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This year's mountain incident and accidents in England and Wales are summarised as follows: -

| Year | Incidents | Fatalities | Injured | Persons assisted |
|------|-----------|------------|---------|------------------|
| 2003 | 597 | 33 | 391 | 742 |
| 2002 | 655 | 23 | 438 | 824 |
| 2001 | 421 | 18 | 274 | 518 |
| 2000 | 679 | 19 | 435 | 916 |
| 1999 | 635 | 37 | 390 | 835 |

For a number of years the dangers of rock-scrambling have been highlighted in these reports. Not only is the likelihood of an accident greater but the consequences much more severe. The death rate among those injured while scrambling is twice that of rock climbing. Whilst better preparation may not reduce accident, it will certainly mitigate the consequences; the proper use of a rope and the wearing of helmets would both help.

Rock climbing presents a different problem. While the death rate is small (0.03), the chance of serious injury is far too high (0.58). Many of these accidents are compounded because the placement of protection fails; this is particular true in gritstone areas. There are two possible areas where improvements would significantly reduce serious consequences of accidents. Users should improve their ability to place existing protection in such a way that it works with the rock. There appears to be a need for equipment designers to devise fall protection that harnesses the peculiar characteristics of gritstone better than at present.

This year's non-mountain incidents are summarised as follows:

| Year | Incidents | Fatalities | Injured | Persons assisted |
|------|-----------|------------|---------|------------------|
| 2003 | 334 | 28 | 97 | 260 |
| 2002 | 372 | 56 | 117 | 293 |
| 2001 | 277 | 51 | 75 | 235 |
| 2000 | 320 | 46 | 86 | 277 |
| 1999 | 277 | 29 | 87 | 260 |

Beside the usual assistance give during urban and lowland searches, teams have also assisted Fire Services attending remote moorland fires. These have posed their own problems but the teams have demonstrated their worth and training on all occasions. In all cases of non-mountain incidents, the expertises of the MRTs in terms of access over difficult terrain have proved invaluable.

Opinions have been expressed that some calls for assistance, particularly by the ambulance service, have been inappropriate. Some teams have expressed the opinion that perhaps the statutory services are using voluntary organisation as a way of achieving performance targets. The reverse side of this opinion is that good working relationships are re-enforced with these services, promoting better inter-service co-operation.

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Mountain Incident Report

This report covers the period from 01/01/2003 to 31/12/2003.

The report confines itself to those leisure activities that are mountain or wilderness-related to which Mountain Rescue Teams were summoned. It lists the number of incidents and persons assisted, regardless of degree of injury. The percentages are rounded to 1 dec. place. Please note that the percentage totals may not sum to 100% because of the round up error in the rows.

Hillwalking is a general category covering all instances of walking for pleasure, away from easy road or track access. The categories of summer and winter refer to the prevailing conditions reported at the time of the incident; it does not refer to any calendar period.

| Activity | | Lake District | Mid Pennine | N.E. England | North Wales | Peak District | South Wales | S.W. England | Yorks Dales | Total | % |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Abseiling | Incidents | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.5 |
| | Subjects | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.4 |
| Fell Running | Incidents | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 17 | 2.8 |
| | Subjects | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 22 | 3.0 |
| Hill Walking - summer | Incidents | 213 | 18 | 7 | 69 | 44 | 9 | 7 | 22 | 389 | 65.2 |
| | Subjects | 293 | 16 | 4 | 98 | 47 | 11 | 7 | 21 | 497 | 67.0 |
| Hill Walking - summer (DoE) | Incidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.7 |
| | Subjects | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1.1 |
| Hill Walking - winter | Incidents | 16 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 39 | 6.5 |
| | Subjects | 17 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 45 | 6.1 |
| Mountain Biking | Incidents | 10 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 4.4 |
| | Subjects | 10 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 3.5 |
| Orienteering | Incidents | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.2 |
| | Subjects | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Parapenting | Incidents | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 1.5 |
| | Subjects | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 1.2 |
| Rescue Team Exercise | Incidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.2 |
| | Subjects | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Rock Climbing | Incidents | 9 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 50 | 8.4 |
| | Subjects | 11 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 59 | 8.0 |
| Rock Scrambling | Incidents | 7 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 5.2 |
| | Subjects | 10 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 7.3 |
| Search* | Incidents | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 4.0 |
| | Subjects | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 1.8 |
| Snow / Ice Climbing | Incidents | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.5 |
| | Subjects | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.5 |
| Totals | Incidents | 279 | 39 | 13 | 120 | 86 | 16 | 9 | 35 | 597 | 100.0 |
| | Subjects | 359 | 42 | 9 | 179 | 92 | 17 | 9 | 35 | 742 | 100.0 |

* This category includes those activities not covered by the rest, where the subjects had either strayed, become lost, or whose whereabouts were otherwise unknown.

Mountain Casualty Report

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|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|------|
| Abseiling | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.3 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Fell Running | Uninjured | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.4 |
| | Injured | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 2.4 |
| | Fatal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Hill Walking - summer | Uninjured | 152 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 228 | 30.7 |
| | Injured | 132 | 15 | 2 | 47 | 34 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 252 | 34.0 |
| | Fatal | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 2.3 |
| Hill Walking - summer (DoE) | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.7 |
| | Injured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.4 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Hill Walking - winter | Uninjured | 6 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 2.6 |
| | Injured | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 2.6 |
| | Fatal | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.9 |
| Mountain Biking | Uninjured | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| | Injured | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 3.4 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Orienteering | Uninjured | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| | Injured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Parapenting | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 1.2 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Rescue Team Exercise | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Rock Climbing | Uninjured | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 1.9 |
| | Injured | 7 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 43 | 5.8 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0.3 |
| Rock Scrambling | Uninjured | 6 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 5.3 |
| | Injured | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1.6 |
| | Fatal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.4 |
| Search* | Uninjured | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0.9 |
| | Injured | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.5 |
| | Fatal | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.3 |
| Snow / Ice Climbing | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| | Injured | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.4 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Totals | Uninjured | 176 | 3 | 1 | 104 | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 318 | 42.9 |
| | Injured | 170 | 38 | 7 | 69 | 67 | 10 | 3 | 27 | 391 | 52.7 |
| | Fatal | 13 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 33 | 4.4 |

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Non-Mountain Incident Report

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The search category covers mainly urban, coastline or lowland areas with good road access. Local incidents reflect assistance given to local communities and emergency services during severe weather or in cases of access difficulties etc.

| Activity | | Lake District | Mid Pennine | N.E. England | North Wales | Peak District | South Wales | S.W. England | Yorks Dales | Total | % |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Aircrash - civil | Incidents | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1.5 |
| | Subjects | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.8 |
| Birdwatching | Incidents | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.3 |
| | Subjects | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.4 |
| Cave/Mine Exploration* | Incidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0.9 |
| | Subjects | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0.8 |
| Local Incident | Incidents | 18 | 47 | 16 | 6 | 22 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 122 | 36.5 |
| | Subjects | 11 | 11 | 16 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 61 | 23.5 |
| Pony Trekking | Incidents | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2.4 |
| | Subjects | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2.3 |
| Road Traffic Accident | Incidents | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1.5 |
| | Subjects | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3.8 |
| Non-Mountain Search | Incidents | 7 | 38 | 21 | 13 | 26 | 21 | 48 | 4 | 178 | 53.3 |
| | Subjects | 7 | 30 | 22 | 14 | 24 | 19 | 47 | 4 | 167 | 64.2 |
| Sledging | Incidents | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1.2 |
| | Subjects | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1.5 |
| Water Sports (all types) | Incidents | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2.4 |
| | Subjects | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2.7 |
| Totals | Incidents | 35 | 95 | 39 | 23 | 53 | 28 | 48 | 13 | 334 | 100.0 |
| | Subjects | 33 | 48 | 39 | 18 | 43 | 24 | 47 | 8 | 260 | 100.0 |

* These details are also reported by BCRC, but are included here because support was provided by surface MR team(s).

Non-Mountain Casualty Report

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|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|------|
| Aircrash - civil | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.4 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.4 |
| Birdwatching | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.4 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Cave/Mine Exploration* | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0.8 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Local Incident | Uninjured | 3 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 7.7 |
| | Injured | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 34 | 13.1 |
| | Fatal | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2.7 |
| Pony Trekking | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2.3 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Road Traffic Accident | Uninjured | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3.1 |
| | Injured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.8 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Non-Mountain Search | Uninjured | 6 | 17 | 16 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 34 | 4 | 107 | 41.2 |
| | Injured | 0 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 40 | 15.4 |
| | Fatal | 1 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 7.7 |
| Sledging | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1.5 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Water Sports (all types) | Uninjured | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Injured | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2.7 |
| | Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Totals | Uninjured | 16 | 21 | 25 | 8 | 11 | 16 | 34 | 4 | 135 | 51.9 |
| | Injured | 15 | 20 | 11 | 7 | 26 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 97 | 37.3 |
| | Fatal | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 28 | 10.8 |

* These details are also reported by BCRC, but are included here because support was provided by surface MR team(s).

Main Causes of Mountain Incidents

This report covers the period from 01/01/2003 to 31/12/2003, during which time 596 incidents were reported.

This report summarises the main causes of Mountain Accidents. It is based on a search of key words used in incident reports. All causes have not been listed, so the column totals may not agree with the total number of incidents. A typical report will illustrate another problem with totals:-

'...tripped on footpath whilst walking and fell 2 metres onto rocky ground.'

This will result in contributions to the 'Slip, Trip or Stumble' and the 'Fall or Tumble' categories.

| Causes | Col. 1 Hillwalking (summer) | Col. 2 Hillwalking (winter) | Col. 3 Rock Climbing | Col. 4 Snow / Ice Climbing | Col. 5 Other Activities) | Col. 6 Total | Col. 7 Percentage |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Avalanche | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Belay / Runner Failure | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1.8 |
| Benighted | 14 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 3.0 |
| Cragfast | 14 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 5.5 |
| Fall or Tumble | 100 | 7 | 51 | 3 | 18 | 179 | 30.0 |
| Lightening | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Lost | 49 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 9.6 |
| Medical Collapse or Illness | 53 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 10.2 |
| Overdue or Missing | 41 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 57 | 9.6 |
| Rockfall | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.3 |
| Shouts, Lights or Flares Reported | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 14 | 2.3 |
| Slip, Trip or Stumble | 126 | 19 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 159 | 26.7 |
| Unable to Continue | 29 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 5.4 |

Notes:
 Col. 1 This category also includes Fell Running and Orienteering.
 Col. 2 This category is based on the prevailing weather and ground conditions at the time, not on a calendar period. It includes those incidents involving D of E expeditions conducted in wintry conditions.
 Col. 3 This includes incidents of Rock Scrambling and Abseiling.
 Col. 5 This groups all the remaining mountain activities of Mountain Biking, Hang Gliding, Parapenting, Ski-ing and Mountain Searches.
 Col. 7 This is a percentage of all Mountain Incidents reported.

Main Sites & Types of Injury

This report covers the period from 01/01/2003 to 31/12/2003, during which time 521 incidents were reported.

This report summarises the main sites and types of injuries dealt with by MR Teams. It is based on a search of key words used in incident reports.

| Injury Site / Type | Col. 1 Hillwalking (summer) | Col. 2 Hillwalking (winter) | Col. 3 Rock Climbing | Col. 4 Snow / Ice Climbing | Col. 5 Other Activities) | Col. 6 Non - Mountain | Col. 7 Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Lower Leg & Foot | 98 | 13 | 18 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 156 |
| Upper Leg & Knee | 31 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 43 |
| Pelvis | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| Abdomen | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Chest & Shoulder | 18 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 53 |
| Back & Neck | 13 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 48 |
| Arm & Hand | 23 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 43 |
| Head | 29 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 58 |
| Fractures | 103 | 15 | 26 | 1 | 14 | 28 | 187 |
| Lacerations etc | 32 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 51 |
| Exhaustion | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Hypothermia | 14 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 27 |
| Heart Attack (non-fatal) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Heart Attack (fatal) | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| Illness | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |

Notes:
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 Col. 2 This category is based on the prevailing weather and ground conditions at the time, not on a calendar period. It includes those incidents involving D of E expeditions conducted in wintry conditions.
 Col. 3 This includes incidents of Rock Scrambling and Abseiling.
 Col. 5 This groups all the remaining mountain activities of Mountain Biking, Hang Gliding, Parapenting, Ski-ing and Mountain Searches.
 Col. 6 This groups all the non-mountain incidents as detailed on pages 4 & 5 of this report.

Specialist Resources & Other Details

This report covers the period from 01/01/2003 to 31/12/2003, during which time 986 incidents were reported.

This report summarises the specialist resources used during incidents dealt with by MR teams. It is detailed on a regional basis, with explanations given as footnotes to each row. The percentage calculations (rounded to 1 dec pl.) are based on the total number of incidents reported by MR teams.

| Category | Lake District | Mid Pennine | N.E. England | North Wales | Peak District | South Wales | S.W. England | Yorks Dales | Total | % |
|--|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|------|
| 1. Incidents Attended by Helicopter | 82 | 41 | 16 | 86 | 58 | 19 | 23 | 13 | 338 | 34.3 |
| 2. Helicopters Used for Evacuation | 66 | 16 | 3 | 65 | 23 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 195 | 19.8 |
| 3. Helicopters Used for Searching | 13 | 18 | 11 | 15 | 24 | 13 | 21 | 0 | 115 | 11.7 |
| 4. Helicopters Used for Deployment | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.8 |
| 5. Incidents Attended by SARDA Dogs | 35 | 22 | 4 | 12 | 24 | 7 | 24 | 0 | 128 | 13.0 |
| 6. Search Dog Finds | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0.8 |
| 7. Incidents Attended by a Doctor | 103 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 49 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 174 | 17.6 |
| 8. Incidents Initiated by Mobile Phone | 185 | 24 | 6 | 71 | 54 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 353 | 35.8 |
| 9. Animal Rescues | 35 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 4.1 |

Notes:

Row 1. The number of incidents where a helicopter or fixed wing aircraft (military, police or ambulance) was called to or attended the scene of an incident.

Row 2. The number of times the aircraft was used to evacuate the casualty(ies) from the scene of the incident.

Row 3. The number of instances when the aircraft was employed to search for the missing subject(s).

Row 4. The number of occasions when the aircraft was used to deploy personnel and/or equipment to remote locations.

Row 5. The number of incidents where Mountain Rescue Search Dogs were called to or attended an incident.

Row 6. The number of instances where the subject was located by an MR Search Dog and handler.

Row 7. The number of incidents where a doctor attended the scene of an incident - in most cases, these doctors were members of MR Teams.

Row 8. The number of incidents initiated by the person(s) requiring assistance using a mobile phone. In addition, the mobile phone may have been used by this person during the course of the incident, especially in a search.

Row 9. The number of animal rescues where a team has been requested by the police, local farmer or owner - these include cragfast sheep, dogs stuck on crags or down sink holes or larger animals unable to exit a deep gorge or stream bed.