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The Spice of Life?

If it is true that 'Variety is the spice of life.', then CRO members had a pretty hot year in 2022. With 96 incidents and eight 'alerts' – from a lamb in a pot-hole to a snow-bound, SatNav-trusting 'white van man' and treating a walker's broken ankle to hauling an injured caver up a 30+ metre shaft, no-one can say it wasn't interesting! That's in marked contrast to the early years of the Cave Rescue Organisation when members were called out to cavers only 43 times in 26 years and did not deal with surface incidents at all. There are people – even now – who see the name and assume that all we do is go underground, but over the past 60 years, CRO's search and rescue activities have diversified enormously. Read on, through Rescue '23, to see what our members were up to.

The team's accounts of incidents, whether in this booklet, at www.cro.org.uk or at www.facebook.com/CaveRescueOrganisation are written in the most non-judgmental way that the authors feel able – mainly in the interest of respecting casualty confidentiality but also to minimise the ammunition provided for 'keyboard warriors' or 'armchair rescuers'. However, there is ample scope for contemplating whether or how **you** would have fared better. Group leaders or teachers may find some incident descriptions useful as aids to learning/training for the young people in their charge or even for creative writing. Whatever your reason for picking up our annual compilation, we hope you will find it interesting and will share it with others.

Welcome to Rescue '23!

Cover: Rescue from Alum Pot (No 91).
Not impressed? Imagine the height of
Malham Cove – that's how deep it is,
below the stretcher. Photo: Simon Oxley

In the following pages, an icon shows what the 'casualty' was doing (except in the case of 'Animal' or 'Local' incidents).

'Mountain' incidents:



Walking



Climbing



Fell running



Cycling



Caver on surface



Motor-cycling



Tree Work



Angling

'Cave' incidents:



Caving



Show cave visiting

'Animal' incidents:



Dogs



Cattle



Sheep/Lambs

'Local' incidents:



Assist Ambulance



Assist Police

'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*.

To save space, we have used the following **ABBREVIATIONS**

BPMRT Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team
CPR Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
CMRT Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team
CVSRT Calder Valley Search & Rescue Team
D&FMRT Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue Team
EOC Emergency Operations Centre
FCR Force Control Room
GCRG Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group
HART Hazardous Area Response Team (YAS)
LanCon Lancashire Constabulary
MFH Missing from home
'Misper' missing person
MREW Mountain Rescue England & Wales
MRSDE Mountain Rescue Search Dogs (England)
NWAA North West Air Ambulance
NWAS North West Ambulance Service
NYF&RS North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
NYLRF North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum
NYP North Yorkshire Police
PolSA Police Search Advisor
RAFLMRT RAF Leeming Mountain Rescue Team
RRV Rapid Response Vehicle (YAS)
R&PMRT Rossendale & Pendle MRT
S&RMRT Scarborough & Ryedale MRT
SMWCRT South & Mid-Wales Cave Rescue Team
SwMRT Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team
UWFRA Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Assoc'n
YAA Yorkshire Air Ambulance
YAS Yorkshire Ambulance Service

TOTAL INCIDENTS ATTENDED BY MAINTeam IN 2022 = 96

69 'mountain' incidents
8 'cave' incidents
9 'animal' incidents (4 u/grd, 5 surface)
10 'local' incidents (team's equipment and skills applied in 'other' situations)
Plus 8 alerts for overdue walkers or cavers, not requiring a call out.

**Total volunteer hours on incidents:
2818, plus 8 hours for alerts.**

**All incidents are in North Yorkshire
unless otherwise stated.**

Incidents During 2022

JANUARY



01. Jan. 1st Sat. 11.29 Nr Ingleborough Cave, Clapham

Beyond Ingleborough Cave, a local tree-worker (m, 52), slipped down a steep grassy slope and over the edge of a low limestone scar – about 10 metres in total –, landing on his feet and suffering back pain. He was assessed by CRO team members (to the extent that his PPE allowed) placed in a vacuum mattress then onto a stretcher and into the back of CRO 3. A YAS road ambulance arrived at the show cave entrance and the injured man was handed over to the paramedics.



02. Jan. 2nd Sun. 18.21 Pen y ghent

A walker (m, 33) said he had been lost and cold for over an hour, in the dark, somewhere on Pen y ghent. The team's *PhoneFind* app showed him to be mid-way between Plover Hill and the summit of Pen y ghent. Four CRO members drove CRO 2 up Horton Scar Lane, then went on foot to the summit ridge. The benighted walker was soon found, escorted back to the Land Rover and driven down to Horton, where he was advised how he might have avoided the incident by being better prepared for a day on the hill in the month of January.



03. Jan. 9th Sun. 19.10 Comb Hill, Malham Moor

A competitor (m, 44) in an ultra-marathon event along the Pennine Way from Edale to Hawes, collapsed at Comb Hill, just above the head of Watlowes ('The Dry Valley'), North of Malham. Even after attention from the event



doctor he was unable to move, so team members stretchered him to the road at Langscar Gate for hand-over to YAS paramedics.



04. Jan. 18th Tue. 16.01 Bottom Wood, Roeburndale, Lancashire

A side-by-side ATV, pulling a trailer, fell about 3m into a stream when a wood and scaffolding bridge gave way. Eleven people were in the combination at the time of the incident, returning from an organised shoot. Sadly, one (m, 73) was pronounced dead at the scene. One other sustained head injuries and one a spinal injury. Others were less seriously injured or just badly shaken. NWS and GNAA paramedics were first on scene and dealt with the live but badly injured casualties. Meanwhile Police, Fire & Rescue, NWS and CRO vehicles and personnel were held at the road-head, pending further instructions. When all living casualties had been evacuated, CRO members, including some in swift-water PPE, assisted the investigating police officers with transportation and lighting, then



Above: the Roeburndale site.

Below: The following morning, CRO 4 gets a hose-down.



took the deceased to the road-head for the hand-over to the undertaker. Later, LanCon and HSE were understood to be investigating the incident. **FATAL**



05. Jan. 30th Sun. 2030 Peterson Pot / Pippikin Pot, Leck Fell, Lancashire

Three cavers (m, 22; f, 21; m, 21) were reported overdue on a Peterson Pot to Pippikin Pot through trip (with Mistral Hole as an alternative early exit). The Duty Controller sent a *PhoneFind* text, confirmed their car was at Bull Pot Farm and organised a rapid surface search in case the party was lost on the fell. Small, underground search groups were sent out, carrying CaveLink sets to communicate with members on the surface. Just after midnight the group which had gone into Mistral Hole reported finding the overdue party 'safe and well'. They appear to have got lost in the Hall of Ten area and were escorted out, via Mistral Hole, then across the fell to Bull Pot Farm. Other team members also returned.

Our thanks to Red Rose C&PC for the use of Bull Pot Farm as a base, to the underground members of UWFRa who were stood down while en route to assist and to members of our 'cavers' list' who had been on stand-by in case the incident developed into a serious rescue.

FEBRUARY



06. Feb. 10th Thu. 16.17 Playing Field near Settle Area Swimming Pool, Giggleswick

YAS called CRO to assist with a young footballer (m, 14) who was reported to have sustained a lower leg fracture but was now suffering from hypothermia. He had been on the school playing fields near the swimming pool for about two hours before suffering from the effects of the cold, wet day. The first CRO team member to arrive on scene helped the YAS crew to carry their casualty to the ambulance. Other members were stood down on arrival.



07. Feb. 12th Sat. 12.50 Pennine Bridleway, Nr Clay Pits, Langcliffe

YAS called CRO to assist when a walker (m, 48) was reported to be experiencing chest pains, about half a mile along the Gorbeek Road from Clay Pits Plantation. On arrival, it was

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found that a YAS road ambulance and a YAA helicopter had been able to reach the casualty. Most team members were stood down, leaving a few to assist with carrying the casualty to the air ambulance.



09. (same day) 19.45 Nr Gaping Gill, Clapham

A lone, novice walker (m, 16) rang NYP to say that he was lost near Gaping Gill. He had been out for six hours and, although he said he was in appropriate clothing, was getting cold. With 10% battery on his phone, the call dropped out before the FCR staff could elicit more information. CRO members took two vehicles nearer to Gaping Gill, set off on foot and soon found the 'misper'. He was guided back to CRO 4 (in Trowgill, above), driven down to Clapham and given helpful advice which seemed to be well received.



08. Feb. 24th Thu. 15.11 Scar Close, Chapel le dale, Ingleton

A walker (f, 41) fell on limestone pavement, trapping her foot. Unable to move, she soon became very cold. It was not possible to use *PhoneFind* or speak to her (Her phone may have worked via 'emergency roaming') but as CRO members arrived in the area, police officers had already found her. She was provided with a heated waistcoat and a Blizzard emergency jacket, then helped to CRO4 to be driven to the road-head. A team Land Rover then took her to re-warm.

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10. Feb. 25th Fri. 11.50 Nr 'Tom's Cabin', Ingleton Waterfalls Trail, Thornton in Lonsdale

A CRO controller, out for a walk, came across a visitor (f, 73) who had fainted on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail above Pecca Falls. She had recovered sufficiently to reach the refreshment cabin but could go no further. When CRO 4 arrived (After persistent rain, the field was too wet for a Land Rover.), members helped the visitor to it and returned her to the family car in Ingleton.

MARCH



11. Mar. 1st Tue. 09.47 Malham Cove, Malham

NYP asked for CRO's assistance after a member of the public found a person believed to be deceased at the foot of Malham Cove. YAS and YAA paramedics confirmed that life was extinct. With the necessary formalities over, NYF&RS firefighters and CRO members lifted the deceased onto a stretcher and into a team Land Rover for the short drive to the village for more appropriate transport.

FATAL



12. Mar. 4th Fri. 12.23 Ing Scar, Watlowes ('The Dry Valley'), Malham

A walker contacted NYP to report a cow that had fallen from height and received multiple injuries, including apparently broken legs. At NYP's request, CRO sent a duty controller to assess the incident. It was found that the cow had suffered non-survivable injuries. Having ascertained ownership of the beast, it was put down, humanely, at the scene by a local farmer.



13. Mar. 5th Sat. 16.34 Pennine Bridleway, Above Langcliffe

A walker (f, 67) slipped on mud, injuring an ankle. Local team members responded with CRO2 and CRO4. Prior to their arrival, a member of a neighbouring team, with his doctor wife, happened across the incident and gave assistance. After assessment and splinting, the casualty was taken to the road at Langcliffe and transferred to a road ambulance.



14. Mar. 9th Wed. 15.17 Ingleton

A call was received by NYP for a walker (f, 67) suffering from exhaustion and unable to continue. Unfortunately, the only location

information was an incorrect What3Words location, showing them in the middle of Ingleton. Attempts to verify their location using *PhoneFind* were unsuccessful. One team member went towards the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail exit onto Storrs Common and another re-contacted NYP for further information.

As the first team member entered Thacking Lane, in Ingleton, he met the walker and her partner, making their way slowly back to the Trail car park. From here, she was given a lift back to their car.

Footnote:- The couple had been called back by the police and told that CRO 'would not attend'. After a 20 minute rest, the walker had recovered sufficiently to continue with assistance from her partner to the end of the walk. We believe this was a miscommunication – we will ALWAYS investigate and respond appropriately.



15. Mar. 13th Sun. 11.03 Pecca Falls, Thornton in Lonsdale

A German Pointer called Frankie fell into the river between the 'Pecca Twin Falls' on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail, becoming stranded on an inaccessible ledge (just below the one on which Meatball was stranded on Boxing Day, last year). His owners called for help and members of CRO's swift-water rescue team scrambled down, swam to retrieve the dog and brought him safely up to the path.

Footnote:- As suggested last year, unless your dog is heavier than you, better to keep him/her on a lead and on the path along the route beyond Pecca Bridge.



16. Mar. 19th Sat. 19.55 Park Fell, Ingleborough

Three Three Peaks walkers (m, 33; m, 32; m, 31) reported themselves lost on Ingleborough. Information from the 999 operating agency put them on Park Fell (They had turned left at the hand-gate above Humphrey Bottom.), then a CRO *PhoneFind* message had them descending towards Whit-a-Green, near Selside. An off-duty controller walked up towards the mispers' lights, escorted them to his car and returned them to Horton.

They had lights and adequate clothing but no map, relying solely on memory for route-finding.



17. Mar. 22nd Tue. 11.38 Nr Cleatop Park, Settle

A walker (f, 55) slipped in a field to the Northeast of Cleatop Park, South of Settle, twisting her knee so that she could not stand. The call had gone to CMRT, who re-routed it to CRO. When team members arrived, the YAA paramedic, assisted by the pilot and two NYP officers had already immobilised the ankle and put the casualty into an insulated casualty bag on their scoop stretcher. Team members lifted this on to our own Titan stretcher and carried the patient to the waiting helicopter.



18. Mar. 31st Thu. 11.55 Path Nr Langscar Gate, Malham

A walker (f, 69) slipped on wet snow on the path between Langscar Gate and the top of Watlowes ('Dry Valley'), Malham, injuring an ankle, so that she could not stand. Team members splinted the ankle then took her by wheeled stretcher to a team Land Rover waiting at the road-head. She was driven down to Malham car park and transferred to a friend's car for the journey to hospital.



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9. (same day) 16.34 Path to foot of Malham Cove

A walker (f, 74) tripped on the beck-side path to the foot of Malham Cove, falling forwards. Putting her hands up to arrest the fall and protect her face resulted in an injury to one shoulder/upper arm. The main group of team members arrived on scene at the same time as YAS paramedics, who immobilised the injury and administered pain relief. The patient was carried by stretcher to a team Land Rover and driven to Town Head for transfer to the waiting road ambulance. Here, the paramedics made a more thorough assessment, suspecting a fracture near the head of the humerus.

APRIL



20. Apr. 3rd Sun. 15.56 Simpson's Pot, West Kingsdale, Thornton in Lonsdale

Two adults and six teenagers were reported overdue on a 'pull-through' trip from Simpson's Pot to Valley Entrance in West Kingsdale. As team members were responding, they heard that the group had just emerged, 'safe and well'. All stood down.



21. Apr. 9th Sat. 12.39 Alongside Gordale Beck, below Gordale Scar, Malham

UWFRA forwarded a call from YAS for a walker (m, 30) who had sustained a knee injury while walking alongside Gordale Beck, downstream of Gordale Scar. His location was confirmed using *PhoneFind*. As the casualty was unable to put weight on the injured leg, team members administered pain relief, splinted the leg and put him into an insulated casualty bag. He was taken across the beck and to a team Land Rover by wheeled stretcher then driven to Malham car park for transfer to a family car and the journey to hospital.



22. Apr. 17th Sun. 11.42 Robin Proctor's Scar, Austwick

When an alert beacon was activated, the owner's home contact called her local police, who forwarded the alert to NYP. The beacon indicated the Robin Proctor's Scar area, so the CRO duty controller called available members to the team base, in Clapham. One member replied that he was out for a walk on Norber, so was

asked to investigate. He found the owner of the beacon – a climber – at Robin Proctor's Scar. She was perfectly well and unaware that the beacon had activated accidentally.



23. (same day) 19.00 Below Baxengill Gorge, Ingleton

A visitor (f, 60) fell, sustaining a knee injury, 'between falls five and six at the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail'. As CRO controllers don't have the falls numbered, a *PhoneFind* text sent to her husband's phone revealed their position as the path below Baxengill Gorge. Team members met at the Beezleys caravan park and, reaching the casualty, immobilised her leg, put her into an insulated casualty bag and carried her by stretcher to a road ambulance, waiting on the caravan site.



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24. Apr. 18th Mon. 16.55 Quarry Wood, Ingleton

A visitor (f, 31) slipped, sustaining an ankle injury in Quarry Wood, towards the end of the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. Team members walked in from Storrs Common, gave mild pain-relief, splinted the lower leg and lifted the casualty in an insulated casualty bag onto a wheeled stretcher. She opted to go to a hospital nearer home, so the team Land Rover carried her to the family car.

that one of their marshals had encountered an injured walker and his injured son near the top of Horton Scar Lane ('the Hull Pot track'). The father had been carrying his son (4) on his shoulders and tripped, sustaining a slight ankle injury and propelling the child to the ground. By chance, an off-duty paramedic saw the accident and was able to dress the child's head wound. Three CRO members attended in a team Land Rover and assessed the pair but opted not to disturb the dressing. The father was familiar with sports concussion protocols and agreed that they would visit A&E on the way home. They were taken to their own car, parked in the village.

Apr. 30th Sat. Rescue Cover for Three Peaks Race

Fifteen team members provided rescue cover for the annual Three Peaks Race, clocking up over 120 volunteer hours, over the day. They were based mainly in Horton in Ribblesdale, but with one on Pen-y-ghent summit and two each on Whernside and Ingleborough summits, co-operating with race marshals and RAYNET volunteers to ensure the safety of the runners. One (anonymous) runner was reported to be injured, but continuing, between Pen-y-ghent and High Birkwith. A sweep failed to find him and he progressed without being identified. A runner who was struggling on the way up Ingleborough was accompanied back down to Chapel le dale by a marshal and 'shadowed' by a CRO member. All runners were accounted for.



26. (same day) 12.40 Whernside

After the last runner had passed the summit of Whernside, the CRO members who had been patrolling there began their descent towards Bruntscar, coming across an ascending party of four Three Peaks walkers, one of whom (m, 20) was struggling to walk. He had sustained a leg injury on Ingleborough, earlier, aggravating it by continuing. With the group having been persuaded to retire from their walk, the injured person was given mild pain relief then assisted part-way down, driven the rest of

Several walkers in the area were not so fortunate . . .



25. (same day) 12.00 Horton Scar Lane, Horton in Ribblesdale

While CRO members were standing by for an update on 'the mystery of the missing runner'. RAYNET/Race Control advised

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the way to the road-head and all were returned to their vehicle.

Before they got down, however.



27. (same day) 13.30 Whernside

As the members involved in Incident 26 were descending, two more walkers asked for assistance with a companion who had also aggravated existing knee and ankle injuries. They were assisted down to CRO 4, which returned them to the road head.

In shuttling injured walkers along Philpin Lane, Chapel le dale, team members came across an incapacitated Three Peaks walker who was said to have 'a severed toe'. This turned out to be 'spectacular' blisters. He was driven to the main road, so he could take a taxi back to his start point.



28. (same day) 16.15 Middle Scar, Ribblesdale

A caver advised CRO, by a roundabout route, that he had found a sheep trapped in a gryke at Middle Scar near Ribblesdale. The local CRO controller joined him and, together, they hoisted the animal onto the surface, unharmed.



Alert only (same day) 21.13 Ingleborough

A husband, waiting in Clapham car park for his wife and another Three Peaks walker to descend from Ingleborough, reported them overdue. With 20% battery on her phone, she had switched it off to save power, so no contact was possible. Team members were asked to show their availability for a rapid search of potential routes but before any further action was taken, the caller's wife rang him to say she had arrived in Horton in Ribblesdale (their actual start point for the walk). CRO's *PhoneFind* app then showed, remarkably accurately, that she was in the bar of the Golden Lion in Horton. Marital miscommunication?

MAY



29. May 1st Sun. 12.37 Nr Gaping Gill, Clapham

A walker (f, 59) slipped on wet rock alongside Fell Beck, a few metres before it falls into Gaping Gill. There was initial confusion

when she was reported to be 'inside Gaping Gill caves' and to have broken her wrist. Once her location on the surface was confirmed, team members were able to respond appropriately. One, who was out for a walk, ran down from the top of Ingleborough and was able to advise what equipment would be needed. He also said that the casualty had significant pain in her lower back, having landed on her coccyx. Other team members carried up the necessary equipment, administered pain relief, splinted the wrist, eased the casualty into an insulated casualty bag and onto a stretcher. The weather was said to be against the flying in of an air ambulance, so the casualty was carried down to a team Land Rover, waiting below Trow Gill, having been checked by a YAS paramedic on the way. In Clapham, she was handed over to a YAS ambulance crew.



30. May 7th Sat. 13.06 Whernside

A trail runner (m, 59) fell and was injured on a 50 mile ultra-event that, starting in Malham village, also took in the Three Peaks. Descending from Whernside, he lost his footing on steep ground, tumbled over rocks and collided with a dry-stone wall. He suffered cuts to his head and was reported to have lost consciousness for a brief period. Initially, he was cared for by his companions and an event medic. YAA arrived shortly after CRO but was able to land only on the summit ridge, well above the incident site. After assessment by its paramedic, the runner was taken downhill by a combination of carrying and "sledging" the stretcher on steep grass. This was easier than a carry up to the air ambulance. On arrival at Bruntscar, the patient was handed over to NAWAS paramedics.



31. May 8th Sun. 17.13 Giggleswick Scar (South)

Descending, on foot, after a climb on Giggleswick Scar, a climber (f, 53) fell down a two metre drop and tumbled about another 20 metres down a steep scree slope. Having suffered multiple grazes and bruising, but no other apparent injuries, she was able to make her own way down to the road with a little assistance from CRO members.



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a walker, described as 'struggling' on the steps coming off Wherside. His wife had expected to meet him at the Station Inn, Ribbleshead, but a few minutes after the CRO duty controller was alerted, the walker phoned his wife to say he was in Horton in Ribblesdale.



32. May 14th Sat. 09.48 The Allotment, Ingleborough

A walker (f, 48) slipped on the path from Ingleborough summit to Sulber, twisting one ankle and landing badly on the other foot. As she could not stand and was in significant pain with any movement, her companions insulated her and called NYP. Meanwhile, she took her own analgesics.

Two team members drove CRO 4 up on to Simon Fell Breast and jogged the 200m to the casualty. While they were assessing the injury, giving further pain relief and splinting the suspected ankle fracture, other team members drove up to near Nick Pot by team Land Rover then carried other equipment to the casualty site. The casualty was carried by stretcher to CRO 4 and driven down to CRO Base, in Clapham. Here, she was transferred to her group's transport to go to hospital.

removing ivy from a tree on the riverbank near Wennington Bridge, tumbling/sliding 5 or 6m down the steep bank and landing at the river's edge. When team members arrived, LF&RS water rescue technicians were supporting the casualty and he was being assessed by the doctor from the GNAA. Two of CRO's own technicians positioned the casualty in a vacuum mattress and then he was lifted onto a team stretcher which was hauled and slid up the LF&RS's rigid ladders. The casualty was carried to the helicopter for the flight to hospital. Excellent co-operation between the different agencies. LF&RS, NYF&RS, NWSA, GNAA and CRO all present.



33. May 15th Sun. 13.39 Bank of the River Wenning, Wennington, Lancashire

A local volunteer (m, 68) slipped while



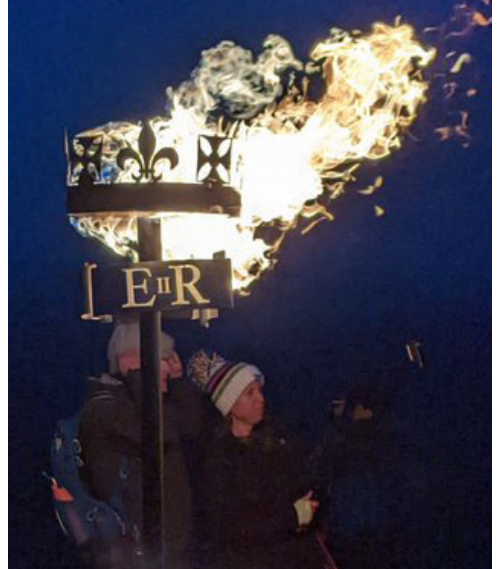
34. May 18th Wed. 15.07 Ivy Buttress, Common Scars, Lawkland ('Giggleswick North' to climbers)

A climber (f, 54) fell from above her top anchor, catching one foot on a ledge and sustaining a suspected ankle fracture on Ivy Buttress, Giggleswick North. Arriving on scene, YAS paramedics asked that CRO be called. Following assessment, the leg was splinted and the climber lifted into a casualty bag and onto a lightweight stretcher. She was carried down the steep, wooded slope to a rough track, then wheeled to a team Land Rover and driven to the YAS road ambulance.



35. May 21st Sat. 16.38 Janet's Foss, Malham

With a road ambulance and air ambulance on the way, YAS requested CRO's assistance following a report of a boy (11) who was 'unresponsive, lips are blue' at Janet's Foss. The team responded, but members had got only as far as Malham village when they were stood down, being told that CRO was not needed. With no further information, a check with NYP's FCR revealed only that the child had been able to walk to the road ambulance. [Initial cause unknown to CRO.]



36. May 28th Sat. 08.40 Nr. Gaping Gill Hole, Clapham

A caver (f) attending the Spring winch meet at Gaping Gill was believed to be suffering from appendicitis. CRO was called and team vehicles set off. An enquiry revealed that no air ambulance was available immediately, so team members kept going forward. The patient and a companion were collected in CRO 4, brought down to the road-head and transferred to the YAS road ambulance for their assessment.

Footnote: The following day, a message was received from a grateful patient, saying that her appendix had been removed successfully.



37. Jun. 9th Thu. 20.08 Whernside

A Three Peaks walker (f, 20) suffered crippling abdominal pain, causing her to faint momentarily on the summit of Whernside – her final peak of the three. The team responded, also requesting an air ambulance, but the YAS clinical hub decided that the casualty had rallied sufficiently to be classed as 'walking wounded'. However, she was very cold so was helped into an insulated casualty bag and onto a stretcher. Team members carried her to a waiting ambulance where paramedics assessed and discharged her to home, without requiring a hospital visit.



38. Jun. 10th Fri. 18.34 Footbridge over Malham Beck, below Malham Cove

As team members were preparing for a social gathering where many would receive the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal and/or a certificate

JUNE

To mark the Platinum Jubilee of the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II, CRO members carried the beacon (and its gas cylinder!) to the summit of Ingleborough on behalf of the parish councils of Ingleborough and Clapham cum Newby.



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commemorating their length of service, a call was received to an accident at Malham. A visitor (m, 88) was being taken to the foot of the Cove in a wheelchair but, standing for a photograph on the stone clapper bridge across Malham Beck, fell, hitting his head so he was unable to get up again. By coincidence, this was seen by a member of CMRT, who stopped to assist. YAS paramedics were already there when CRO members arrived; the patient was lifted onto a team stretcher, carried a very short distance to a Land Rover and driven down to the road ambulance, waiting at Town Head.



39. Jun. 11th Sat. 16.54 Ingleborough – just on to summit plateau

A Three Peaks walker (m, 60) was reported to have collapsed (believed to be in cardiac arrest), just on to the summit of Ingleborough, having ascended from Chapel le dale. Members of his own group gave CPR until paramedics arrived by NWAA. CRO members were ascending from Fell Lane, Ingleton as the helicopter flew in, but some were withdrawn when, despite the paramedics' best efforts, they accepted that they could do no more for the walker. The deceased was flown down to Ingleton for transportation to Harrogate.

FATAL



40. Jun. 16th Thu. 14.04 Malham Cove

The footpath across the top of Malham Cove crosses a wonderful area of limestone pavement, comprising large blocks of bedrock called clints, separated by deep cracks

known as grykes. A young person (f, 14), on a group visit to Malham, was walking across the limestone pavement when her foot and lower leg slipped into a gryke. She said she had heard a cracking noise and that her foot was stuck. Suspecting a fracture, YAS paramedics gave pain relief and splinted her leg to provide support, then lifted the leg up and out of the gryke. CRO team members packaged the casualty and carried her by stretcher across the limestone pavement to a team Land Rover. She and one of her group leaders were driven down to Malham village for transfer to a YAS ambulance.



41. Jun. 18th Sat. 12.13 Rowten Pot, Kingsdale

A sheep was reported to be stuck on a ledge about 10 metres down into Rowten Pot. Descending to the ledge, team members found a rather strong and lively lamb, keen to evade capture. Eventually, they won the day and the lamb was successfully hauled back to the surface.



42. (same day) 21.56 Simon Fell Breast, Ingleborough

A Three Peaks walker (m, 27) had fallen slightly behind his companions on the descent from Ingleborough. Jogging to catch up, he tripped, fell and sustained a fracture to his left leg with the foot significantly misaligned. Two CRO team members and a YAS paramedic reached the injured walker in CRO 4. The paramedic gave him pain relief before bringing the foot back into

alignment and applying a splint for support. CRO team members then faced quite a long stretcher carry to bring the walker to the Land Rovers waiting near Nick Pot. The walker was driven down to Crummack for transfer to the YAS road ambulance.



43. Jun. 20th Mon. 17.23 Cam Fell, Nr Ribbleshead

A competitor (m, 44) in a long-distance endurance race suffered an injury to his calf and was unable to continue. CRO was called to assist and team members drove a Land Rover to the casualty site on Cam Road. On the way, they saw another injured competitor (f, 43) also withdrawing from the event. Both were driven down to Gearstones and handed over to event medics.



44. Jun. 21st Tue. 10.34 Nr Long Churn Caves, Selside, Horton in Ribblesdale

An adult (f, 58) accompanying a school visit to Long Churn Caves was reported to be having difficulty breathing as the group arrived at the cave entrance. CRO team members administered oxygen to aid her breathing and assessed her medical condition. They concluded that she could sit in a team Land Rover for the drive down to the road-head, where she was handed over to YAS paramedics.



45. (same day) 15.50 Fluted Hole, Newby Moss, Newby

A walker reported seeing a lamb stuck down a pothole on Newby Moss and gave a grid reference. A small team undertook a quick search of the area and found it, marooned down Fluted Hole. One member abseiled down and caught the lamb, then the others hauled it to the surface before releasing it onto the fell, well away from the edge of the pothole.



46. Jun. 25th Sat. 14.38 Ribble Way path, South of Horton in Ribblesdale

A walker (m) tripped on the riverside path near Horton Wastewater Treatment Works, sustaining a suspected hip injury. A passer-by called for an ambulance while his companions made him as comfortable as possible. YAS called CRO for assistance. The YAS paramedic immobilised the casualty and administered pain relief, then team members carried him to a

waiting road ambulance.



47. Jun. 28th Tue. 15.11 Top of Malham Cove

After a rain shower, a walker (f, 63) slipped on the limestone pavement at the top of Malham Cove, sustaining an ankle injury. Team members transported YAS paramedics to the casualty site and when the casualty had been treated she was taken on a wheeled stretcher to a team Land Rover. This took her to Malham for transfer to the road ambulance.



48. Jun. 29th Wed. 13.17 Little Ingleborough, Clapham

Having experienced inclement weather on the summit of Ingleborough, a walker (m, 26) began to descend the stone-stepped path from Little Ingleborough towards Gaping Gill but turned an ankle, not far below the ridge. He was in considerable pain and could not stand when a party of three other walkers* came across him. They called for help, giving a description and a grid reference, then stayed with the casualty until CRO members arrived. Three team members – driver and two casualty carers – drove on to Little Ingleborough in CRO 4 then descended on foot to the injured walker. While they were easing his pain and immobilising the injured ankle, other team members drove to the bottom of Trow Gill then walked up the hill with stretcher and wheel. The walker, in an insulated casualty bag, was wheeled/carried back past Gaping Gill and Trow Gill to the waiting Land Rovers. He was driven down to CRO Base, but with no ambulance was available he waited for family members to make a two-hour car journey to collect both him and his car.

*‘Thank you!’ to the party of three walkers who gave up a significant part of their afternoon to assist in the stretcher evacuation.



49. Jun. 30th Thu. 12.09 Path to Gordale Scar, Malham

YAS asked for CRO's assistance when a visitor (m, 64) was suspected of having a stroke, before falling over the low wall by the path to Gordale Scar. Team members had just set off when they were stood down, with YAS believing there was vehicular access. The decision was soon reversed, but as the first member arrived

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on scene, she discovered that members of the public were helping paramedics to lift the patient into the road ambulance, so the team stood down.

JULY

50. Jul. 3rd Sun. 16.44 Nr Beezley Falls, Ingleton

YAS called CRO to a visitor (f, 25) with an ankle injury, passing on the co-ordinates provided by the caller. The YAS road ambulance and the CRO duty controller went to the site indicated, near Twisleton Dale House, but could find no-one and the caller's phone was out of contact. As they searched, YAS control received a call from a different mobile phone, saying that the injured person was near Beezley Falls. Team members began casualty care, which was then taken over by the YAS paramedics. Team members stretchered her to the road ambulance.

51. Jul. 13th Wed. 12.01 Bridleway to Ingleborough, Ingleton

Members were called to a D of E expeditioner (f, 17) who had collapsed while climbing Ingleborough. A phone call to the group's supervisor revealed that the casualty had collapsed a second time. *PhoneFind* showed the exact location, at the 550m contour, and the team approached via Crina Bottom. The casualty was brought down to a team Land Rover at Crina Bottom, using a wheeled stretcher, then driven to meet the YAS road ambulance waiting at Storrs Common.

During the stretcher descent, a further call was received . . .



52. (same day) 13.31 Raven Ray Bridge, Thornton in Lonsdale

As the casualty from Incident 51 was being brought down from Ingleborough, the YAS EOC asked for help with a visitor (f, 35) who had a suspected ankle fracture at Raven Ray Bridge (above Thornton Force) on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. Team members who could be released from Ingleborough were sent, along with members responding to a call for additional support. When YAS paramedics – already on scene – had treated the patient, team members stretchered her up to the road ambulance on Twisleton Lane. As the lane is narrow, the road ambulance had some difficulty turning but team members were on hand to assist.



53. Jul. 16th Sat. 11.01 Catrigg Foss, Stainforth

NYF&RS asked for assistance in rescuing a large lamb which had fallen about nine or ten metres from the top of Catrigg Foss and was stranded on a ledge between the upper and lower waterfalls. A team member abseiled down, caught the lamb and persuaded it into the animal bag. Team members and firefighters then hauled the lamb to the surface, in the bag, before releasing it over the fence into its pasture, apparently none the worse for the experience. (Photo above.)



54. Jul. 19th Tue. 00.43 Ribbleshead, Ingleton

CRO were called to help search for a vulnerable missing person (m, 33) last seen at

18.55 the previous day. When members arrived at Ribbleshead, the 'misper' had just approached two police officers and was in their care. A team member who is also a paramedic checked the patient's medical condition and continued to monitor him until the arrival of YAS personnel.



Alert only (same day) 19.00 North Yorkshire

NYF&RS declared a major incident relating to the significant number of wildfire events in the county during the period of very hot weather. All rescue teams operating within North Yorkshire were put on standby, potentially to give logistical support. Teams were stood down the next morning.



55. (same day) 19.37 Two of the Three Peaks

A Three Peaks walker (m, 70) was reported overdue and missing by his companions. He had set off from Chapel le Dale at 06.30 on the hottest day of the year so far, beginning with an ascent of Ingleborough. He was last seen at 10.45 near the old school in Horton in Ribblesdale where he had stopped to rest and eat. His companions' had been unable to contact him by mobile phone during the day and when the cut-off time for his return had passed, they raised the alarm and CRO were called in. He had been expected to continue over Pen y ghent and Whernside, then down to Chapel le Dale. CRO members split into five search groups to check approaches to, and descents from both hills, simultaneously. He was located, safe and well, at 22.15, high up on Whernside. Team members accompanied him down to his accommodation and all stood down.



56. Jul. 22nd Fri. 19.12 Shuttleworth Pot, Leck Fell

A caver staying at Bull Pot Farm (the Red Rose C&PC hostel) reported that eight overseas cavers were three hours overdue on a trip into Shuttleworth Pot, beneath Leck Fell. As a precaution, the parking areas on Leck Fell Lane and at Bull Pot Farm were checked, with no unexplained cars discovered. The entrance to the pot was also checked, without result, so team members who had been on stand-by, at home, stood down. Later, the 'missing' cavers returned

safely to their hostel, seemingly unaware of the implications of chalking up times on the board there. They telephoned the duty controller and were suitably apologetic.



57. Jul. 24th Sun. 12.14 Nr Feizor Nick, Austwick

A farmer called NYP, requesting CRO's help, when a sheep became stranded 8m up on a limestone outcrop near Feizor Nick. Farmers had tried to reach the sheep but said its position was 'perilous without professional help'. Concerned that a roped descent to the sheep might cause it to jump, a team member climbed up, then restrained and secured the animal so that it could be assisted to the top and released in safety.



58. Jul. 30th Sat. 21.28 County Pot, Casterton, Cumbria

A caver (f, 73) was reported to be 'low on energy and unable to move on her own' on a through trip from Lancaster Hole to County Pot. While four members of her party stayed with her in Brown and Smelly Chamber, another came out to Bull Pot Farm to call for help. As he and one other returned with food and drink, the first CRO members arrived at Bull Pot Farm. Reaching County Pot, they learned that the caver was moving again, needing only a pull up the pitch to regain the surface.

AUGUST



59. Aug. 3rd Wed. 16.44 A remote farmhouse, Cowgill, Dent, Cumbria

NWAS asked for help in reaching a local resident (m, 94) who had fallen at home, sustaining a painful hip injury. The house is 450m up a track, mostly too narrow for a road ambulance, so the crew walked up. A CRO Land Rover accessed the site and members carried the patient to it before driving him down to the road ambulance for transport to hospital.

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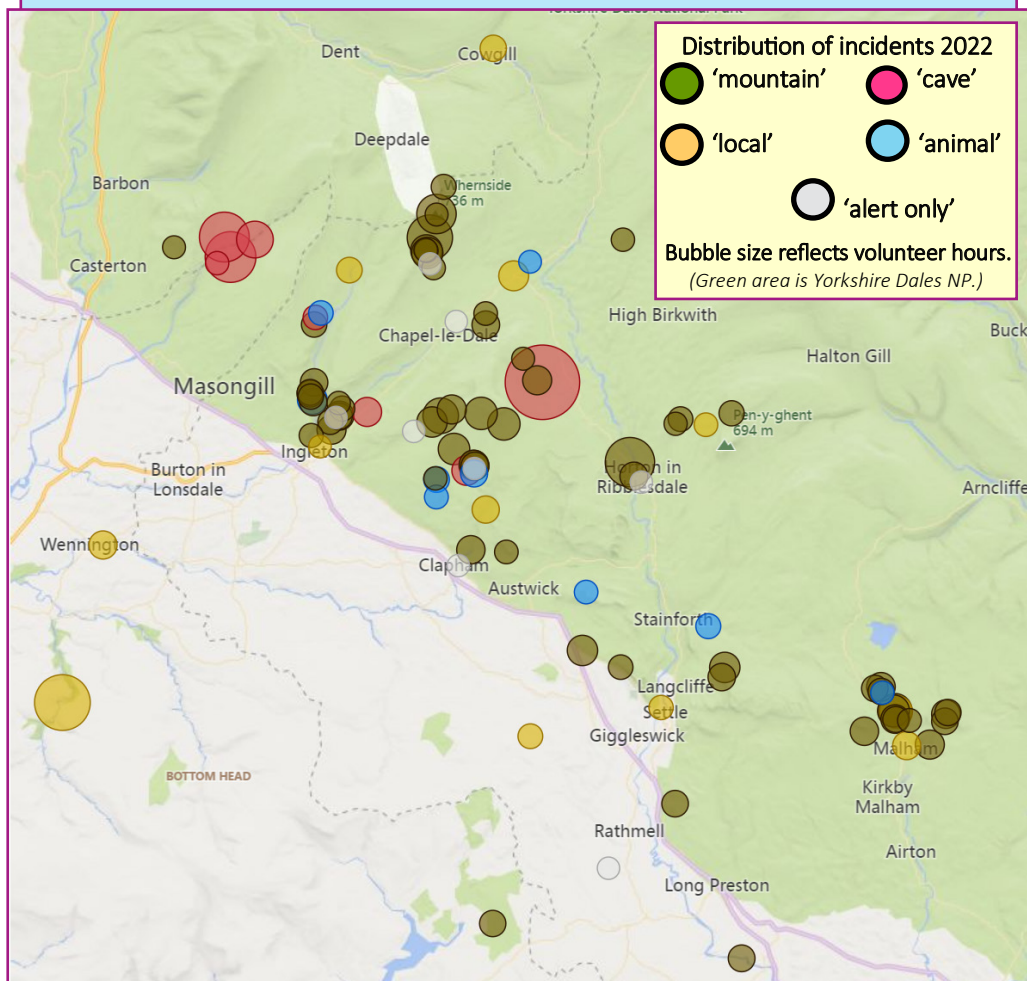
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People are often surprised when we tell them that members of all Mountain Rescue Teams – and, indeed, Lowland Search & Rescue Teams – in England and Wales are unpaid volunteers. With that in mind, we've been looking at ways of increasing awareness of mountain rescue and hill safety. As well as the videos mentioned opposite, we've been getting out, visiting locations popular with visitors to the area. This has been a great experience; we've shared tips on hill safety and what to do in an emergency, at the same time meeting people who share our passion for the outdoors. Our annual incident reports help tell our story and we've even met some of the people who have appeared in previous editions! It's fascinating to hear about rescues from their perspective and what happened next. We don't always receive feedback on call-outs, but when we do we value it as a way to improve our techniques. For the future we're looking at different ways to increase awareness, including welcoming people to our Clapham Base more often so they may see what it takes to run a rescue team and a rescue – we'd love to see you!



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60. (same day, 3rd August) 20.11

Ingleton Waterfalls Trail, Ingleton

Wednesday being a training evening, team members had just dealt with two 'casualties' at Langcliffe Scar when the controllers' alert fired off. Walkers on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail had come across another visitor (m, 84) 'stranded' on the Trail's return leg. One of them returned to the Trail car park to call for help, while others stayed with the man.

A small team responded but most members went to Clapham for a training de-brief and to be on 'stand by' for the Ingleton incident. The first member on scene discovered that the casualty had continued slowly along, with the support of others. He had a history of sciatica and was suffering from back pain but had made slow, steady progress. A team Land Rover was able to return him to his own car in the Trail car park.



61. Aug. 7th Sun. 15.52 Fife Pot, Newby Moss

A group of walkers told the farmer at Newby Cote that they had 'heard a lamb stuck down Fife Pot and it sounded to be in distress.'. NYP passed the message on and a small team drove up to Newby Moss in CRO 4. Meanwhile, the lamb had gone quiet but was soon found, hauled to the surface and released, apparently unharmed, onto the fell.



62. Aug. 10th Wed. 12.40 Thornton Force, Thornton in Lonsdale

A visitor (f, 77), whose medical history

included low blood pressure, fainted on a very hot and sunny day as she approached Thornton Force on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. She regained consciousness but was unfit to walk further. A passer-by, who is a nurse, stayed with the patient, in the shade, while the patient's daughter moved to where she could telephone the police to call CRO. Members helped the patient on to a stretcher then wheeled her to a team Land Rover, waiting at the old quarry. After assessment by a team doctor, the patient was driven to the Trail car park and transferred to her daughter's car for the return to their holiday accommodation. The YAS road ambulance was stood down en route.

Footnote: The outward leg of the Waterfalls Trail can be strenuous for people who are not regular walkers. During spells of hot weather, it's a good idea to carry an ample supply of water, stopping occasionally to admire the view and having a drink to avoid dehydration and heat exhaustion.



63. Aug. 11th Thu. 11.08 Path to Janet's Foss, Malham

A walker (m, 48) was reported to be experiencing chest pains just beyond New Laithe, on the path from Malham to Janet's Foss. CRO members responded, but the first to arrive on scene found that the patient had just been loaded into the YAA helicopter. They ensured the safety of the patient's family while the helicopter took off, then escorted them back to their car, in the car park. Other members and the road ambulance stood down.



64. Aug. 13th Sat. 13.45 Turbary Road, Thornton in Lonsdale

A lone trail-riding motorcyclist (m, 61) called YAS, 'complaining of shoulder, rib and collar-bone injuries' after he came off his machine on the Turbary Road, near Kail Pot, in Kingsdale. YAS called CRO, but the caller's mobile phone may have 'roamed' to access 999, so his position could not be confirmed. A small reconnaissance party took a team Land Rover up from Masongill and found the casualty sitting against a wall. Having immobilised his injury and administered the most appropriate pain relief (Advice was taken from a doctor, over the radio, as he was on medication for a pre-existing condition.), they eased him gently into the Land Rover and drove carefully down to Masongill. Here, he was transferred to a waiting YAS road ambulance for further assessment and transportation to hospital.



65. Aug. 14th Sun. 15.28 Head of Watlowes ('The Dry Valley'), Malham Moor

A walker (f, 54) slipped and sustained a suspected broken ankle on the path from Water Sinks, just above 'the Dry Valley', leading to Malham Cove. A small team walked down from Langscar Gate, administered pain relief, splinted the leg, lifted the walker onto a lightweight Titan stretcher and carried her to a team Land Rover. This took her down to Malham car park to meet a YAS road ambulance.



Alert only. Aug. 19th Thu. 22.33 Gaping Gill, Clapham

A caller to NYP reported three cavers (all m) several hours overdue from a trip into Gaping Gill. The CRO duty controller was unable to contact the organisers of the August winch meet, to ask whether they had any helpful information, so asked a local team member to look for the trio's car in Clapham. Meanwhile, the duty controller phoned the reporting party and learned that the group had just returned to their car. It seems that they had not used the winch but had become lost underground and, possibly, on the surface.

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66. Aug. 20th Sat 21.04 Malham

NYP asked for CRO's assistance in finding someone (f, 30) about whose welfare concern had been expressed and who was understood to be at Malham Cove. Team members gathered in Malham car park to await a briefing, but then NYP officers found the misper in Malham village, safe but very wet, in the heaviest rain for months.

As team vehicles headed back to Clapham, several members who live in Ribblesdale set off to return home 'over the tops'. Unfortunately, near Capon Hall, they found a car diagonally across the road, one wheel through the wall, one wheel half a metre in the air and only two actually in contact with tarmac. After a bit of head-scratching, it was concluded that the car was tilted too precariously to be moved safely by human effort alone and, as no-one had been injured, CRO had no role to assist further. Members turned back to Malham and home via Settle, while a helpful resident offered the driver the use of the telephone at his house to arrange recovery of the car.



67. Aug. 23rd Tue. 17.41 Whernside, Ingleton

A Three Peaks walker (m, 55) suffered a knee injury (possibly caused by the repeated pounding of his feet on hardened path surfaces?) a little way down the steep descent from the top of Whernside, so that he was unable to continue walking. He called NYP, who called CRO. Having splinted the injured leg, team members helped the walker down the steep section of path, then sledged him, on a Bell stretcher, to a team Land Rover. He and his companion were driven to their car in Horton in Ribblesdale.





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first BPMRT member to arrive began assessing the patient but handed over to the NWAAS paramedics who administered strong pain relief, adjusted the obviously broken arm/wrist and splinted it before handing the patient back to members of the two MRTs. As other injuries were suspected, they 'packaged' him, very carefully, in a casualty bag and vacuum mattress on a Bell stretcher. Together, they carried the patient about 100m to the helicopter for the flight to hospital.



69. Aug. 27th Sat. 16.41 Horton Moor, Horton in Ribblesdale

A walker (m, 32) was reported to have sustained an ankle injury somewhere near the top of Horton Scar Lane (a.k.a. 'The Vicarage Track' or 'The Hull Pot Track') from Horton in Ribblesdale. It sounded like a simple pickup by a small team in a Land Rover but, as a precaution, the vehicle from Clapham was backed up by another, returning from Malham Show. It was difficult to contact the casualty's party, to check the location, but eventually it was found to be near Marble Quarry Hill, almost a kilometre beyond that given initially.



68. Aug. 25th Thu. 14.11 Gisburn Forest, Lancashire

A mountain biker (m, 58), descending a track at speed, was thrown over the bike's handlebars into a wooded area and hit a tree before coming to earth. BPMRT and NWAA set off to deal with the incident but, with many members on holiday, BPMRT found themselves short-handed and asked CRO to assist. The



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When the Land Rover reached the top of the lane, team members were surprised and puzzled to find the casualty and his party at the gate. It seems that they had gone over Pen y ghent and Plover Hill, descending to the 'Foxup Road' bridleway. While returning on this track, the walker had twisted an ankle. This had been strapped up and mild pain relief given by a medic in the party and the casualty had been able to walk again. All were returned to Horton by Land Rover and advised to go to hospital on the way home for proper assessment of the injury.



70. Aug. 29th Mon. 18.14 Whernside, Ingleton

An aspirant Three Peaks walker (f, 23) was reported to be uninjured but 'fatigued, unable to make it back down', three quarters of a mile from the summit of Whernside on the North side. The reporting person, having been advised of the party's options by the duty controller, agreed to set off to walk the casualty down, even if in short stages, to the Blea Moor aqueduct. Two local team members set off to meet the group, one on foot, the other on a mountain bike, while two others drove a team Land Rover to the aqueduct, arriving at the same time as the relieved and now cheerful trio of walkers. They were driven to Ribblesdale, then given a lift back to their car, in Horton, by one of the local team members. Footnote: The trio had set off from Horton at 07.00 and had walked over Pen y ghent en route to Whernside.



71. Aug. 30th Tue. 12.31 Ingleborough, Ingleton

A walker (m, 62) phoned NYP and asked for Mountain Rescue after he had slipped, just short of the summit of Ingleborough, on the ascent from Ingleton. He believed that he had broken an ankle and was unable to walk unaided. CRO 4 took two members and initial equipment as far up the path as was safe then returned to the Land Rovers near Crina Bottom for equipment and more personnel. Rather than trying to 'hop' the walker down to CRO 4 then drive him down to the Land Rovers, the team splinted the ankle and stretchered him all the way down. This would avoid aggravating a pre-existing back injury. A Land Rover then took him to his motor-home near Ingleton.



72. (same day) 19.35 Pen y ghent, Horton in Ribblesdale

SwMRT passed on a request from NYP to investigate the sighting, by someone in Horton in Ribblesdale, of 'large pieces of blue material' at the side of the path on Pen y ghent. The observer, using binoculars, believed that he may be seeing a crashed hang-glider. A local team member joined him but could not identify what he was looking at. A team Land Rover took two members beyond the top of Horton Scar Lane and they carried out a 'hasty search' of the path surrounds. Finding nothing, they reported back, returned to Horton and stood down. A 'false alarm with good intent'.

SEPTEMBER



73. Sep. 5th Mon. 14.38 Malham Cove, Malham

YAS reported that an ambulance was on its way from Settle but the crew would need assistance with a walker (f, 60) who was unable to stand, feeling dizzy and faint, at the top of Malham Cove. After attention from the paramedics, the patient was able to stand. Team members assisted her to a Land Rover which took her and the YAS crew to the road ambulance.



74. Sep. 10th Sat. 12.17 Gordale Scar, Malham

YAS called for assistance when a walker (m, 65) was reported to have fallen 3m (10ft) from the waterfall at Gordale Scar but was conscious and breathing. YAS paramedics from YAA were first on scene and, having bandaged his head wound, decided to walk the patient carefully to a road ambulance near Gordale House. The first CRO vehicle and team members stood by near the scene, available to assist, if necessary. The second vehicle, with more team members, was held at Kirkby Malham 'just in case'. With the patient in the ambulance, most team members stood down, but a few remained to maintain a safe zone around the helicopter as it spooled up and lifted off.



75. Sep. 13th Tue. 12.16 Pecca Falls, Thornton in Lonsdale

YAS called CRO and YAA following a report that a visitor (m, 78) had 'passed out' and

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was 'in and out of consciousness' at Pecca Falls on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. The first of two team Land Rovers took members across fields towards the casualty site, then drove the paramedics from the helicopter down to near the refreshment hut. The paramedics took over assessment and care of the patient, who had a history of low blood pressure. Team members stretched him to one of the Land Rovers then drove him to the helicopter to fly to hospital for a more thorough assessment. The walker's wife was driven back to her car.



Incident 75—patient transfer to air ambulance



76. Sep. 15th Thu. 11.34 Bank of River Ribble, South of Hellifield

An angler (m, 76) slipped down the riverbank, South of Little Plantation, near Hellifield, sustaining a back injury. YAS paramedics were first on scene and assessed the patient before CRO team members carried him to the road ambulance on a Titan stretcher. He was helped into the ambulance and team members stood down.

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77. Sep. 17th Sat. 21.44 Stream Passage Pot (Gaping Gill system), Clapham

A caver (m, 53) was reported to be suffering from exhaustion and unable to continue in Stream Passage Pot. His party, totalling ten, left one member with him, exited the pot and called for CRO. As the team was organising to go assist, the two cavers emerged, unaided, so the team stood down.

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**78. Sep. 18th Sun. 13.22 Whernside, Ingleton**

A walker (f, 62) slipped and fell on Whernside, sustaining a nasty gash to the forehead. The call dropped out before NYP could establish an accurate location. With no response to his *PhoneFind* text, the CRO duty controller had the dilemma of which route (or routes) team members should take to reach the casualty. When the signal was regained, she said that although she had slipped while on the 'easy' path along the summit ridge, she was now descending cautiously towards Bruntscar (the 'usual' Three Peaks descent path). Two team members drove a CRO Land Rover along Philpin Lane to meet the injured walker, returning her to her accommodation at Ribblesdale. Re-united with friends, her head wound was given attention and she was advised to go to A&E.

**79. Sep. 25th Sun. 16.20 White Scar Cave, Ingleton**

A visitor (m, 77) with a known heart condition experienced chest pain on reaching the top of the stairs into the Battlefield Chamber, the most remote part of the show cave. Use of his own medication had no effect, so the cave manager asked NYP to call CRO. Team members administered oxygen, relieving the patient's pain almost totally, but his pulse was very irregular and its range very varied. He was helped into a stretcher, lowered down the metal stairs on it and this put onto a low-profile wheel assembly to come out of the cave. He was transferred to a waiting road ambulance which, after further assessment by YAS paramedics, took him to hospital.

Footnote: There is a prominent cautionary sign at the show cave entrance, advising visitors with known cardiac conditions that part of the cave is strenuous.

**80. Sep. 29th Thu. 12.34 Small surface rift, nr Gaping Gill, Clapham**

A golden retriever was reported to have 'fallen down a 20' pothole' by the path between Bar Pot and Gaping Gill. Two members drove up in CRO 4, scrambled down the 3m rift and recovered the dog, unharmed. Other members who had been driving up to Trow Gill in a team Land Rover were stood down.

**81. (same day) 19.33 Newby Moss, Clapham cum Newby**

Two Three Peaks walkers (f, 39 and 34) said they were lost, coming off Ingleborough, with one torch and only one of their mobile phones still working as darkness fell. The duty controller sent a *PhoneFind* text message which placed them on Newby Moss, between Little Ingleborough and Newby Cote. Two members began walking up from Newby Cote with spare lights and two others listened in on their radios, at home, in case there was a problem. The walkers were met very quickly, near Newby Cote, and accompanied to a member's car which returned them to Horton in Ribblesdale.

Footnote:

It is not at all unusual for walkers returning from the Ingleborough summit shelter intending to descend to Horton to turn right too soon and head down to Little Ingleborough, although most go down to Gaping Gill rather than to Newby Cote.

It is also not unusual for people to use their mobile phone for navigation, taking photographs, posting on social media and even as a torch, without carrying a power bank or at least saving one phone in the group for use in an emergency. The combination of these seemingly minor errors can lead to serious embarrassment!

OCTOBER**82. Oct. 2nd Sun. 14.20 Top of Malham Cove, Malham**

A walker (f, 58) slipped on the limestone pavement at the top of Malham Cove, sustaining ankle and lower leg injuries. Her husband helped her to the grassy bank behind the limestone pavement, then called NYP who called CRO. Team members assessed the injuries, administered mild pain relief and splinted the injured leg before helping the patient into a casualty bag on a Titan stretcher. Stretcher and patient were wheeled and carried across to the East side of the Watlows ('Dry Valley') and to a waiting team vehicle. This took her to the family car for the journey to hospital.

**Alert only. Oct. 6th Thu. 16.12 Nr Beezley Falls, Ingleton**

YAS asked for CRO's assistance when a visitor (f, 73) fell '10 minutes from Beezleys on the

Ingleton Waterfalls Trail'. Local members were put on stand-by, but when the duty controller phoned the paramedics, they were almost on scene and thought that CRO was probably not needed. Members waited at home or at work until the 'stand down' was confirmed.



83. Oct. 8th Sat. 12.06 Path between Pecca Falls and Thornton Force, Thornton in Lonsdale

A visitor (m, 70) was reported to be 'clammy, vomiting, short of breath' on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail between Pecca Falls and Thornton Force. When the first team members arrived, he appeared to be recovering and, after assessment, he was assisted to CRO 4. There being no ambulance available, this took the patient and his wife to their own car in the Trail car park, where he was advised to attend hospital for a check-up.



84. (same day) 17.32 Whernside, Ingleton

NYP received a call from a walker who, while on Whernside, had texted a family group she knew to be on the hill, asking whether all was well. This was because she knew that a member of the family had knee problems. The reporting person's text was sent at 13.03, but because one or both of the phones was out of signal, she did not see the reply until 16.46. This said that the family was 'stuck at the top' and asked her to send help. It was not known at what time the request had been made. On receiving the alert from NYP, the CRO duty controller spoke to the reporting person and put the team on stand-by. It was found that the group had been seen descending towards Bruntscar. The duty controller

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drove along Philpin Lane, asking people whether they had seen anyone struggling, thus he met the car which had collected the family and was returning them to Ribbleshead.



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85. Oct. 14th Fri. 12.58 Path below Hoobier Edge, Pikedaw, Malham

A small group of horses galloped past but very close to four walkers on the path from Malham to Pikedaw, beyond Butterlands Barn. One horse came so close that one of the walkers (f, 63) was 'bowled over', sustaining a wrist injury on landing. Her group began to walk her back down the hill, but the pain was such that she was unable to continue. Fending off the curious horses, team members assessed the patient, administered pain relief and splinted her arm before assisting her carefully to a team Land Rover, waiting in the lane near Beck Barn. This was driven to Malham car park where the injured walker transferred to the family car for the journey to hospital.



Alert only. Oct. 16th Sun. 10.17 Footpath, South of Rathmell

YAS passed on a call for a walker (m, 58) who was said to have 'fallen off a 1m wall', sustaining a suspected ankle fracture on the path between Cappleside and Hard Head Farm, Rathmell. Team members were alerted but as the first went to collect a vehicle, it was learned that the casualty was in a sheep trailer behind a farmer's quad bike, on the way to a nearby farm. The team stood down and YAS Control was advised so that arrangements could be made for an ambulance pick-up.



86. Oct. 18th Tue. 20.44 Ingleborough (North West), Ingleton

Two walkers reported themselves 'lost on Ingleborough after doing Three Peaks and believe both suffering from hypothermia'. They also said that Google maps showed them '0.3

miles from Low Sleights'. Their 999 call had gone to LanCon and was passed to NYP to call CRO. Unfortunately, the *PhoneFind* app did not work and the number that both forces had been given said 'This number is incorrect . . . '. While the duty controller was trying to confirm the mispers' location, colleagues put the team on stand-by and three members went to investigate the most likely area. With another 15 team members on stand-by and the next stage of a search being planned, NYP advised that the mispers were off the hill, had found a pub (Station Inn?) and phoned for a taxi to take them to their car in Horton in Ribblesdale. NYP was informed of their safety only after a CRO controller had kept trying the 'lost' walkers' phone and was, eventually, able to leave them a message. When they phoned him back, he suggested that, as they'd called 999 for help, they should have the courtesy to phone NYP to say they were safe. Footnote: The walkers had begun walking the Three Peaks at 09.15, but got lost on their third peak and turned back as darkness fell.



Alert only. Oct. 21st Fri. 17.25 Ingleborough,

A visitor reported that her husband (67), a keen fell-runner but unfamiliar with the area, had gone for a run up Ingleborough and not returned to Chapel le dale over an hour after the arranged return time of 16.00 hrs. When the duty controller tried to call the reporting person, the call went to Voicemail. Having left a request that she phone back, he then phoned NYP's FCR for any further information. They said that the reporting person had just told them that others had seen her husband making his way down safely. No further action was required and the incident log was closed.



87. Oct. 30th Sun. 12.13 Nr Thornton Force, Thornton in Lonsdale

A member of the public reported finding a visitor (m, 37) on the ground, with 'chest pains, unable to move, poor speech and had been dizzy then fallen' on the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail near Thornton Force; a heart attack was suspected. NYP passed this message to CRO and to YAS. A local police officer collected a defibrillator and set off to assist. As team members were beginning to respond, YAS also initiated a CRO call-out

and sent a road ambulance. Team members arrived at the reported site, confirmed with a grid reference from YAS, then dispersed up and down the path, one group finding the ambulance crew above Thornton Force and, eventually, the other group learning that a visitor was being assisted down towards the Trail car park. A CRO vehicle took the ambulance crew back to their own vehicle and when the 'casualty' was met by other team members, he was asked to remain at the car park so that a paramedic could check his condition. Team members learned that he had set off up the Trail having had no breakfast. After collapsing, he had been given sugary sweets by a passing member of a neighbouring MRT and this seemed to have aided recovery.

NOVEMBER



88. Nov. 15th Tue. 17.10 Brownthwaite, Casterton, Cumbria

NWAS called CRO when their ambulance could not reach a dog-walker (f, 48) who was found by a mountain biker and reported to be 'disoriented after collapse' on the bridleway near Brownthwaite Pike, Casterton. An update showed that the patient did not know where she was or what had happened to her. As team members were en route, a further update from NWAS said that the ambulance crew had managed to get the down to the road, so the team could stand down.



89. Nov. 19th Sat. 12.26 Baxengill Gorge, Ingleton

A walker (f, 54) slipped and heard a loud crack from her ankle while walking the return leg of the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail through Baxengill Gorge. Her husband reported the suspected ankle fracture to NYP, who called CRO. Having assessed the injury, team members gave pain relief, splinted the injured leg then carried the casualty on a wheeled stretcher to the team Land Rover. This took casualty and husband back to

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the Trail car park so they could drive to hospital for treatment.



90. Nov. 24th Thu. 13.19 Bridge Hall, Lancaster Hole, Casterton, Cumbria

A caver (m, 54), on an exchange trip from Lancaster Hole to Cow Pot, slipped from the traverse in Bridge Hall, sustaining a slight head injury and knocking himself out briefly on landing. A loose rock also fell, landing on the caver's wrist, causing an obvious fracture. Having made him as comfortable as possible and wrapped a Blizzard emergency exposure blanket round him, the caver's wife exited the pothole to phone for help. On arrival, team members assessed the patient, gave him mild pain relief and splinted his wrist, after which he was able to walk with minimal assistance. Meanwhile, other team members had rigged a tripod over the Lancaster



Hole entrance and the patient was hauled up the 33m pitch. On the surface, he was able to walk gently back across the fell to Bullpot Farm, from where his wife was able to drive him to hospital for treatment. Team members recovered all the equipment, returned it to Clapham, cleaned it and left it to dry before standing down. Our thanks to the Red Rose C&PC for the use of Bull Pot Farm as a base. Also, to the 'casualty' who, in saying 'Thank-you!', made a donation and offered a free sea-kayaking trip to the next CRO member to visit his part of the UK.

DECEMBER

91. Dec. 1st Thu. 13.24 Alum Pot, Horton in Ribblesdale

Having descended through Lower Long Churn into Alum Pot, a caver (m, 38) fell a distance of up to 5 or 6m from the bottom pitch, sustaining suspected injuries to ankle, femur, lower back and chest.

CRO members descended to the casualty, assessed his injuries, used a group shelter and heated waistcoat to warm him, administered pain relief and 'packaged' him in a vacuum mattress then placed him on a stretcher. This was hauled up the shaft by team members and firefighters of NYF&RS from Settle, passed over the surrounding wall to YAS HART personnel and other CRO members who carried the stretcher and patient to a team Land Rover, which drove down to Selside where team members and Bentham firefighters lifted him into the waiting road ambulance.

Agencies involved, other than CRO: NYP, NYF&RS (Settle and Bentham), YAS (local and HART). UWFFRA caving members were put on stand-by but not called out.

Appreciation was expressed by the casualty, his family and associates, who advised, later, that his injuries included a fracture to L1 vertebra, broken left fibula, fractured sternum and bruised right heel.

Footnote: The descent of Lower Long Churn to the Dolly Tubs will be familiar to many as a good, fun beginners' trip. Some fewer will have descended Alum Pot from there, but after training in Long Churn, many times, CRO controllers knew it would be difficult for the casualty and would need many rescuers to evacuate him by that route.

Accordingly, they decided to bring him out directly up the middle of the main shaft, rigging an 'English Reeve' across the top (See front cover and rigging illustration on page 34.). This is intended to avoid collision between the stretcher and the sides of the shaft. For interest, the catalogue prices of the rigging components used (excluding stretcher and 'packaging') add up to £3,997.



CRO did the rigging, Settle Firefighters did the hauling then YAS and CRO carried the casualty to the Land Rover.



92. Dec. 8th Thu. 13.32 Sheriff Hill, off Rakes Road, Malham

A walker slipped, fell over and injured her ankle on the path between the top of Malham Cove and the Malham Rakes road. Her husband called for help only because the field gate was locked and his wife would have been unable to climb the stile. A CRO team member was

able to unlock the field gate adjacent to the road and drive a vehicle a few metres to the injured walker's location. She was taken down to Malham village to go to hospital, in the family car.



Alert only. Dec. 17th Sat. 17.18 Ingleborough, Ingleton

A fell-runner (m, 38) called NYP to say that he was on Ingleborough and stuck in a snowdrift. He said he had 10% phone battery, was in running gear, with a head torch, but no injuries. 24 seconds later, a separate call was received (Incident 95, below.). Members were warned to be ready to go out, but while the duty controller was attempting to confirm the locations of the two callers, NYP advised that the runner was safely on his way down to Ingleton and the team could stand down on that call. Meanwhile



95. (same minute) Thornton Lane (a.k.a. the Kingsdale road), Thornton in Lonsdale

NYP received a call from a delivery driver (m, 28) 'stuck in snow' on Thornton Lane. He had described 'heavy snow and icy conditions', then added 'new-born baby on board, as well as partner'. It was not possible to contact the caller to confirm location, so members took a team Land Rover and CRO 4 up Thornton Lane, which runs from Thornton Church/Marton Arms towards Kingsdale. With snow across the road in the valley bottom, the members were surprised to find the Transit van had been driven all the way up to the gate near Kingsdale Head Farm before getting comprehensively stuck.

CRO rescues people – there are other agencies which recover vehicles – but because the road to the farm was blocked by the van, this was winched out and the driver followed the CRO vehicles back to Thornton. Fortunately, the baby appeared to sleep throughout. Apparently, the driver had been following his satnav to go to Dent.



96. Dec. 28th Wed. 14.18 Path from Twisleton Hall to Beezleys, Ingleton

A walker (f, 46) slipped, sustaining a knee injury, on the steep muddy path from Twisleton Hall to Beezleys Farm which connects the two arms of the Ingleton Waterfalls Trail. Having confirmed the location, a small team of CRO members went to assist the YAS paramedics in transporting the casualty a short distance to their ambulance.



93. Dec. 10th Sat. 14.52 Ingleborough Estate Nature Trail, Clapham

Snow was lying several centimetres deep on Saturday morning. In the afternoon, a walker slipped and fell on compacted snow on the Nature Trail between Clapham village and Ingleborough Cave. She fractured an ankle, creating significant misalignment of one foot. CRO team members gave pain relief before splinting the injured leg and foot then putting her into a casualty bag, on a stretcher and into a Land Rover. A team doctor and a YAS paramedic were ferried up to the incident site for further assessment of the walker's injury and to accompany her on the drive down to the waiting road ambulance.

During the incident, three young children were still outside Ingleborough Cave after a visit to see Father Christmas. Conditions underfoot had deteriorated markedly following a fall in air temperature and were becoming treacherous as darkness fell. The CRO vehicles used for attending to the injured walker were further deployed, with snow chains fitted, to ferry the cave visitors back down to Clapham.



94. Dec. 14th Wed. 03.17 A farm track, West of Giggleswick

In the (very) early hours of the morning, YAS asked whether CRO could assist one of their crews. Their ambulance had become stuck on a track following attendance at a remote farmhouse. A small investigating team found that the ambulance had slipped right off the track and was stuck on a steep muddy bank. The ambulance crew had been unable to turn at the farm and the incident occurred when they were reversing back down the long, steep and narrow farm access track, with no patient on board. CRO tries to avoid recovering vehicles but in this instance was able to help YAS colleagues by winching their ambulance back on to the track. Members stayed with the ambulance until it was safely back on a public road.

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 out 12 times outside the CRO core area in 2022. For more information on mountain rescue search dogs visit www.mountainrescuesearchdogsengland.org.uk

Call-outs 2022

5th March (09.07) – CMRT – Northallerton / Thirsk area, North Yorkshire
Search river bank near home of high-risk misper (m, 74), last seen two days before. Not found, but Kez and two other search dogs indicated at the edge of their search area. Police found the misper, deceased, downstream of the dogs' indication, the following day.

24th April (16.00) – BPMRT – Gisburn Forest, Lancashire

Search for woman (33) last seen as passenger in a vehicle leaving Burnley area, two days before. Investigation into suspicious circumstances indicated Gisburn Forest area, but misper not found.

27th April (08.30) Continuation of previous search

Kez searched areas previously searched by local team members. LanCon specialist crime scene investigators also involved. Misper found, deceased, in a shallow grave, by a police archaeologist.

22nd May (02.30) – UWFRA – Thornton in Craven, North Yorkshire

Search woodland for very high risk misper (m). Scented very quickly by Kez and spotted by NPAS helicopter, using FLIR. Kez and handler



approached the misper, who had climbed a tree. Persuaded by police officers to climb down, without harming himself.

4th June (01.30 for 08.00) SwMRT – Preston under Scar, North Yorkshire

Search for high risk misper (m, 63) who had not returned from a walk, the day before. Found, unharmed and walking down the road at 08.15 by a local person, just as the dog handler arrived and before the local team began a second day of searching.

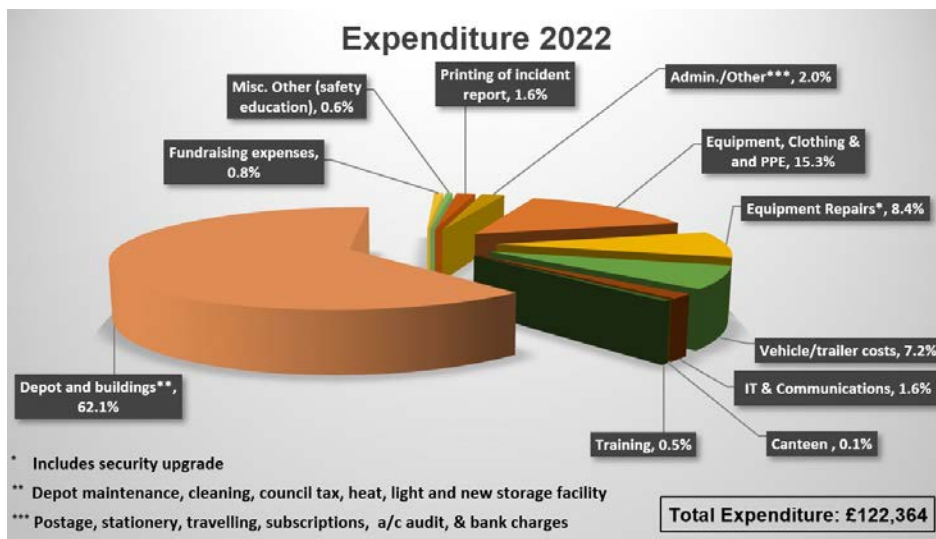
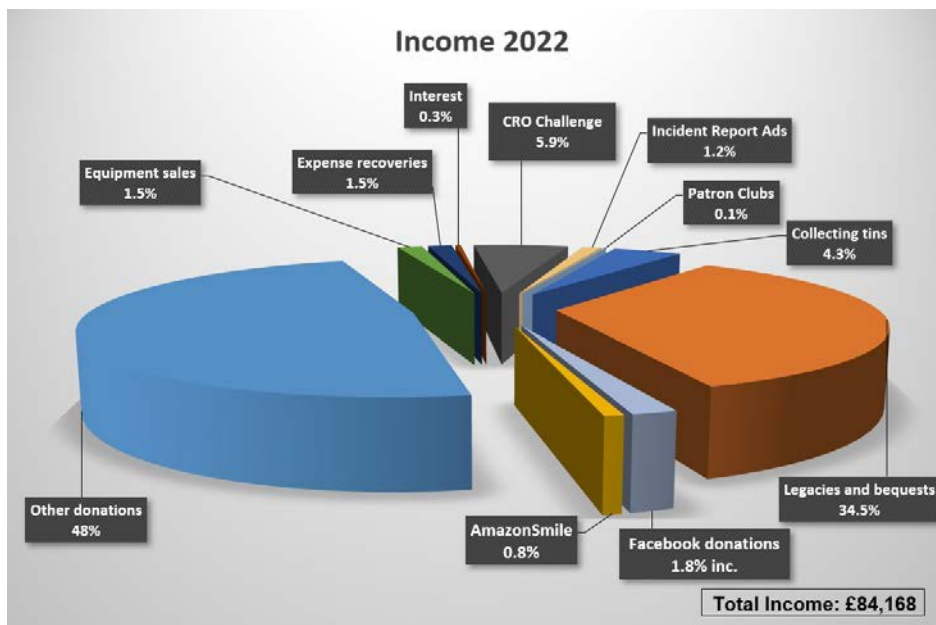
14th June (09.00) – UWFRA – Staveley / Minskip area, Nr Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire

Search for high risk misper (m, 31), last seen three days previously. Not found, despite extensive searching. Found by police, the next day, deceased and beyond the original search area.

4th July (21.00 for 09.00 on 5th) – WMRT – Wasdale and Scafell Pike area, Cumbria

A walker (m, 41) who was camping at Wasdale Head was last seen on Scafell Pike on Saturday (2nd). He was reported missing when he did not turn up for work on Monday (4th). Lakeland team members and search dogs searched on Monday, calling in search dogs and handlers from other regions for Tuesday. Kez searched woodland near Wasdale Head, then

Financial Summary 2022



This is a summary of CRO's income and expenditure for the year ending 31st October 2022. Thanks to some remarkably generous donations/legacies in 2021, the accounts for that year had shown a very significant surplus. In 2022, there was a deficit, but the planned building project has been completed and paid for. The Organisation's annual report and accounts 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 'Cave Rescue Organisation'.

Burnmoor Tarn and Great How area. Found by a Cockermouth MRT member in craggy area below Lords Rake on Thursday (7th). FATAL

14th July (16.41) – UWFRA – Heyshaw Moor, Nr Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire

A high risk misper (f) was thought to have taken an overdose on open moorland. She was located by the NPAS helicopter before search dog and handler arrived.

23rd August 08.44) – BPMRT – Yarrow Valley Country Park, Nr Chorley, Lancashire

Search woodland area already covered by members of local team, for high risk misper (m). He was found by police, outside given search area.

3rd September (14.30)—UWFRA – Nr Almscliffe Crag, North Rigton, North

Yorkshire

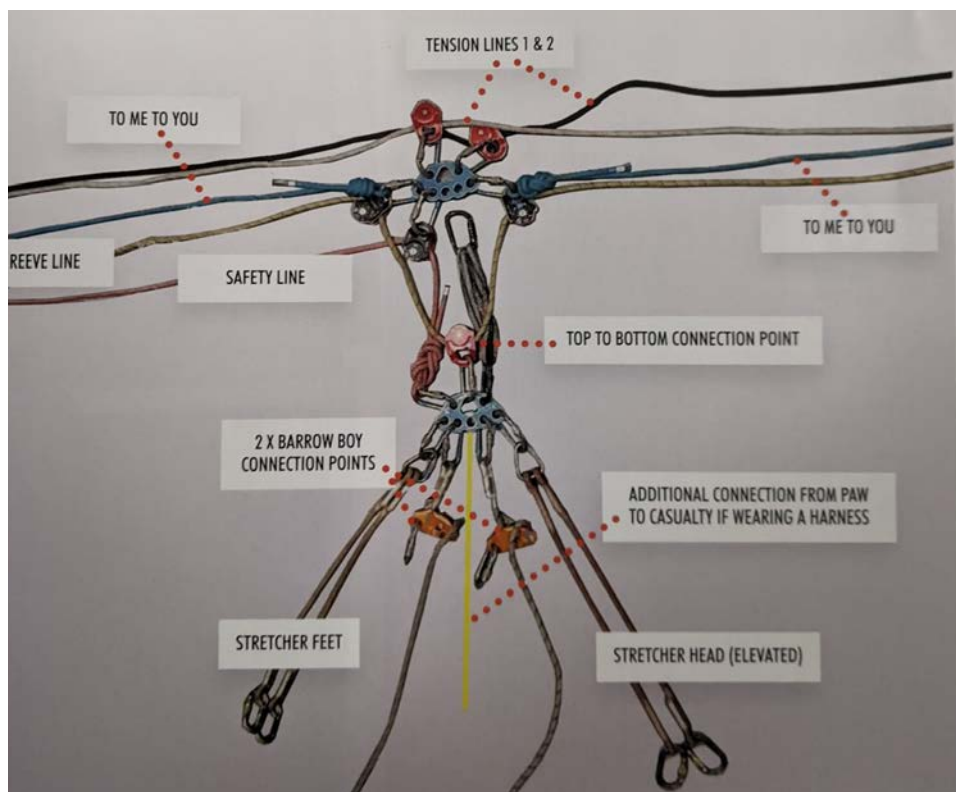
Search wooded areas and water margin for high risk misper (f, 73), missing for about a week. Found by police between railway and main road, the following week. Deceased.

13th November (17.30)– UWFRA – Starbotten, North Yorkshire

Called to search for walker (f, 80) who had fallen and injured an ankle, but had not been found at her given location. Stood down on arrival as the casualty was being carried to the ambulance.

23rd November (18.14) – BPMRT – Beacon Fell Country Park, Goosnargh, Lancashire

Called to search for a high risk misper (f, 24). Stood down en route, as a police search dog had found her. She was very cold, but otherwise unharmed.





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



Incidents 2022

*Numbers in brackets
indicate fatalities*

Incidents

Cave	8
'Mountain'	69
walking	56 (1)
climbing	3
running	3
caver on surface	2
angling	1
cycling	1
footballer	1
motor-cycling	1
tree worker	1
Animal	9
Local incidents	10 (2)
Main team total	96 (3)

CRO handler/dog
assisting other teams 12

TOTAL 108

People involved	
(CRO area only)	113
Sheep/lambs	6
Dogs	2
Cow	1
Stand-by/Alert calls	8

MAIN CAUSES OF INCIDENTS

Cave incidents

Overdue	3
Exhausted	2
Falls/slips	2
Show cave - medical	1

Mountain incidents

Falls / slips - walking	30
climbing	2
angling	1
cycling	1
fell-running	1
tree work	1
Leg trapped in gryke	2
Benighted/lost/overdue	6
Medical : 'dizzy'/fainted	4
chest pains'	3
collapse or stroke	4
heart attack	1 (1)
abdominal pain	1
Exhaustion - walking	7
fell-running	1
M/cycle collided with wall	1
Caver on surface (medical)	2
Unknown	1

Local incidents

Assist Police	
Recover deceased	2 (2)
Search for MFH	2
Van stranded, snow	1
False alarm	1

Local incidents

Assist Ambulance	
Fall, tree volunteer	1
Footballer	1
Remote farmhouse	1
Ambulance stranded, ditch	1

Since 1935, CRO has attended 3,316 incidents

Cave	762
Cave (assisted by divers)	10
Cave diving	17
Disused mines	17
Other underground	1
Mountain	1605
Climbing	117
Open water diving	11
Animal - surface	177
- underground	334
CRO / MRSDE dogs and handlers searching in other teams' areas	239
Local/urban/tarmac Incidents	128
'Stand-by' calls are not counted.	

**This has involved 4,740 people (aged
5 months to 87 years), 514 sheep/
lambs, 89 dogs, 13 calves, 12 adult
cattle, 1 cat and 1 rabbit plus a wide
variety of objects.**

Summary of Statistics

Year	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total incidents attended	108(3)	98(4)	100(3)	109(7)	74(2)
Cave	8	4	6(1)	6(1)	5
Cave diving	0	0	1(1)	0	0
Mountain	66(1)	64(1)	67(1)	81(6)	53(2)
Climbing	3	4(1)	0	3	2
Animal	9	10	8	7	8
Local/urban/tarmac incidents	10(2)	8(2)	5	3	2
CRO dogs + handlers assisting in other teams' areas	12	8	13	7	4

There were no 'disused mines', 'cave, assisted by divers', or 'open water diving' incidents in this five-year period

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