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Bolton Mountain Rescue Team

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Providing a voluntary search & rescue service to the local community. 24 hours a day. 365 days a year. Whatever the weather. Attending on average 100 emergencies per year.



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Who are we ...

Formed in 1968 to provide a search and rescue service for the moors above Bolton; the team is now stronger than ever with 50 volunteer operational members who are on call 24 hours a day. 365 days a year. Team members come from a variety of backgrounds including teachers, nurses, firefighters, electricians, police officers, computer technicians, as well as those who are now retired.



We train every Wednesday evening and occasionally at weekends. Team members receive no payment or expenses, in fact they pay an annual fee to be a member. A Support Group of 15 volunteer members assists the operational membership. They meet monthly and support the team in a variety of ways including providing catering during call outs, fundraising at events and helping clean the team's base and vehicles. The team has three specialist search dogs including Boris a 'Trailing Dog' plus two further dogs in training Sasha a 'Drowned Victim Search Dog' and Bella an 'Air Scenting Search Dog'.



What do we do ...

We provide a voluntary search and rescue service within the West Pennine Moors and in the Darwen area of Lancashire and the Western parts of Greater Manchester including Bolton, western part of Bury, Trafford, Salford and Wigan. We work in close liaison with the North West Ambulance Service, the North West Air Ambulance, Greater Manchester Police, Lancashire Constabulary, Greater Manchester and Lancashire Fire & Rescue Services. All these services contact the team directly using pagers, which every member carries.

The team primarily exists to provide assistance to lost and injured walkers, climbers, mountain bikers, fell runners and horse riders within the West Pennine Moors but is also used to assist ambulance crews with evacuations from fields, parks, woodlands and open spaces. In fact anywhere there is difficult access to reach or evacuate a casualty.

The team is requested to assist in missing person searches upland or lowland in support of GMP or Lancashire Constabulary. These may be within the team's own area, or to help neighbouring teams Bowland Pennine, Rossendale & Pendle and Oldham. We may also assist in Cheshire or further afield. These searches can often take many hours and even run into days.

During periods of inclement weather the team is called to assist the North West Ambulance Service such as snow and ice conditions. We also provide assistance of a general nature to NWAS during periods of peak demand. We assist the Fire Service on rope rescue incidents and moorland wildfire operations.

We provide Standby Rescue Cover (when available) for fell races, orienteering and mountain bike events upon our local moorlands. Due to our busy commitments, we do not generally provide cover for sponsored events.



Where are we based ...

The team Base/HQ is situated within the NWAS HQ Complex at Ladybridge Hall in Bolton. Here we garage two of our Land Rover Ambulances, crewbus ambulance, catering trailer and our 3.5m semi rigid SAR Boat. We also have a garage at GMFRS Bolton Central Fire Station where we maintain another Land Rover Ambulance and our Incident Control Vehicle. A third garage is at GMFRS Bolton North Fire Station, where we keep our fourth Land Rover Ambulance. All six team vehicles carry comprehensive specialist medical and rescue equipment including defibrillators, mountain rescue stretchers, search lighting, radios, trauma sacs, vacuum splints as well as rope rescue equipment. Team member training involves being familiar with all equipment and resources, casualty care and evacuation and search techniques.



How are we funded ...

We are funded by voluntary donations, charitable grants, bequests and a small annual national grant. It costs £30,000 per year to run the team which equates to £85 per day. Every donation no matter its size helps to provide a voluntary but professional service to the local and regional community, in our role assisting and supporting the Ambulance, Police and Fire Service 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.



To contact us ...

Making a financial donation: Click the DONATE tab on the web site and donate via the Charities Aid Foundation web site or write a cheque, made payable to "Bolton Mountain Rescue Team". Cheque donations should be sent to: Bolton Mountain Rescue Team, c/o Mr. V G Rhodes MBE Team Leader, Bolton MRT, 38 Heathfield Drive, Tyldesley, Manchester, M29 8PW

Hosting a Collecting Box: If you own a shop, pub, or other establishment, you could request a team collecting box. We will empty it at regular intervals.

E-mail fo@boltonmrt.org.uk.

Lectures: We welcome groups and organisations to our Ladybridge Hall Base/HQ for tours, talks and equipment demonstrations. Due to training commitments we are unable to arrange such on Wednesday evenings.

E-mail secretary@boltonmrt.org.uk

Joining the Operational Call Out List: We normally recruit once a year, via prior notice on our web site. Here you will also find membership details.

Joining the Support Group - for full details go to our web site

