

Sean Whittle Chairman, Cave Rescue Organisation

Staying safe in the **Dales with Crow**

Crow is the team's mascot and always on hand with helpful advice on staying safe above and below around. You'll find Crow popping up in places with tips to help you enjoy the Dales.



ABBR	ABBREVIATIONS used in this leaflet				
CDG	Cave Diving Group	NWAS	North West Ambulance Service		
CPR	Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation	NYF&RS	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue		
CumPol	Cumbria Police		Service		
CVSRT	Calder Valley Search & Rescue Team	NYP	North Yorkshire Police		
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre	R&PMRT	Rossendale & Pendle MRT		
FIM	Force Incident Manager	S&RMRT	Scarborough & Ryedale MRT		
FCR	Force Control Room	SwMRT	Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team		
LanCon	Lancashire Constabulary	T&WMRT	Teesdale & Weardale MRT		
MFH	Missing from home	UWFRA	Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue		
'Misper'	missing person		Assoc'n		
MREW	Mountain Rescue England & Wales	YAA	Yorkshire Air Ambulance		
NWAA	North West Air Ambulance	YAS	Yorkshire Ambulance Service		

ABOUT THE INCIDENTS WE ATTENDED DURING 2020

Incident Categories

We categorise incidents as:

'Cave'

'Cave diving'

'Caver on surface'

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'Mountain':-

Walker/Other person



Quad rider



Tree swinging



'Animal'

'Local Incident'. For clarity, local incidents are divided into:Assist Police or

Assist Police of



Assist Ambulance

'Alerts':-



Incidents without a number prefix are 'alerts', where 'action' went little or no further than the CRO Duty Controller, with no 'boots on the ground'. A call is recorded as an 'incident' only when team members are called out and are at least *en route*.

TOTAL INCIDENTS ATTENDED IN 2020 = 87

65 'mountain' incidents

10 'cave' / 'cave diving' incidents

7 'animal' incidents (5 u/grd, 2 surface)

5 'local' incidents (team's MR skills applied in 'other' locations) plus 7 alerts for overdue walkers or cavers, not requiring a call out.

Total volunteer hours on incidents: 3217, plus 31 hours for alerts.

All incidents are in North Yorkshire unless otherwise stated.

Incidents During 2020

JANUARY

01. Jan. 4th Sat. 16.56 Lancaster Hole, Casterton, Cumbria – Cave Diving Incident.

A cave diver (m, 49) was reported overdue from a dive in Lancaster Hole (part of Britain's most extensive cave system), beneath Casterton Fell. Forty people - team members and members of the Northern Section of the Cave Diving Group (CDG) - searched relevant parts of the system, including other entrances and exits, in case he had emerged elsewhere. The initial search from the access point into the downstream passage was led by a member of the CDG, who planned to search the first flooded section. Sadly, as other CDG members were preparing to conduct an extended search, the rescue diver discovered the missing diver, approximately 60 metres into the sump. The casualty was immediately brought back to the sump pool chamber and removed from the water, where it was apparent that he was deceased.

All then collaborated in the lengthy and difficult carrying of the casualty back to the surface and across the fell to Bull Pot Farm where he was handed over to Cumbria Police. (540 volunteer hours.)

02. Jan. 11th Sat. 21.56 Large Pot – Rift Pot, Thornton in Lonsdale – Cave Incident

Four cavers (all m) were reported 'stuck' while on an exchange trip (two each way) between Large Pot and Rift Pot, beneath the fell, above Masongill. Although not strictly 'overdue' (They had given a 'call-out time' of 23.00.), they had gone underground as it began to rain and had been there for almost nine hours – three or four hours longer than they might have expected. With heavy rain during the afternoon, when Masongill Fell Lane was cut off from the settlement, their club-mates on the surface had been concerned for their safety.

CRO controllers made a surface reconnaissance, then escalated this to caving members' investigations in both ends of the exchange route. Limited by what the floodwater allowed without excessive personal risk, team members were unable to see or hear anything of the

'missing' cavers. Two team members remained for the rest of the night, acting as a picket, in case the cavers found their own way out as the flooding declined slightly.

Next morning, with water levels decreasing a little more, CRO members, now supplemented by members of UWFRA, SwMRT and Derbyshire CRO, entered Large Pot and were able to bottom it and move towards Rift Pot. Just before noon, all four 'missing' cavers were found 'safe and well, but cold' in Necropolis, along the main through route. Their survival, in good condition, may be attributable to the emergency kit including a group shelter – they had taken with them. To the pleasant surprise of their rescuers, they were able to make progress, mostly unaided, the last one emerging from Rift Pot a little over 26 hours after going in. Our thanks to members of the kindred cave rescue teams for their considerable support and to the retained staff of NYF&RS who brought their Welfare Unit from Thirsk to provide hot food and drinks as rescuers and rescued returned down Masongill Fell Lane. (CRO members ca 880 volunteer hours.)



Forward base at Masongill Fell Lane

03. Jan. 19th Sun. 13.32 Whernside, Ingleton – Mountain Incident

A walker (m, 19) slipped and fell on wet rocks while descending from the summit of Whernside. He injured, possibly fracturing, his right lower leg. CRO team members splinted the injured leg, packaged the injured person into a stretcher and were able to sledge him down the steep grassy slopes towards Bruntscar. He was taken by a CRO vehicle to the main road in Chapel-le-Dale and handed over to YAS paramedics.

04. (same day) 14.32 Malham Cove, Malham - Mountain Incident

While incident number 3 was still under way, the team was called to assist YAS with a second incident. A walker (f, 15) had slipped on a steep and muddy, grass slope near the top of Malham Cove, sustaining a possible fractured ankle. When the paramedics had immobilised the injured leg, CRO team members carried the patient to a CRO vehicle for transport to the YAS road ambulance.



Malham Cove: Readying the patient (top); transferring to the Land Rover (below).





Transferring to the YAS ambulance.

05. Jan. 23rdThu. 10.50 Sheriff Hill, Malham Cove, Malham – Mountain Incident

A visitor (m, 57), walking from Malham Rakes towards the top of Malham Cove, slipped on the extremely muddy path, about 300m from the road, sustaining a dislocation fracture of one ankle. YAS paramedics asked for CRO's assistance. Team members stretchered the man to the road and helped transfer him into the YAS road ambulance.

Smooth-soled training shoes.

06. (same day) 19.12 Black Dub Moss, Horton-in-Ribblesdale – Mountain Incident

Two Three Peaks walkers (m,30; m,30) reported themselves 'in a field and completely lost', as well as 'surrounded by swamp up to their knees', between Birkwith and Pen y ghent. The PhoneFind app, used by the duty controller, indicated that the missing pair were on the edge of Black Dub Moss. Groups of team members approached from Birkwith and Horton Scar Lane, soon locating the mispers, then guiding them to a team Land Rover at the top of Horton Scar Lane. Cold, but otherwise unharmed, they were driven down to Horton and provided with hot drinks.

07. Jan. 30th Thu. 17.01 Simon Fell, Ingleborough – Mountain Incident

Two walkers (m,51; f,49) reported themselves lost, benighted, wet and cold, in cloud, on Ingleborough. With no response to the PhoneFind app and their phone going unanswered, it was a while before their position could be confirmed. Team members met in Chapel le dale and a 'hasty party' climbed the steep slope to the edge of Simon Fell, provided extra insulation and escorted the walkers down



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to a team vehicle, where the CRO Medical Officer assessed their condition. Other members waited below, in case additional help was needed. Although equipped with map, lights and waterproofs they were inexperienced in the conditions and progress was hampered by rain and gusting winds.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST?

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FEBRUARY

Feb. 9th Sun 13.25 Pateley Bridge, Nidderdale – Alert only

Heavy rain, overnight, caused widespread flooding across northern England. With a serious situation seeming to develop in Nidderdale, UWFRA asked the other North Yorkshire teams what swift-water rescue resources they had available and put them on 'stand-by'. In the event, the task was covered by the home team and the others stood down.

08. Feb. 10th Mon. 13.41 Entrance to Thistle Cave, Ribblehead - Cave Incident

An adult (m, 55) accompanying a group of young people, collapsed at the entrance to Thistle Cave, which they had intended to explore. There were prolonged attempts to revive him by CPR, but when YAS paramedics arrived, by road and air ambulance, they determined that life was extinct. Once the necessary protocols had been followed, CRO members carried the deceased to a road-head for hand-over to an undertaker.

09. Feb. 14th Fri. 00.37 Ease Gill System, Casterton, Cumbria – Cave Incident

Concern was expressed for four cavers, overdue between Lancaster Hole and Wretched Rabbit, in the Ease Gill system. However, realising that there was a risk of causing an un-necessary call-out, the cavers split up at Stop Pot, with the faster two hurrying back to Bull Pot Farm. Unfortunately, they missed their way and were late back. When contacted by a CRO controller, the two at Bull Pot Farm reported the slower two (m, 23; f, 21) longer overdue. The trip had been anticipated as taking from 14.00 to 22.00 and it was now after 01.00. As two CRO controllers drove up to Bull Pot Farm, they saw lights in the distance. One ran across the fell to meet the mispers and guide them back to the vehicles. The pair had missed their way, both underground and across the fell, but were unhurt.

GIVING A GRID REFERENCE

It isn't everyone who's happy with grid references, so to be able to tell someone where you are, enable your smartphone's positioning system or 'GPS' and load 'OS Locate' onto it before going out. This app, free from the Ordnance Survey website, includes a compass and will both define your position (to within 100 metres) and let you send that information by text.

Feb. 15th Sat 13.25 Craven District – Alert only

With heavy rain and widespread flooding anticipated, rescue teams across North Yorkshire were asked, on Friday evening, to say what swift-water rescue resources they would have available. On Saturday morning, CRO and UWFRA sent representatives to the 'Craven Bronze Hub' in Skipton, to help co-ordinate emergency service responses. In the event, there was little significant flooding in Craven and the 'Hub' closed down at 19.46 hrs.

10. Feb. 25th Tue. 14.38 Off Whitestone Lane, Austwick - Mountain Incident

YAS asked for assistance when a walker (m, 52) took a fall at a stile just off Whitestone Lane, Crummackdale, sustaining an arm injury. As members were responding, a further message was received, stating that the ambulance crew was with the patient and the team was not required.

11. Feb. 29th Sat. 12.50 Aquamole Pot, Kingsdale – Cave Incident

Three cavers were abseiling into Aquamole Pot when the lead caver fell down the last 12-metre deep pitch in part of the cave known as Rabbit's Graveyard. He was reported to have pain in his lower back, right knee and left ankle. He told his companions that he had



Aquamole Pot: the air ambulance saved an awkward stretcher carry

threaded the rope on to his descender incorrectly and had plummeted down the pitch instead of making a controlled descent. CRO team members treated and packaged the injured caver for possible pelvic, lumbar and leg fractures before hauling him out of the pothole to the surface. In a gathering storm, he was handed over to the care of YAS paramedics and flown to Leeds General Infirmary by YAA.

12. (same day) 19.50 Alum Pot, Horton-in-Ribblesdale – Cave Incident

A group of 15 cavers was reported as not having got in touch with their contact by the pre-arranged time of 19.00 hours. The group, consisting of one experienced caver, two 'amateurs' and 12 first timers had entered the Alum Pot system at 11.30, planning to go only as far as The Bridge. A local CRO team member checked for the group's minibus at the usual parking place but found nothing. Very shortly afterwards the group's contact let CRO know that they were all out of the cave and were safe.

13. (same day) 22.15 Rowten Pot, Kingsdale - Cave Incident

To During their re-ascent of the vertical Rowten Pot, the first of a party of three cavers became stuck at a point where their access rope was re-belayed to an anchor in the wall of the pothole. It seems that the caver had loaded all his weight on to his cow's tail (a short lanyard), at the re-belay but then found himself unable to unload this weight and progress either up or down. He was stuck there for several hours with his two companions trapped below him. The three were part of a larger group who were exploring several caves and potholes in the vicinity. Later in the evening, some of these companions became concerned and went to the cave entrance to check. Realising there was a problem, they called for CRO and also got a knife down to the stranded caver, who was able to cut his cow's tail. and descend to a ledge. By this time he was exhausted and very cold. CRO team members descended the pothole and treated the stranded caver for mild hypothermia. Additional ropes were rigged and he was hauled to the surface. His companions were able to make their own way out and all three were escorted down to the road.

Crow says

Learn the skills you need - especially with map and compass. Don't rely entirely on electronic gadgets (but do



charge your phone fully before you go).

MARCH

14. Mar. 5th Thu. 18.55 - Ingleborough - Local Incident

NYP received independent reports of flares seen over the summit of Ingleborough.

Although such reports have not resulted in an actual rescue for a very long time, team members undertook a search of the summit of Ingleborough and approaches. No-one was found, nor were any further emergency calls received. Eventually, the team stood down. Conjecture suggested that it was an unknown helicopter.



15. Mar. 7th Sat. 15.54 – Brow Gill Cave, Horton in Ribblesdale - Cave Incident

A caver (m, 21) was reported to have dislocated a shoulder, above the climb in Brow Gill Cave. His companions had attempted to persuade / assist him to descend the climb. but the dislocation was such that this was not possible, so they called for help. Team members immobilised the injured part and offered pain relief, then lowered him off and assisted him out of the cave and to a team vehicle. While doing this, a team member sustained a painful ankle injury and had, himself, to be supported out and across the fell before one of our stronger members piggy-backed him to the vehicles. The fell-side was cleared and all stood down. Back in Horton, the original casualty was transferred to one of his group's own cars and taken to hospital for reduction of the dislocation, which was the repeat of a previous injury.

16. Mar. 17th Tue. 12.57 – Mealbank Quarry, Ingleton - Animal Incident

A farmer contacted the team, concerned for a pregnant ewe that had been stuck on a ledge on the quarry face since Sunday. A small team responded, being able (eventually) to bring the ewe back up to the field on top of the quarry. Because the ewe was pregnant, team members weren't able to be quite so 'robust' as usual in her handling. Definitely not 'Much adewe about nothing'.

APRIL

This period of almost nine weeks without a CRO call-out to a human casualty is the longest such spell since the outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease in 2001.

MAY

17. May. 8th Fri. 15.12 – North of Bruntscar, Chapel le Dale – Mountain Incident

A solo Three Peaks walker (m, 29?) rang NYP to say that he had sustained a leg injury and was struggling to walk 'somewhere just north of Bruntscar'. Despite the caller having said that he had a good phone signal, the duty controller was unable to contact him to establish his precise location. As this was the team's first call to a human casualty after the formal declaration of a national lockdown, a single team member

responded to try to identify the walker's location and make an assessment before calling out more members. He found the walker making his way slowly off the hill. He was returned to his vehicle in Horton in Ribblesdale.

18. May. 15th. Fri. 12.05 – Above Brackenbottom, Horton in Ribblesdale – Animal Incident

A farmer asked whether CRO might rescue a ewe and a lamb from a shake-hole between Brackenbottom and Larch Tree Hole. Three members attended and rescued them both, unharmed, from 3m down in a rock rift.





Plan the day carefully, within your capabilities and taking local advice. Tell someone where you've gone. Turn back, if you think it safer.

19. May. 28th Thu. 15.24 - Field path, above Malham Cove, Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 42) slipped on the path from Malham Rakes (a.k.a. 'the Tarn road') to the top of Malham Cove, sustaining a serious ankle fracture. When YAS paramedics had treated her, team members took her on a wheeled stretcher to the road-head and the waiting road ambulance. Although normally a very simple type of incident, this stretcher evacuation was slowed by the need to protect team members with protective clothing which was almost unbearably hot on a beautifully sunny afternoon. Also, as a safety precaution, all equipment was decontaminated afterwards.

20. May. 30th Sat. 11.44 - Field off Oddie's Lane, Ingleton, Mountain Incident

Having travelled by train and taxi, to walk the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail, a walker (m, 72) found it closed, so tried to bypass the barrier. In a field across the river from the Trail entrance. he slipped and fell. Perhaps because of one of his medical conditions, he was reported to be experiencing breathing difficulty. YAS asked for assistance in locating him and then, when the paramedics had completed their assessment. team members evacuated him to the road ambulance on Oddie's Lane.

21. (same day) 11.44 - Path between Low Sleights and Ivescar, Chapel le Dale, **Mountain Incident**

Members had just returned from incident no 20 when YAS asked for assistance again, after a walker (m. 82), out with his wife and two terriers, was seriously injured by cattle near the bridge over Winterscales Beck. When the first CRO members arrived, paramedics were attempting CPR. When a second road ambulance and an air ambulance arrived. CRO members withdrew, FATAL.

The walker's wife sustained a leg wound and was taken to hospital, while one of their terriers required veterinary treatment.

JUNE

22. Jun. 7th Sun. 12.02 - Bottom Wood. Roeburndale, Lancashire - Mountain Incident

NWAS asked for assistance after a child (f, 14) sustained an ankle injury when she fell from a rope swing in woods some distance from the nearest road access. A small team

attended and made their way to the casualty. A paramedic team member administered pain relief and attempted to reduce the fracture, but without success. The casualty was splinted, placed on a wheeled stretcher and taken up to Barkin Gate Farm. She was handed over to the road ambulance crew for transport to hospital.



Roeburndale: Simple 'carry' with the wheeled stretcher



HULL POT - incidents 24 and 25 ->



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23. Jun. 14th Sun. 01.52 – Ingleborough – Mountain Incident

NYP advised CRO of a solo Three Peaks walker (m, 22) who said he was lost but uninjured, after ascending the third peak. Six minutes later, YAS reported a 999 call from the same number, requesting assistance for someone with chest pain. Again, no location other than 'near some trees'. Although other members and a search dog were sent to key access points, preparatory to searching, the driver of 'CRO 4' (CRO's Honda Pioneer 'side by side' quad) soon found him, up Long Lane, Clapham. He was returned to CRO Base and handed over to YAS paramedics.



24. (same day) 13.28 – Hull Pot, Horton in Ribblesdale – Animal Incident

A spaniel fell the 12m into Hull Pot (Described by the caller as "100 ft ".) and could be seen moving on the floor of the open Pot. A small team attended and cared for the dog, before hauling it out on a Bell stretcher. The owner and dog were driven down to Horton in a CRO vehicle to enable them to attend the veterinary surgery in Settle. Suspected fractures. Postscript: Sadly, the spaniel was so badly injured that the vet was unable to operate on it effectively and so 'put it to sleep'.

25. Jun. 19th Fri. 11.21 – Hull Pot, Horton in Ribblesdale – Animal Incident

A report was received that there was a sheep in Hull Pot. A rapid search revealed only a recently deceased lamb.

26. (same day) 15.05hrs – Downstream of Snow Falls, Ingleton Waterfalls Trail – Mountain Incident

paramedics were unable to locate a visitor (f, 55), reported to have been taken ill on the return leg of the Waterfalls Trail. She was found, a little way downstream of the Snow Falls footbridge, assessed by a paramedic team member and assisted to a team vehicle. This took her to the road-head, where she was handed over to the YAS paramedic crew for further assessment.

27. Jun. 22nd Mon. 17.38- Open pot-hole, next to Fern Pot, Newby - Animal Incident

A report was received that there was a sheep trapped in a pot-hole in the Long Kin West area of Ingleborough. A small team located and rescued it, noting that it was soon grazing again.

28. Jun. 24th Wed. 17.22 – Ingleton Waterfalls Trail – Mountain Incident

YAS requested assistance when their ambulance paramedics were unable to locate a visitor (f, 20), reported, by a friend, to be having a panic attack on the outward leg of the Waterfalls Trail. With the location still uncertain, team members divided up the route and began to look for the 'casualty'. She did not identify herself to those who were looking for her and

walked past some of them on her way back to the car park. Here, she was identified, but declined any attention from the YAS paramedics.

29. Jun. 27th Sat. 18.04 – Ingleton Waterfalls Trail – Mountain Incident

A visitor (f) rang 999 for YAS, following a fall in which she had sustained an ankle injury 'between Baxengill and Snow Falls, at the viewing bridge' on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. With no response to a PhoneFind message, team members set off to meet at the Beezleys caravan park and the duty controller tried telephoning the casualty to confirm her position. He was told that she had been able to walk into Ingleton village and help was not needed. Team members were stood down and the duty controller advised the YAS EOC, who were unaware of the situation.

JULY

30. Jul. 1st Wed. 15.01 – Fife Pot, Newby - Animal Incident

A report was received of a sheep 'stuck down a hole . . . to the right of Pillar Holes' on Newby Moss, Ingleborough. Four members, including two new members, carried out the rescue as a training exercise during the evening, rescuing the sheep from 15m down in Fife Pot. As farmers had cleared the fell of sheep during the afternoon, this sheep was taken by trailer to the nearest farm and returned to its flock, seemingly uninjured.









31. Jul. 8th Wed. 13.55 – Foxup, Littondale - Mountain Incident

UWFRA asked for CRO's assistance near Foxup when a farmer (m, 74) was thrown off his quad bike on the slopes of Plover Hill. The injured person was cared for by YAS/YAA paramedics then flown to hospital by helicopter. CRO members were stood down en route.

32. Jul. 9th Thu. 14.37 – Pen y ghent – Mountain Incident

A walking group, including a doctor, came across another walker (m, 79) who they reported was feeling dizzy and faint, unable to walk, on the steep ascent route of Pen y ghent. As CRO members set off up the hill, the doctor and 'patient' began to descend, but must have been moving well, as they had turned off towards Brackenbottom before the first team member reached the steep ground, running up from Churn Milk Hole. The duty controller arranged for the YAS road ambulance to meet the pair near the former village school in Horton in Ribblesdale and the team stood down.

33. Jul. 11th Sat. 09.57 – Swine Tail, Ingleborough - Mountain Incident

A Three Peaks walker (m) was reported to have fallen, sustaining an open ankle fracture '3 to 5 miles on the path heading up Ingleborough from Horton'. As team members were alerted, PhoneFind messages were sent to the two mobile phone numbers gleaned by YAS and the CRO duty controller. Unfortunately, both were iPhones with the wrong privacy settings, so could not be located, but the verbal description suggested that the group had been descending the Swine Tail. The air ambulance flew in as team members waited at the road-head. Paramedics used the walker's companions to lift him into the helicopter and team members were stood down. The air ambulance flew to Clapham, landing where indicated by a team member, to transfer the patient to a YAS road ambulance.

EMERGENCY ROAMING

When your mobile phone shows 'Emergency calls only' it means that you can call the emergency services on '999', but no-one will be able to call you back to check your information. In a genuinely emergency situation, don't be afraid to call again, in 10 minutes, to offer an up-date.

(same day) 16.47 Chapel le Dale - Alert only

YAS put CRO on stand-by, after receiving a report that a Three Peaks walker (m, 28) had fallen and sustained a broken ankle. The location given was described as '500 metres from the Hill Inn', but as it turned out, this was on Philpin Lane (i.e. on tarmac) and not on the bridleway towards Ingleborough. No action required.

34. Jul. 12th Sun. 12.31 – Near the head of Watlowes (Dry Valley), Malham - Mountain Incident

A walker (m) was reported to have fallen, sustaining a suspected head injury, in Watlowes (a.k.a.'The Dry Valley'), above Malham Cove. The YAS paramedics on the air ambulance, arriving first, assessed the patient and began walking him up the steps at the head of the valley, handing him over to CRO members who walked him gently up to the YAS road ambulance, waiting at Langscar Gate.

35. (same day) 20.25hrs - New Close Knotts (Gordale), Malham - Mountain Incident

A visitor (m) was reported to be 'fallen and injured at top of a waterfall at Malham Tarn'. It was further reported that he had gone for a walk on his own and was missing for a couple of hours before family members found him. There was no reply to a telephone call, text or PhoneFind message, but it was suspected that this was one of the waterfalls at Gordale Scar. After team members had made a quick check at Janet's Foss, they saw figures on the skyline of New Close Knotts (above the limestone scars that run in towards the western side of Gordale Scar). These were some of the casualty's companions. Team vehicles moved closer, then members scrambled up the steep slope, with the necessary equipment. After inspecting the foot which had been injured when a rock rolled onto it, members applied a splint, then lowered the casualty on a stretcher and carried him to a team vehicle. He was driven to Malham car park to be transferred to a family car. After de-contaminating equipment, members stood down.

SELF-RESCUING

is to be encouraged. BUT if you keyed 999 to ask for help, then you self-rescue, PLEASE remember to call again, cancelling the call-out. This year, not everyone thought of that. Grrr!

36. Jul. 15th Wed. 12.41 - Foot of Malham Cove, Malham - Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 59) slipped on wet limestone, # at the edge of Malham Beck, at the foot of the Cove, sustaining a suspected mid-shaft fracture of her left femur. YAS paramedics administered pain relief, then immobilised the limb and CRO members stretchered her to a waiting air ambulance. After de-contaminating the equipment, members stood down.





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37. Jul. 20th Mon. 14.03 – Path across Simon Fell Breast, Ingleborough - Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 75) was reported to have fallen, twisting her ankle and hitting her head while on the path from Ingleborough towards Horton in Ribblesdale. She was then too dizzy to stand or continue walking. While several team members took CRO Land Rovers to Nick Pot (at the top of Sulber Nick) with equipment, two others were able to take the new, lightweight Honda Pioneer all the way to the injured walker, but by a different route. After the injury had been assessed and immobilised, the casualty was helped into the Pioneer and driven back to Clapham, with members walking behind, ready to carry her on a stretcher, if the vehicle ride proved painful. Meanwhile, the other members of her family were walked to a CRO Land Rover, then driven to their own car, in Clapham, Once re-united, the family group took the injured walker to hospital in their own transport.

38. Jul. 21stTue. 12.11 -Top of Malham Cove, Malham - Mountain Incident

A visitor (f, 33) was reported to have fallen, sustaining a suspected ankle fracture, on the limestone pavement at the top of the Cove. After assessment, pain relief and immobilisation of the injured ankle by YAS paramedics from the air ambulance, the casualty was stretchered to a CRO Land Rover, driven to the road-head on Malham Rakes and transferred to a road ambulance for the journey to hospital. Having decontaminated the stretcher (etc.), team members stood down.

39. Jul. 28th Tue. 14.53 - Whernside - path from summit ridge, Ingleton - Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 68) took a fall, high on the path from the summit of Whernside towards
Bruntscar, sustaining an apparent head injury. By chance, an off-duty paramedic (also a member of a neighbouring mountain rescue team) was walking nearby and was able to assess the patient and specify what equipment would be needed for the evacuation. While CRO members were travelling to the incident, an attempt was made to begin walking the patient off the hill, but she became unwell and had to wait for the team's arrival. She was stretchered down to a

road ambulance, waiting near Bruntscar, and assessed by YAS paramedics, who took her to hospital.





Stretcher evacuation from Whernside

40. Jul. 29th Wed. 10.07 - Pen y ghent - path from Brackenbottom, Horton in Ribblesdale - Mountain Incident

A Three Peaks walker (m, 56) collapsed on the path to Pen y ghent, above Brackenbottom Scar. Although he seemed still to be confused, three other walkers - all nurses - abandoned their own walk and assisted him back down to the road. There, they handed him over to YAS paramedics, waiting in a road ambulance. Team members were stood down.

41. Jul. 30th Thu. 14.40 - Near top of Malham Cove, Malham - Mountain Incident

A visitor (m, 71) was taken ill at the top of the steps to the top of Malham Cove. As team members and local YAS paramedics arrived, other YAS paramedics were helping him into their air ambulance, for the flight to hospital. The Cove top was extremely busy with visitors so, before standing down, team members cleared an area around the aircraft for its safe departure to hospital.

42. (same day) 18.10 - Trow Gill, Clapham - Mountain Incident

A walker (f) was reported to have fallen and broken her ankle in Trow Gill. It was not possible to confirm the exact location as the call went first via Ingleborough Cave (which was closed, at the time) and the grid reference given was to the East of Barnard Castle. Team members were called out and a CRO Land Rover sent to reconnoitre. As the driver reached the gate at the top of Clapdale Wood, he came across a group which included the injured person. She declined any offer of help and continued to walk down to Clapham, so the team stood down.

However, a member of the walking group mentioned seeing a sheep, down a hole . . .

43. (same day) 19.14 – Un-named shake-hole, Little Ingleborough, Clapham - Animal Incident

A member of the walking party involved in incident no 42 said that they had seen a sheep, stuck in a shake-hole near the path down from Ingleborough to Little Ingleborough. Having turned out for the one incident, a small group of team members agreed to stay out and rescue the sheep, rather than go home, then turn out again the following day. The team's Honda Pioneer took them up the hill and the sheep was released from the mud and water in the bottom of the shake-hole. The vehicle (and one team member) were hosed down, back at Clapham.







'The vehicle (and one team member) were hosed down, back at Clapham.'

AUGUST

44. Aug. 1st Sat. 17.51hrs - Malham Cove, Malham - Mountain Incident

A visitor (m, 12) fell and twisted his knee on the steps up the side of Malham Cove, so that he couldn't bend or straighten it. Having splinted the leg, team members carried the patient by stretcher to a waiting CRO vehicle and transported him down into Malham. He was transferred to the family vehicle for transport to hospital.



45. Aug. 3rd Mon. 23.01 - Ingleborough, Horton in Ribblesdale - Mountain Incident

Four Three Peaks walkers (all f) called NYP, saying that they were 'lost' on the descent from Ingleborough towards Horton in Ribblesdale, although they were able to describe the signpost on their path ('Horton 2 miles'). However, the party had limited lighting and rapidly declining phone batteries, so, rather than have them wandering over limestone pavement, in the dark, later (Other such groups have been

known to be lost twice in an evening.), the duty controller decided to have them picked up where they were. Two members took a team Land Rover to 'Sulber Cross-roads', collected the group and returned them to Horton.



Take equipment suitable for the conditions (including a First Aid Kit). Know how to use it all.

46. Aug. 8th Sat. 14.15 - Pen y ghent - Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 48) stumbled on the final climb up the south end of Pen y ghent, hitting her head as she stood up again and sustaining a head injury. A passing doctor helped staunch the bleeding from the scalp wound and, knowing that help had been requested, advised that she might begin to walk back down. The first team members to arrive met the casualty's party at the lower climb and accompanied them down to Brackenbottom Scar, where she transferred to a team vehicle for the drive down to Horton. The YAS road ambulance stood down when the casualty's party agreed to visit their local hospital for a check-up, on the way home.



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Casualty Care in Mountain and Cave Rescue

All team members must have a basic level of first aid training that allows them to assess the ABCs (Airway, Breathing, Circulation) of a casualty. Most members take this a (big) step further and hold an MREW Casualty Care (Cas Care) certificate. This enables us to assess casualties in what can sometimes be very hostile conditions, interpreting the information we are presented with before planning treatment, extraction and transport to definitive care. Cas Care certificates must be renewed every three years and for this members undergo intensive training, including a practical exam. To ensure a realistic setting we are lucky to be able to use the local White Scar Cave (using our own lights). The training is shared with UWFRA and run by health professionals from both teams.



Waiting for the exam in White Scar Cave

Training in a pandemic

It is essential that when a call comes through, no matter what the location and no matter what the conditions, the team is ready. Key to this is familiarity with the variety of equipment and skills that may be needed. Under normal circumstances members meet to train once a month, at the Depot, on the hill or underground. Social distancing and local restrictions have meant that we have had to adapt and find new ways to train, including setting navigation challenges that can done by individuals, quizzes and refresher training via Zoom (including learning when to be on mute!). We can't wait to be back out on the hills, but in the meantime we'll keep training in whatever way we can.



'Social distancing' while discussing rigging techniques in the old quarry on Storrs Common (above). The swift-water team training in the River Ribble (below).



'Extreme Litter-pick' = Practice + Fund-raising

Each year, in exchange for a significant donation,

the Ingleton Scenery. Company asks CRO members to help clear the Waterfalls Trail of litter thrown to places inaccessible to their own staff by thoughtless visitors. This is a good fundraising activity and good practice at roped-descent and security on steep ground. It's just a shame that it's needed.



CRO Ingleborough Challenge

The CRO Ingleborough Challenge lets fell runners and walkers of all abilities enjoy the Three Peaks area of the Dales, while providing vital income to the CRO. Participants can choose to run or walk either a 12 mile or a marathon circuit. Both routes explore the area around Ingleborough, the second highest of Yorkshire's Three Peaks and the heart of CRO's "patch". The routes pass through spectacular limestone countryside, and the marathon circuit goes over the summit of Ingleborough. The circuits are well-signed, with marshals at key checkpoints to assist participants with route finding.

2019 was a huge success, exceeding all expectations with more Challengers than ever before. Thanks to everyone who took part and in particular thanks to everyone who arranged sponsors. With your help we raised over £10,115 for the team, our highest total to date.

Sadly the 2020 event had to be cancelled because of the COVID pandemic and as the Challenge is one of the team's main fundraising events for the year, our income was significantly reduced. However throughout the restrictions and lockdowns the team was always on call. Despite all the issues, 2020 was a busy year with 87 callouts in total.

Despite the 2020 setback we are moving forward and, Covid restrictions permitting, the 2021 CRO Ingleborough Challenge will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 and we're hoping for a bumper turnout. As always the request

for perfect weather conditions has been submitted and it is full steam ahead to make the 2021 Challenge the best year yet. All the details for the event can be found on our website https://cro.org.uk/the-cro-challenge. As always, we'll look forward to welcoming back our regular supporters and meeting new Challengers at the event. See you there!

We would like to thank our commercial sponsors for their support for the 2021 event who are:

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47. (same day) 19.04 - Snow Falls, Ingleton -Mountain Incident

A visitor (m, 12) was reported to have 'fainted' And was 'unconscious', just below Snow Falls on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. He was later reported to have regained consciousness and complained of abdominal pain. YAS paramedics. plus a doctor and NWAS paramedics from the NWAA attended to the casualty before team members carried him, by stretcher, to a waiting road ambulance. After decontaminating equipment, team members stood down. It seems that the - normally fit - youngster had complained of the heat and tiredness, through the day - possible heat exhaustion?

48. Aug. 10th Mon. 11.49 - Malham Cove, Malham - Mountain Incident

A visitor (f) was reported to have fallen at the foot of the Malham Cove steps and was complaining of pain in her side and neck. As team members responded, this was updated to back and neck pain with numbness in her legs. After attention from YAS paramedics, the casualty was carried to a team vehicle and driven to Town Head Farm for transfer to the waiting road ambulance.

49. (same day) 14.01 - Pecca Falls, Ingleton -**Mountain Incident**

As team vehicles were returning from Malham, a visitor on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail expressed concern that his wife (72 and with a medical condition) was unwell. Returning team members were diverted to the Kingsdale road,

for access to the Pecca Falls area. The casualty. who was dehydrated. was stretchered to a team vehicle which took her back to the family car on the Trail's main car park. Team members then stood down.

50. Aug.12th Wed. 13.49 - Lane above Scar End, Twisleton, Ingleton - Mountain Incident

A visitor (f. 55) was Reported to be suffering from heat exhaustion



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with complications, on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail, 'near Beezlev Farm'. The first team vehicle was able to follow the road ambulance all the way to the casualty site on the green lane above Scar End. Twisleton. After attention from the YAS paramedics and a team doctor, the patient was helped into the road ambulance which returned her to the caravan site where she was staving.

51. Aug.15th Sat. 12.12 - Pecca Falls. Ingleton - Mountain Incident

A visitor (m, 10) slipped and fell about 3 Metres on a steep, grassy slope above the refreshments cabin near Pecca Falls, on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. During his tumble he had banged his head. He also said that he had hurt his knees. The boy was checked by CRO were driven across a couple of fields to reach a YAS road ambulance.



52. (same day). 12.12 - Thornton Force, Ingleton - Mountain Incident

Three hours after completing incident mumber 51 the team returned to the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail to give help to a visitor (f, 32) who had slipped on a wet rock and banged her head. She was reported as being confused and unable to remember what had happened. After assessing the casualty's injury and responses, team members decided that she was able to walk, with assistance, a short way to a team vehicle. She was driven across fields to be transferred to a YAS road ambulance.

53. Aug.17th Mon. 16.33 – Snow Falls, Ingleton - Mountain Incident

On a wet and overcast day, a visitor (m, 73) slipped off the path - falling and tumbling about 20 metres down into the river Doe near to Snow Falls, on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. The man was reported as being up to his waist in the water, able to talk, but unable to get out. Before CRO arrived. NYP officers had been able



Snow Falls: ready for hauling

to scramble down to the river and help the man to the water's edge. He was checked over by a team member who is also a paramedic, before being placed in a stretcher for evacuation. Team members rigged ropes and hauled the loaded stretcher up to the path. Also on scene and helping were personnel from NYF&RS, YAS, YAA and NWAS.

54. (same day) 19.12 - Old Ingleton Quarry, Skirwith, Ingleton - Animal Incident

A dog was reported to have been 'spooked' by an unusual noise while walking with its owners on a footpath near to Old Ingleton Quarry. The dog had bolted under the boundary fence and fallen about 10 metres down the quarry face, on to a ledge. A CRO team member was lowered to the ledge and found the dog to be alive and seeming well. Both were hauled back up the quarry face and the dog was reunited with its owners.

55. (same day) 23.34 – Malham Cove area, Malham – Mountain Incident

A walker (m, 23) reported himself lost while walking near Malham Cove. He had informed the emergency operator that he was camping alone and could not find his way in the dark. In co-operation with NYP and with YAS standing by, CRO team members searched all the paths and camp-sites between Malham village, Malham Tarn and Gordale Scar. Despite the searching, shouting and listening, no person or unoccupied tent was found and the search was paused at about 03.30 hours. NYP contacted CRO at 06.15 hours to say that the misper had called again to let the Police know that he was safe.

56. Aug.18th Tue. 15.14 - Bar Pot, nr Gaping Gill, Clapham - Cave Incident

A caver (f, 14) abseiled down the first (entrance) pitch of Bar Pot, landing heavily on her feet, then tumbling about 2 ½ m backwards, banging her head. She was reported to have a suspected fracture of her left ankle and a minor laceration to her head; but had not lost consciousness and had no other signs of having suffered a head injury. One of the several members of Craven Pothole Club, who were readily to hand, agreed with the CRO duty controller that they could haul the injured caver.

to the surface, safely, while CRO members were en route. Caving and surface members attended, meeting the CPC cavers at the entrance. After giving the young caver some pain relief and splinting her ankle, the team stretchered her down to a team vehicle in Trow Gill, from where she was driven to Clapham for transfer to a YAS road ambulance.

57. Aug.23rd Sun. 13.10 – Malham Cove, Malham - Mountain Incident

A visitor (m, 25), with a medical condition, collapsed just after the steps at the top of Malham Cove. Arriving first, the air ambulance paramedics assessed the patient then handed him over to team members, who walked him gently across to Cove Road and assisted him into a YAS road ambulance.

58. Aug.24th Mon. 13.14 - Watlowes ('The Dry Valley'), Malham - Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 45) landed heavily, coming off a stile in Malham's 'Dry Valley', and sustained a suspected broken ankle. With no signal on her party's mobile phone, another walker used his phone to call for an ambulance. Unfortunately, the description given (without mention of a stile being noted) was 300m from the road and sounded like the main path from the village. First on the scene, the CRO controller was unable to find anyone on the path who was injured or anyone who had seen someone who seemed to be injured. However, as the team Land Rover was passing Langscar Gate* (2km further up Cove Road), a companion of the injured walker flagged it down and told the driver that the casualty was near the top of the Dry Valley. The

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YAS road ambulance and CRO team members relocated to Langscar Gate, then walked down the (correct) 300m from the road, there. After assessment by the YAS paramedics, the casualty was stretchered up to the road ambulance for the journey to hospital.

*Although the more direct route to Malham Cove from CRO Base, at Clapham, is normally via Kirkby Malham and Malham village, 'post lockdown' traffic had been such that CRO was using the Langcliffe and Malham Moor route to avoid the chaos which the village had to endure. Fortunate, in this case!

59. (same day) 16.55 − Baxengill Gorge, Ingleton - Mountain Incident

Wery soon after members returned home from incident number 58, a call was received to a visitor (f, 39) who had sustained a suspected ankle fracture on the return half of the Ingleton Watefalls Trail. A hasty search by the first team members on scene at Beezleys found her on the main path, near the viewing bridge in Baxengill Gorge. Other members took stretcher, splints and other casualty care equipment down to the site, then carried the patient back to Beezleys. With YAS under strain in the area, the patient and her family agreed to use their own car to take her to their local hospital, themselves. Team members decontaminated equipment then stood



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60. Aug.26th Wed. 22.01 – Horton Moor,
Pen y ghent - Mountain Incident
A family (2 adults, 3 children + dog) reported themselves lost and at risk of becoming benighted on a descent from Pen-y-ghent.
Team members were put on standby in case a full search was required, but fortunately the daughter was able to download an app to help NYP provide a location. After a brief phone call to the family, a small team drove up from Horton in Ribblesdale, finding them cold but unharmed beyond Hull Pot, on the bridleway to Foxup.
They were escorted to a team vehicle and driven down to their car at Horton. The team then stood down.

61. Aug.29th Sat. 14.46 – Lord's Seat, Horton Moor, Pen-y-ghent - Mountain Incident The team returned to Horton Moor when a walker (f,32) became disoriented and lost trying to return to Horton in Ribblesdale from Pen-y-ghent. Her position was identified by team members using PhoneFind and a small team found her in an area of very broken, uneven ground. She was escorted to a team vehicle and driven down to her own car in Horton. The walker was embarrassed at her navigational error and was extremely apologetic when team members found her.

There are lots of online resources to ensure you are equipped with the skills, knowledge and equipment for a great day out. You might start with https://www.adventuresmart.uk/.

SEPTEMBER

62. Sep.5th Sat. 20.55 – Southerscales Fell, Ingleborough - Mountain Incident

Two Three Peaks walkers (f, 36; f, 47) became separated from their five companions after climbing the temporary path diversion towards Ingleborough. They were reported as lost and with limited lighting. Having ascertained their position, using PhoneFind, the duty controller advised them to descend along a wall-side and sent two team members up to meet them. They were guided down to the road-head in Chapel-le-Dale and re-united with their companions.

63. Sep.12th Sat. 14.12 – Ingleton Waterfalls Trail - Mountain Incident

A visitor (f, 43) injured an ankle on the path between Pecca Falls and Thornton Force and was unable to put weight on it. On arrival at 'Tom's Cabin', YAS paramedics and team members splinted the patient's lower leg and stretchered her a short distance to a team Land Rover. This took her to the YAS road ambulance, waiting on the Kingsdale road, then returned her husband to their car, in the car park, before returning to Base.

64. Sep. 13th Sun. 08.13 – Chapel-le-dale, Ingleton - Mountain Incident

A Three Peaks walker (f, 39) was reported to be suffering pain in the left shoulder and back. Other information suggested that the group leaders suspected a heart problem. No location was given, but the team was asked to meet the caller at The Old Hill Inn. The caller could not be called back, so the duty controller went to the Hill Inn. A team vehicle set off from Clapham and other team members were put on alert, at home. Meanwhile, the casualty had been walked to the roadside, where she collapsed -- breathing, but seeming to be in and out of consciousness. An ambulance was called and the patient, whose condition appeared to be improving, was handed over to YAS paramedics.

65. Sep. 19th Sat. 21.04 - Ingleborough - Mountain Incident

A walker made a 999 call to NYP, saying that her companion had fallen and was injured, while they (f, f) were walking the Three Peaks. Before any more information could be passed. the call ceased and the NYP FCR was unable to re-connect. All that was known was the phone network and the network's approximation of the caller's location - Simon Fell Breast, on the descent from Ingleborough towards Horton in Ribblesdale and completion of the traditional route. Such information is not always to be relied on, but NYP and CRO calls, texts and a PhoneFind message all went unanswered, so team members began searching the area of Simon Fell Breast. When no-one was found, they began, systematically, to cover all other routes off the hill.

Meanwhile, with a developing suspicion that there was no-one to find, the duty controller prevailed upon NYP to try to find a name and address for the phone number used, with a view to then connecting that with a vehicle type and registration mark, in case this helped determine a start point or absence from the area. The search continued and permission was granted for a Police helicopter to be deployed at first light. Then, at 02.30, NYP called to say that the mispers' home Police force had found the caller almost 60 miles away, having arrived home a little after 01.00. Team members, including a search dog and handler, stood down, still wondering how someone who was injured had 'evaded' them and failed to tell NYP that the emergency was over; they were safe.

The 'mystery' was solved, to some extent, the following morning, when a CRO controller who had stayed at home during the evening, phoning and texting the misper's number, woke to find the following text had been left on his phone at about 02.30:

'My phone died before I could complete the call. My friend sprained her ankle but I managed to carry her down and we sought help in Clapham. We have only just arrived home. Thank you for your help.'

Sep. 21st Mon. 18.40 Malham Cove, Malham - Alert only

NYP alerted CRO to a possible incident at Malham Cove. As the duty controller rang for more details, he was informed that the incident had been resolved, so the team's assistance was not required.

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simply means that you are thinking about your own experience and skills. Choosing an adventure that you know is within your skillset is part of the fun. See page 32.

66. Sep. 26th Sat. 15.22 - New Close Knotts, Godale, Malham - Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 37) jumped over a low stone wall, sustaining an ankle injury when she landed badly. Her ankle was splinted by CRO team members before she was carried in a stretcher to a team Land Rover, transported to Malham village and handed over to YAS paramedics.



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67. Sep. 27th Sun. 10.18 – Path above High Birkwith, Horton-in-Ribblesdale - Mountain Incident

A walker (m, 26) slipped and felt his ankle "crunch", while walking on the path above High Birkwith. His ankle was splinted by CRO team members then he was carried in a stretcher the short distance to a team Land Rover. He was taken to the car park in Horton-in Ribblesdale from where his partner drove him to their local hospital.



OCTOBER

68. Oct.3rd. Sat. 18.54 - Three Peaks Walk - Mountain Incident

A Three Peaks walker (m) was reported overdue. He had last been seen, 'flagging', on the summit of Whernside at 12.40, when he told his companions that he would not be walking over Ingleborough but would return to the start in Horton-in-Ribblesdale, along the road. His former companions completed their walk then drove along local roads before reporting him missing. As a minimum of CRO members began looking for him, the 'missing' walker came down the path to Horton Station with other walkers. He had no map and no local knowledge, so rather than take to a road, he followed other walkers on to Ingleborough and stayed with them, as he also had no torch. Meanwhile

69. (same day). 19.48 - Three Peaks Walk - Mountain Incident

As a few team members were involved in incident no 68, a second call came in from a walker concerned about a group of five Three Peaks walkers (3 x m, 2 x f) he believed to be cold and struggling on the descent from Ingleborough. They turned up in Horton with the misper from incident no 68 among them. It seems that two had seen no 68 struggling on Ingleborough and 'adopted' him. They then got lost on the summit, along with two others they met. They all began descending by the wrong path but were put right by other walkers and all walked down into Horton, as team members organised.

The duty controller says 'It was more complicated than this.'.

70. Oct.7th Wed. 16.46 – Southerscales Fell, Ingleborough. Ingleton - Mountain Incident

Having taken the temporary diversion path to Ingleborough from Chapel le dale, two walkers (m 37, f 34) reported themselves unable to descend, because of the steepness and apparent instability of the fell-side. The duty controller persuaded them to continue on the informal path towards Park Fell and descend towards Colt Park or Ribblehead. Their location was confirmed by PhoneFind, then their phone signal was lost, but the small group of CRO members who went out to assist them could see that they had made it to the saddle then begun to descend towards Scar Close. The pair then seemed to have lost their way in the 'dead ground', so it was a while before team members were able to meet them and guide them back to the road, unharmed.

(same day) 19.51 – Beecroft Hall, Horton in Ribblesdale – Alert only

The CRO duty controller was advised that a father and son had almost completed the Three Peaks walk, but that the father was unable to continue beyond an unoccupied farm. With their location confirmed by PhoneFind as Beecroft Hall, the son agreed to continue and to return to the farm buildings with his car. He undertook to phone the duty controller when both were safe, in case any help was needed. Some while later, the DC phoned to ask about progress, to be told that the pair were on their way home, having been collected by 'the park police'.

Oct. 10th. Sat. 23.34hrs - Ingleborough - Alert only

NYP passed on an alert that five 'experienced walkers' had not descended from Ingleborough. The duty controller was unable to contact the caller and only one of the PhoneFind messages sent to the three phones of the missing party was received (i.e. two phones were switched off, unavailable or had a dead battery). NYP then advised that the missing walkers had just arrived back in Horton in Ribblesdale.

71. Oct.13thTue. 20.01 - Scar Close, Chapelle-dale, Ingleton - Mountain Incident

A group of five walkers (m 48; m, f, f, f, all 20/21), having started the Three Peaks Walk in Horton in Ribblesdale at 04.00, reached Chapel- le-dale at 16.00, then climbed Ingleborough as their last peak, but reported themselves lost on the descent. NYP established that they were in the area of Keld Bank / Scar Close, on the Chapel-le-dale side of the hill i.e. the wrong side. A small team went to investigate, guided them back to the road then returned them to their cars in Horton.

72. Oct.23rd Fri. 17.36 – Lancaster Hole - Wretched Rabbit, Casterton Fell, Cumbria. Cave Incident

CumPol were contacted by the wife of a caver (m, 55) who was apparently overdue after setting off to do a through trip from Lancaster Hole to Wretched Rabbit, Having passed the call to the team, neither the Police nor team controllers were able to call the informant back, so a team member went to Bull Pot Farm to liaise with the caller and make an assessment. while another team member prepared a team vehicle at Clapham, to attend if required. While talking to the informant, the team member saw a light heading across the fell towards Bull Pot Farm, which turned out to be the missing caver. Once his safety was confirmed, team members were stood down. The caver had simply underestimated the time required to complete his planned trip.

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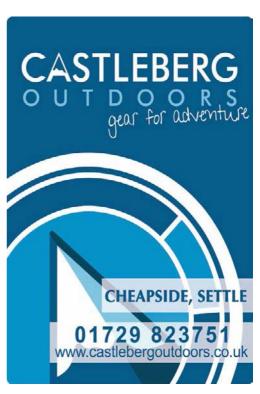
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Oct. 25th. Sun. 20.40 - Whernside - Alert only

Two walkers became separated from their companions and were believed lost on Whernside. The duty controller decided to send a team member to speak to the reporting companions on Low Sleights Road, just beyond the Hill Inn. However, before the team member set off, a further message was received from NYP stating that the lost walkers had turned up and everyone was accounted for. No further action was needed.

73. Oct.26th Mon. 14.08 – Whernside - Mountain Incident

A walker (f) was reported to have sustained a lower leg injury on Whernside. Although with three companions and able to walk slowly with assistance, they requested help due to the distance back to their vehicle and the weather conditions which had left the party cold and wet (heavy rain showers and a cold, gusty wind). Team members responded to a rendezvous point near Ribblehead, and while a vehicle with team members aboard made its way towards



Force Gill aqueduct by the access track, another team member headed directly on foot to locate the casualty and party who were found making their way slowly along the track towards Blea Moor signal box. The party were put into the team vehicle and conveyed back to their own vehicle at Ribblehead.

NOVEMBER

74. Nov. 1st Sun. 15.53 – Ingleborough - Mountain Incident

A local man, out for a run, came across a family of two adults and two children (one aged about 7; one in a baby sling), sheltering on the summit of Ingleborough, apparently lost and cold, without adequate weather-proof clothing. They wished to go down to Clapham, so he directed them to Little Ingleborough in 'low fog, driving rain and strong winds', then phoned NYP to express concern for their well-being. Two team members drove up to Trow Gill and continued on foot towards Gaping Gill. Meeting the family, they escorted them back to the team Land Rover for the drive down to Clapham, where a local Police officer explained why CRO had been called.

75. (same day). 17.55 – Ingleborough - Mountain Incident

Three Three Peaks walkers were reported to be struggling near the summit of Ingleborough in heavy rain, high winds and minimal visibility. When they and their former companions, now down at the finish in Horton-in-Ribblesdale, phoned NYP, FCR staff placed them on Simon Fell Breast, although the 'lost' group had stated that they were not on a path. Team members, working in minimal visibility, covered access routes and routes known, previously, to have been followed in error, but did not find the mispers. Word was then received that the trio had arrived in Clapham, walked past CRO Base and into the New Inn, next door. They then phoned their colleagues, in Horton, to pick them up.

76. Nov.14th Sat. 14.03 – Nr. Malham Tarn, Malham Moor - Mountain Incident

XAS asked for CRO's assistance after a walker (f, 32) was knocked over and trampled by cattle near Malham Tarn. When team members arrived on scene, the YAS crew had helped the patient into their road ambulance, so the team was stood down.

Note: The two walkers were walking with their dog and it was to this that several suckler cows had taken exception. The owner, who was concerned for her pet, was injured in the resulting melee. The Countryside Code requires dogowners to keep their pets under close control when in enclosures with livestock. However, the practical advice, where cattle take an active interest in it is to 'DITCH THE DOG'. This is not cruel, just practical. The dog can fend for itself just as well, alone, as it would with you and you are then less at risk.

77. Nov.14th Sat. 21.46 - Newby / Ingleborough area? - Mountain Incident

NYP passed on a message from a concerned party in Newby who had agreed to a walker parking by her property that morning, but he had not returned, twelve hours later. A rapid drive of roads around the Ingleborough block produced no struggling walker. NYP determined the car owner's mobile phone number and both voicemail and PhoneFind / SARLoc messages were left, without result. With only a vague idea that the 'misper' might be somewhere on Ingleborough, no proportionate, practical action could be taken by CRO. However, Police in his home area contacted his partner and received an assurance that although he had been caught out by poor weather, he was well prepared, safe and well, weathering it out on Whernside. He did not need assistance. He also contacted the CRO duty controller.

The following morning, the duty controller received a message 'All OK on Whernside. Weather improved. On my way home. Thanks for your concern.'

78. Nov.17th Tue. 16.24 – Southerscales Fell, Ingleborough - Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 28) slipped on the steep (temporary diversion) path on the Chapelle-Dale side of Ingleborough, sustaining a suspected ankle fracture, sometime after 15.00 hrs. As neither the injured person nor her father could get a signal on their mobile phones, a passer-by called 999 and asked the Police for mountain rescue. Unknown to the CRO duty controller, the call went to a neighbouring Police

force and was passed to NYP, who interpreted the rather odd Lat/Long co-ordinates and the description given as being in the Langcliffe tops to Malham Moor area. In a very confused situation, team members from the Settle area were heading in that direction when it was learned that there were errors in the phone numbers supplied and that the correct position was above Chapel-le-Dale. Once aware of the correct location, team members were able to reach the casualty, immobilise her leg and stretcher her to a team Land Rover at the roadhead. She was driven to CRO Base at Clapham and transferred to the family car for the journey to her local hospital, on the way home. Unsuitablysoled footwear.

Footnote: As the initial 999 call had gone via the mobile phone mast in Carnforth, Bowland Pennine MRT also received a call from the police, but with a dearth of information the team leader was unable to take any action. Eventually, he was able to speak to the casualty, but by then she was safely in the CRO vehicle and no action was required.

It is assumed that the original call went by 'emergency roaming', which enables a 999 call to be made, but not returned.



A simple stretcher evacuation to the road-head in Chapel-le-Dale.

Nov. 19th Thu. 14.36 - Gisburn Forest, Lancashire, Alert only

Bowland Pennine MRT asked for CRO's support when they found themselves short-handed on the way to an incident in Gisburn Forest. A cyclist (m, 30) had come off his mountain bike, sustaining a shoulder injury. However, as a CRO controller was texting a

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call-out to team members, NWAS advised that the patient had been able to make his way to the main car park at Stephen Park ('the Forest Hub'), so a call-out was not needed.

79. Nov.22nd Sun. 17.56 - Airton

- Local Incident

NYP asked for assistance in finding someone, believed to be at risk, missing in the Airton area since about 15.40. However, just as the first team member arrived on scene, Police officers found her 'safe and well', so team members stood down. Members of UWFRA were on stand-by, in case a wider area search was needed.



80. Nov.29th Sun. 13.01 - Whernside, Ingleton - Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 14) slipped, then tumbled five or six metres down the steep path, where it leaves the Whernside summit ridge towards Bruntscar, sustaining head and possible elbow injuries. After assessment and treatment by a team doctor, she was 'packaged' and put onto a stretcher to be sledged and carried down to a YAS road ambulance, waiting near Bruntscar. Our thanks to the Royal Marines who happened to be on the hill. Being prepared for winter walking in the Pennines, they carried a sleeping bag, into which they put the casualty, to keep warm, then assisted in the rescue.

81. (same day). 15.42 – Blea Moor / Ribblehead area, Ingleton

- Mountain Incident

As members were back at Clapham, cleaning the Whernside mud from equipment, a further call was received. A member of a family party (f, 13) was reported to have separated from her parents on Blea Moor at about 14.30. When the parents returned to their car, she was nowhere to be seen, so NYP and CRO personnel were organised to search. As the first CRO team, with a search dog, deployed alongside the railway, the misper was walking towards them. All was well and the team stood down.

DECEMBER

82. Dec.3rdThu. 16.18 - The Kingsdale Road above Long Gill, Thornton in Lonsdale - Local Incident

A motorist called NYP when he and his partner became stuck in the first snow of the winter on the road to Deepdale/Dentdale, above Kingsdale Head. A small CRO team, in a Land Rover, soon recovered them and a supermarket delivery driver. 'CRO makes it!'

83. Dec.6th Sun. 13.23 - Malham Cove, Malham - Mountain Incident

YAS asked for CRO's assistance when a walker (f, 70) was reported to have fallen at the top of Malham Cove. Although she had sustained a painful shoulder injury, she was determined to set off to walk back down the steps at the side of the Cove, with support from her husband. When the first team member arrived on scene patient, spouse and paramedics

were walking slowly and carefully towards the road and the YAS rapid response vehicle, so the team stood down.

84. Dec. 25th Christmas Day 17.29 - Ingleborough - Mountain Incident

A friend reported a solo Three Peaks walker (m, 44) 'lost . . . cold, alone and disoriented . . . with minimum food and not appropriately dressed . . . approximately 500m from the top of Ingleborough and now lost'. The misper's car was identified in Horton in Ribblesdale and, with no further information to go on and no communication with him, the duty controller organised team members to begin searching different routes onto the hill. As the search was going on, the misper returned to his car, found the team's note on his windscreen and connected his mobile phone, discovering the series of messages that had been left for him. An hour later, all vehicles and team members were back at Base or at home.

It seems that the misper had been confused by the signs warning of the temporary diversion above Humphrey Bottom, so that by the time he had climbed the steepest part of the hill it was dark and he was in low cloud. His GPS battery died, followed by his mobile phone battery (after he had phoned the friend). He had taken the wise precaution of carrying a spare battery pack but, unfortunately, had left the connecting lead at home. Although uncertain of where he was (probably Simon Fell), he did have map and compass, so headed East until he found a wall to follow down into Ribblesdale, hitting the road near Selside. He then walked down the road to Horton, but this was after the CRO members had already driven the route, looking for him.



85. Dec. 28th 17.36 - Ingleborough - Local Incident

NYP received a report of an orange flare over Ingleborough and asked CRO to investigate. Although doubtful that anyone would be in distress, given how few walkers carry flares and the other methods of communication available, these days, controllers recorded the registration marks of vehicles parked around the hill. One of them returned later and found that all vehicles had been driven away. No further action was taken.

86. Dec. 30th 02.28 - Lythe Fell Road, Tatham, Lancashire - Local Incident

🗲 LanCon asked CRO to investigate a request for help when a man and two small children became stranded in their car on Lythe Fell (on the High Bentham to Slaidburn road, 8 km / 5 miles South of High Bentham). The duty controller confirmed their position using PhoneFind and took a small team in two Land Rovers to give assistance. The road was so icy that they stopped 200m short of the car, which was partially in a ditch. Had they been able to recover it to the road, it would probably have slid away on the ice. Man and children were driven to High Bentham to meet a taxi to take them home. On the road, nearby, the team discovered three other abandoned cars and the AA van which had previously towed out the subject's car before it slid off the road for the second time. Unlike the drivers of the three abandoned cars. the AA driver was well-prepared. Knowing that



he wouldn't be going anywhere safely before morning, he had curled up in his sleeping bag and gone to sleep, so wasn't overly impressed to be woken by a bunch of CRO Santa look-alikes at just after 3 a.m.

87. (same day) 16.02 – Hillside below Blua Crags, Settle, North Yorkshire.

- Mountain Incident

A walker (f, 50) slipped on steep, frozen ground, sustaining a suspected ankle fracture. The first team members on scene kept her warm until others arrived. Then, after being given pain relief and attention from a YAS paramedic and team doctor, she was helped into a casualty bag on a Bell stretcher and sledged down to a team Land Rover, waiting at the top of Banks Lane. She was driven down to Settle and transferred to a YAS road ambulance for the journey to hospital.



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Going out on the hills?

A pleasant walk can become something quite different if the weather takes a turn for the worse and/or you have to make an unexpected stop. We are not expecting you to prepare for an ascent of an Alpine summit (unless of course you are ascending an Alpine summit!) but ask yourself, "Have I got enough kit with me to keep warm for an hour?". If something happens on the hill and you have to call the emergency services it's likely to take at least an hour for help to reach you. If you are stationary for that time it is probable that, if unprepared, you will get cold.

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What to take with you:

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- Don't forget spare batteries and bulbs for torches

Suitable clothing

Warm, windproof and waterproof. Layers work best!

Footwear

- Choose a treaded sole and ankle support Spare clothing including hat and gloves
 - Even in summer you can get cold if you are not moving

Ample food and drink for the day

- Include high energy snacks such as chocolate, nuts or dried fruits
- Always carry water Even in cool weather it's easy to become dehydrated.

Fundraising

As a charity, we rely on the generosity of friends and followers to support us through donations. In normal years we can be seen out and about fundraising at various events across the area we cover. In 2020, restrictions prevented this - and rightly so. Collecting tins, normally rattled enthusiastically at local shows or growing heavy on the counters of shops and bars, sat silent. It costs more than £40,000 each year to run a team like ours and we had to find different ways of raising money. Amazon Smile has allowed people to donate as they shop, we've had artwork donated for online auctions and people have set up Just Giving pages to raise money. We are enormously grateful to everyone who supports us. If you would like to support the team then there are a number of ways that you could.

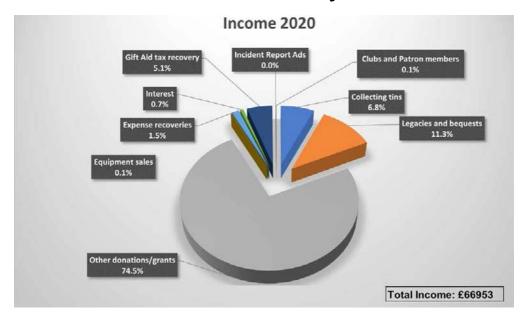


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Financial Summary 2020





This is a summary of CRO's income and expenditure for the year ending 31st October 2020. The organisation's accounts and annual report may be read, in full, on the Charity Commission website at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission. Click on 'Search for a charity', then type either ' 241091" or 'Cave Rescue Organisation'.

Mountain Rescue Search Dogs (England)

In England and Wales, anyone wishing to begin to train, qualify and run a search dog, must first be an operational member of a recognised search and rescue team. Training and assessment are very thorough

and cannot even begin until the young dog has demonstrated, unequivocally, that it takes no notice of sheep.

One CRO member works with his search dog, training every week over a mix of terrain, thanks to the agreement of a number of local farmers and the support (by getting 'lost'!) of a number of 'dogs' bodies'.

Kez (right) and her handler were called to 13 incidents outside the CRO core area in 2020.

For more information on mountain rescue search dogs visit

www.mountainrescuesearchdogsengland.org.uk

Call-outs 2020

2nd January (16.57) – UWFRA – Rombalds Moor, Skipton, North Yorkshire

Assist in search for lone, ill-equipped, possibly vulnerable male in poor weather on moorland. Found by Kez.

8th January (05.06) – Rossendale & Pendle MRT – near Mytton Fold Golf Course, Blackburn, Lancashire

Search for high risk MFH (f, 17). She returned home. Stood down *en-route*.

1st March (06.00) – UWFRA – Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire

Search for missing occupants of Range Rover crashed into bridge parapet. Found by NYP at friend's house.

2nd March (09.30) – Scarborough & Ryedale MRT / UWFRA / York Rescue Boat – Aldwark, York. Search for high risk MFH (m. 81). Found, deceased,

Search for high risk MFH (m, 81). Found, decease several days later, by NYP, some distance downstream of search area.

17th March (21.15) – Bowland Pennine MRT – Beacon Fell Country Park, Chipping, Lancashire Search for local man (76) who had gone to look for his dog. Found, deceased, by BPMRT before handler arrived.

15th June (08.30) – Swaledale MRT – Bedale, North Yorkshire

Search for vulnerable woman MFH. Found, deceased, by NYP, outside the search area, a week later.



4th July (04.20) – Bowland Pennine MRT – Chipping, Lancashire

Search for a man who had jumped into a swollen beck. Found by LanCon.

6th July (21.15) – Bowland Pennine MRT – Garstang, Lancashire

Search for vulnerable man (69). Found, injured, by BPMRT. Handler stood down *en-route*.

28th July (00.11) - UWFRA - Knaresborough, North Yorkshire

Search for vulnerable young person (m, 13) MFH. Found by NYP, outside original search area. Stood down en route.

28th August (17.00) – Bowland Pennine MRT – Longridge, Lancashire

Search for vulnerable young person (f, 16), missing from residential home. Found by police helicopter before deployment.

13th September (21.00) – SwMRT – Tan Hill / Gunnerside, North Yorkshire

Search for walker (m, 81). Appeared at a roadside on day 3. Kez had indicated on day 2, but nothing found. Site later identified as misper's former camp.

23rd September (07.30) – Teesdale & Weardale MRT/SwMRT – Barningham, Durham/North Yorkshire border

Search for person (m, 70) with medical history. Found, deceased, by Search Dog Roy

14th December (16.14) – Calder Valley SRT/ UWFRA – Wetherby, West Yorkshire

Search for person (f, 66) last seen at 0630. Found by West Yorkshire Police. Stood down *en-route.*



Cave and Mountain Rescue in the Yorkshire Dales, North Lancashire and SE Cumbria



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Incidents 2020 Numbers in brackets indicate fatalities

Incidents	
Cave	9 (1)
Cave diving	1 (1)
Mountain	65 (1)
Walking	63
Quad Riding	1
Tree Swing	1
Animal	8
Local incidents	5
Main team total	87 (3)

CRO handler/dog	
assisting other teams	13

TOTAL 100

People involved	126
Sheep / lambs	6
Dogs	2

Stand-by/Alert Calls:

MAIN CAUSES OF INCIDENTS Cave incidents	
Falls/slips	3
Overdue	3
Hung up on rope	1
Medical	1 (1)
Trapped by flood	1

Local Incidents

Assist Police	
- Missing on way home	1
- Motorist stuck in snow/id	ce 2
- 'Flares seen'	2

Mountain incidents	
Falls / slips — walking	31
— non-wal	ker 1
Benighted/lost/overdue	14
Medical event	8
Injured by cattle	2 (1
Cold/'struggling'	1
Crag-fast/stranded	1
Fell into river	1
Heat exhaustion	1
Panic attack	1
Rock on foot	1
Separated from family	- 1

Since 1935, CRO has attended 3.208 incidents

Cave

incidents

recorded.

Outo	
Cave (assisted by divers) 10
Cave diving	17
Disused mines	17
Other underground	1
Mountain 1	474
Climbing	110
Open water diving	11
Animall - surface	161
 underground 	326
CRO / MRSDE dogs and	ł
handlers searching in oth	ner
teams' areas	219
Local/urban/tarmac	

This has involved 4,520 people (aged 5 months to 87 years), 260 lambs, 238 sheep, 86 dogs, 13 calves, 9 cows, 9 ducks, 1 bullock, 1 Highland heifer, 1 cat and 1 rabbit plus the recovery of a wide variety of objects.

'Stand-by' calls are not

Summary of Statistics

Year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total incidents attended	100(3)	109(7)	74(2)	98(4)	103(3)	84(3)
Cave	6(1)	5	10(1)	6	10(1)	7
Cave Diving	1(1)	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain	67(1)	81(6)	53(2)	65 (3)	73(2)	57(2)
Climbing	0	3	2	3	5	1
Animal	8	7	8	11	7	3
Local/urban/tarmac incidents	5	3	2	2	8	10
CRO handlers + dogs						
assisting in other teams' areas	13	7	4	7	4	2

There were no 'Disused Mines', 'Cave, assisted by divers', or 'Open Water Diving' incidents in this six-year period.





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