

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**



The 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

was held at the Rescue Centre, Barnard Castle on Thursday 10th November 2005 at 1900hrs.

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the 2004 AGM
(Distributed as the Annual Report 2004)
4. Team Leader's Report
5. Deputy Team Leader's Report.
6. Hon. Treasurer's Report.
(Adoption of Accounts ending 31/7/05)
7. Training Officer's Report.
8. Youth Team Training Officer's Report.
9. Group Leaders' Reports
10. Public Relation's Officer Report
11. Equipment Officer's Report
12. Fundraising & Social Officer's Report
13. Transport Officer's Report
14. Team Members' Reps Reports
15. Police Liaison Officers Report.
16. Associate Members Rep's Report
17. NESRA Report.
18. SARDA Report.
19. Election of President and Vice-Presidents.
20. Election of Officers and Committee Members.
 - a) Team Leader
 - b) Deputy Team Leaders (THREE)
 - c) Hon. Secretary
 - d) Hon. Treasurer
 - e) Training Officer
 - f) Cadet Training Officer
 - g) Equipment Officer
 - h) Group Leaders (FIVE)
 - i) Public Relations Officer
 - j) Fundraising and Social Officer.
 - k) Transport Officer
 - l) Team Members' Reps (FOUR)
 - m) Casualty Care Officer
 - n) Radio Officer
 - o) Information Tech Officer
 - p) SARDA Rep.
 - q) Associate Members' Rep
 - r) Police Liaison Officer
21. Any Other Business. Notified at the start of the meeting.
22. Date and time of 2006 Annual General Meeting.
Thursday 9th November 2006.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting

held on Thursday 10th November 2005 at the Rescue Centre, BARNARD CASTLE.

PRESENT

Hon. Harry Vane (President)

David Bartles-Smith	David E Clark	Anthony McAdam	Paul Quinn
David Thompson	Russell Warne	Stephen Marrs	John Little
Peter Bell	Richard Graham	Richard Warne	Dennis Marrs
Mark Binney	Chris Roberts	David Robinson	Des Toward
Steve Owers	Karen Fisher	Trevor Burton	Paul Fell
Paul Jenkins	Ian Findlay MBE	Tony Cowan	Donna Stewart
Simon Stewart	Insp. Kevin Tuck (Police)		

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alan Best	Chris Scott	Dr Cedric Scott	John O'Doherty
Adam Hearn	Lesley Sutherland	Martin Huitson	Paul Renwick
Helen Mortimer	Fiona Lovatt	Peter Lovatt	Isabella Barnes
Matthew Catterall			

OPENING REMARKS

David Bartles-Smith, Team Leader, welcomed those present to the 2005 Annual General Meeting. In particular, our President, The Hon Harry Vane; Police Liaison Officer, Inspector Kevin Tuck; David Thompson, former Team Leader and now one of the Vice Presidents and also to Ian Findlay who is retiring from active team membership.

MINUTES OF THE 14th AGM

These were distributed in the form of the Annual Report November 2003 to 2004 prior to the meeting and with additional copies available at the AGM. These were accepted as a true and correct record.

PROPOSED: Russell Warne SECONDED: Steve Marrs

TEAM LEADERS'S REPORT given by David Bartles-Smith

A little over two hours after last year's AGM and the Team were called to the first incident of the year. Sadly, it was for a fatality, but a classic search re-enforcing all our faith in the theory that we so often deploy. Since the early hours of that morning the Team have recorded some 60 incidents. Clearly the busiest year the Team has ever had by a long, long way. Each of us in the room tonight will have varying memories of the past twelve months, some happy, some sad, but I am sure few, if any of us can recall everything we have done - without reference to the Incident log. I certainly cannot, but what does stand out for me, has been the diversity of our role and involvement. Searches have taken place in all areas, both hill and urban, as have rescues. Indeed the past year has seen a big increase in hill incidents. Too early to identify Open Access as a factor but clearly we have witnessed a large number of 'lost' persons using mobile phones to summon help. Time will tell, but I do

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT

suspect (I see it whilst on my own wanderings) that we are seeing the start of increasing access onto pathless fells.

The increase in the use of the Team is not just down to this though. We have continued to develop our strong relationships with the Police, at many levels. From logistics to POLSA liaison and also organisational support. Support has come not only in the form of valuable funding and assistance in some key areas, but most importantly in the sharing of ideas and skills. POLSA Officers and others have attended Team exercises and given valuable feedback on command structures and have themselves taken away greater understanding and appreciation of the skills that MR brings to the overall Police responsibility for SAR.

As Team Leader I regularly meet with POLSA Officers and I envisage increased links in the coming months. The Team is now represented on County Emergency Planning forums as part of the Civil Contingencies Act and we enjoy excellent logistical support from many Police departments. Airwave has again proved extremely valuable and in essence I do believe, we are as a Team, more widely understood and are more easily accessible. Only yesterday I attended a meeting with the Best Value Team at Police Headquarters. As part of their review of community liaison TWSRT has been identified as 'an excellent example of Police community liaison' - and it is clear the value placed in community organisations like ourselves is a fundamental part of Police strategy for the future.

There are many examples of greater understanding of our resource and ease of communication with Airwave. Our presence and response on the Great North Walk, snowbound drivers, and many first notice involvements etc. Not least the day we were training with a Sea King helicopter. Police Control, knew what we were doing and where we were and within seconds of the 999 call, sought our assistance with the helicopter. The memory of arriving on scene by air and welcoming Steve Owers arriving in his fire engine some minutes later, will be long held!!

Seriously though, it is inevitable that the more widely known our skills are, the greater the use will be. That is clearly a fine testament to all our current, and past Team members, who have built the excellent reputation we now have. And for the person in distress - that really cannot be a bad thing!

As I said last year - search and rescue is not a 'standstill business' - we must always address progress and accept development and change as one of the same thing.

However, we are all volunteers and we must remain acutely aware of the pressures and demands this can place upon us. Aside from the operational call-outs, much has been achieved in this last year.

Resources have again formed some key priorities. Airwave and High Band communication is now resource complete, and our Equipment officer has overseen an almost complete overhaul and replacement programme of all our equipment in the past 3 years, to its conclusion. Methods of equipment management are in place and on behalf of all the Team, I must say a big thank you to Adam Hearn for all his efforts.

Communication within the Team and the management of information was identified by the Team membership as an area of concern. Thanks to the efforts of Gary Bevan and particularly John Little we now have a website and members area providing an excellent base for information giving and sharing.

I haven't the time or space to single out all the achievements, though I am sure individual Officers will reflect on these in their reports, but what has also been evident has been the commitment and involvement given by all, throughout the year.

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT

Responses to Call-outs, training attendance, SARDA involvement and support to other activities and events has been excellent and the efforts of Chris Roberts, Paul Renwick, Mark Binney and others in the development of new Team members will no doubt reward the Team in the coming years, as these new members continue their development and involvement with the Team. Thank you to everyone.

Returning to the theme of demands and pressures and looking ahead. I believe we have as a Team dealt with admirably, the demands placed upon. But we must not be complacent about our ability to do this. Our organisation and service to those in need, is wholly reliant on the goodwill of the volunteers that we all are. The complexities of the Team and the service we provide will continue to grow, and so must our ability to manage the work involved. This will no doubt be one of the principal challenges of the new Committee elected this evening, as I believe we must use the next 12 months to review and potentially re-structure our organisation to meet these increasing commitments.

The coming year will also present some additional focuses. The potential development of a Regional Police Force will have a significant impact upon MR in the North East. The autonomy of OUR relationship with OUR Police force may be lost and we will have to ensure the progress TWSRT has achieved and indeed the progress made by Durham Police in MR liaison is not lost. NESRA will have to face up to this challenge. I am far from convinced it is at present, able to do so, and much debate and change is needed.

On a National perspective, the MRC has many aspects to resolve not least, that its role, development and successes have not kept pace with the progress and achievements of many of its member Teams. I will endeavour to contribute to this debate on behalf of TWSRT.

However, it is all too easy to focus on what needs mending and for us all to go away thinking things aren't too good. As a Team we continue to embrace change and opportunity we should all be proud of what we are achieving.

Finally, as so often happens, the AGM represents a watershed in Team history. None more so than tonight when Ian Findlay retires as Training Officer. Our President Harry Vane will mark this occasion with a presentation later this evening, however it is without doubt a moment of reflection for all, in what you Ian, have brought to the Team.

In the last 32 years you have witnessed much and contributed greatly, and the 100's of Team members who have been associated with the Team in that time will have memories of your commitment and dedication, that we can all only aspire to.

The Team will remember you as a teacher, a mentor and a friend and above all a man who is completely as one with the Fells we work in. Ian, we will have something more to say at our Xmas dinner, but for now, and on behalf of the Team - a big thank you.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

REPORT OF DEPUTY TEAM LEADER – RESOURCES given by Chris Roberts

Another very busy year for the Team, and every Team member should congratulate themselves on the level of commitment that has been displayed throughout the year.

The future of the Team is secure as once again we have an excellent cohort of new C list members. This year there has been an altered approach to C list recruitment, training, and ultimately assessment.

All new members have been through an assessed hill test and induction weekend. They have then been paired with an A list mentor who's role it is to help them through their training and ultimately final assessment. Final assessment is taking a new look this year with all potential A list candidates undertaking a night navigation and rescue scenario followed by an equipment familiarity test.

On completion of the assessment successful candidates will be awarded a Team badged polo shirt, high visibility vest and lapel badge -and most important of all A list status.

Thanks must go to Paul Renwick for all of his hard work putting together this assessment programme.

Water awareness has been a training priority this year. All Team members have been given training in water safety and awareness for searching near water. Some members have experienced how to rescue and indeed be rescued by colleagues from the water - this training has been led by our trained Swiftwater technicians. We have linked with North of Tyne and intend to share our training protocols and experiences in an effort to develop safe search around water.

The Canoe Team has been used on several occasions this year and the importance of an effective and developing group has been recognised. The function of the Canoe Team is being looked at for future development and to this end we have been successful in recruiting several new members. A programme of Canoe Team training has been coordinated by John Little - the Canoe Team Leader.

Thanks to Leader + funding many Team members have taken advantage of our clothing project. This has helped fund individuals to purchase waterproof clothing in a corporate red and black - giving the Team a high profile and professional image. Berghaus and Keela, both of whom support mountain rescue by offering excellent purchasing deals were used in this instance as suppliers.

This meeting forms a rather sad landmark for the Team as we see Ian Findlay stepping down from active membership. Ian's wealth of experience, knowledge and intuition will be missed; although I suspect that walkers venturing onto the high Pennines via paths near Ian's house will be in for a trouble if they're not properly equipped - I also have a feeling that should an incident kick off in the High Pennines that Ian wont be too far away!!

TREASURERS REPORT given by David Clark

1. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT Mrs Joanne Brooks PIIA has examined the Treasurer's presentation of the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet as being an accurate representation of the Team's financial position. She made no charge for this service.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

3 OVERALL SITUATION The year has seen a net outflow of £3,157 which has arisen after our expenditure of £23,398 has exceeded our incoming resources of £20,241.

3 INCOME

Income (£)	03/04	04/05	Change	Ongoing	One off
Associate Members	269	349	80	80	0
Collection Boxes	1,290	1,938	648	648	0
Donations and Gift Aid	5,021	5,208	187	187	0
Donors with specific requests	4,456	4,130	-326	-326	0
Vehicles	1,938	2,267	329	0	329
Rescue Centre	3669	2,879	-790	0	-790
Coast to Coast	232	0	-232	-232	0
Raffles and members fundraising	267	249	-18	-18	0
Street Collections	939	1,657	718	718	0
Stans Van Appeal	14,994	0	-14994	0	-14994
Sale of equipment	0	1,241	1241	0	1241
Sale of notelets	0	48	48	48	0
Sale of Database	0	116	116	116	0
Interest	16	159	143	143	0
Totals	33,091	20,241	-12850	1364	-14214

The greatest variance here can be seen as Stan's Van which was a one off appeal and ignoring this with other one fundraising efforts you can view our income efforts as improving essentially from the additional contributions in collection boxes and street collections. These are especially good target areas for us and a big thanks to all of you who have been involved.

Of course we cannot operate without the generosity of the public and those who have made specific donations to us this year again to allow us to serve the local communities.

4 EXPENDITURE

Item	03-04	04-05	Change
Management and administration of the team including printing, post, and telephone	1067	1085	18
Pagers & Mobiles	3058	3124	66
Equipment & clothing	4609	9779	5170
Youth section	3877	253	-3624
Licences & Insurances	839	1117	278
Premises	3056	3051	-5
Training	362	326	-36
Vehicles	5669	4663	-1006
Total expenditure	22537	23398	861

The highest increases here is for equipment and whilst we have had the support of the Leader+ funding this project has over its duration necessitated a significant amount of spend in order to have the claim. Since the inception of Leader+ and their grant award of £25,000 we have spent

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

Capital Costs	Total
Lap top computer	980
Conversion of control vehicle	16,106
Conversion of personnel vehicle	8,000
Crag training equipment	790
GPS and software	850
Digital camera	400
Cadet equipment	4,581
Team high visibility vests	597
Total Capital Costs	32,304

Revenue Costs	Total
Search management course	540
Advanced casualty care course	750
Team member skills training	1,509
Dog training	622
Cadet training	90
Rope rescue course	560
River rescue course	600
Control vehicle running costs	1,600
Personnel vehicle running costs	800
Rescue centre running costs	1,537
Personal all weather clothing	6,400
Total Cash spend	15,008
Team member skills training(in kind)	8,284
Dog training (in kind)	7,270
Cadet training (in kind)	4,654
Immediate care course (in kind)	981
Crag training (in kind)	1,280
Search mgt skills training (in kind)	938
Total In kind	23,407
Total Revenue Cost	38,415

CONCLUSION

My sincere thanks to all of those who have helped our funding over the last year and a special mention to Chris Scott who has maintained the financial records so meticulously; he has spent an incredible amount off time. I am sure with a close focus to ensuring that we do not spend on projects before funds are raised together with the support from the police and public that our high level of service can be maintained.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT given by Ian Findlay

The 2005 training year has been a mixture of old and new! NESRA exercise was held in Teesdale after a long absence. Weekend exercises tried for the first time – all part of the learning curve.

The NESRA exercise in February held in the upper dale provided an opportunity for all NESRA teams and the emergency services to get together to form a good working platform and iron out the problems. Thanks to Adam Hearn for setting the exercise up and providing the meals and overnight accommodation.

The annual recruitment programme was underway in January with 34 applicants – 15 attended the hill test in March in good blizzard conditions, 12 passed and have trained regularly with the Team. These recruitment campaigns over the last three to four years have been successful; we now have a nucleus of very competent team members. Sunday exercises have been well attended throughout the year; three were held over a weekend and proved popular.

The usual mix of – fell – river – woodland – crag – and urban areas have made up the training programme. This mix of venues not only gives a good balance of habitat type and terrain but also provides a greater knowledge of Co. Durham.

Wednesday night training continued with topics including ropes – open access – canoe role – police role etc. I would like to thank all team members who have assisted with training this year, your expertise and experience is much appreciated by new members. A special thanks to Paul, Neil, Adam and Richard for the weekend training in September in casualty care and good luck with the examination in November.

The Team over the last two to three years lost several very experienced members for various reasons. This experience is hard earned and has always been the backbone of the Team over many years. The Team will have many challenges in the future and they will rise to the occasion as always.

I would like to thank all landowners and farmers for allowing us to train on their land and for all team members acting as bodies, both an essential part of the training programme.

This is my final report as Training Officer (11 years) and I retire after almost 32 years with the Team. In trying to sum up this length of time, I give up!!! - but here are a few memories – appalling weather conditions – no radio contact – trying to read the grid reference the other way – not Meldon Hill again!!!

The Team has always been a group of like minded volunteers who act in every professional way to provide assistance to their fellow human being. As long as the basics are practiced and not forgotten you will not go far wrong.

What will I miss? The constant banter, humour and the dedication and spirit of the Team. All the best for the future.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

YOUTH TEAM TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT give by Chris Roberts

The Youth Team had a very productive and active year. We had 14 young people in the section at one time - the highest membership ever. As usual we have lost a high proportion of our membership to university, college and employment - I was pleased that many cited their work with the Team in their personal statements and cv's.

I was pleased that four chose to take advantage of our Student membership and one, Kyle Thompson, has moved onto the C list. Activities during the year included trips to the Lakes, night navigation and bivviing, caving, gorge walking along with the usual training in MR skills. The season ended with a very successful week in the Cairngorms - many thanks to Mark Binney. I would like to thank Paul Renwick and Izzy Barnes for their assistance.

There is much to look forward to in the next year; we have several new members and hope to recruit several more - on reflection twelve is probably the maximum number of members that we can operate with. With Paul Renwick and Mark Binney now qualified to SPA we are able to make full use of the climbing wall and local crags - crag work is now a very popular aspect of our programme.

Last year I reported that I hoped to take the group on exchange to Iceland - funding allowing. Although I found a host Team for us and secured support from Berghaus the major funding did not materialise as I had hoped and the exchange had to be put on hold.

I have now secured a level of funding for next year - this comes with restrictions that may be too prohibitive unless additional money can be found. Watch this space!!

We have a working and effective model for including young people in Mountain Search and Rescue. One of our continuing objectives is to promote what we do to other teams in the UK.

GROUP LEADERS REPORT given by Ian Findlay

Group Leaders have a very important role within all Mountain Rescue Teams. The Group Leaders are the eyes and ears for control. The better the picture, the better the result will be.

The Group Leaders should always have a clear picture of the incident/exercise (if in doubt ask!).

Brief your teams well – delegate responsibilities – have a constructive search pattern – take breaks – listen to ideas – and you will have a happy team.

After 26 years as a Group Leader, search techniques – radios – equipment have all improved over that period of time, but the human factor remains the same always keep that in mind.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

EQUIPMENT OFFICERS REPORT given by Adam Hearn

Firstly I must apologise for not being present at the AGM.

This has generally been a year of consolidation on the equipment front. We have replaced our out of date crag equipment and are recording periodic inspections. Mark Binney has recently attended an FPE inspection course, there are now two of us certified to inspect the Team's crag gear.

We now have new oxygen and Entonox regulators. We have also purchased 3 extra TETRA handsets and these have been issued to Deputy Team Leaders and Adam Hearn to aid in co-ordinating the Teams response to callouts.

Low Band VHF radio has now gone and thanks to various grants we are fairly well off with High Band radios. We are still waiting for the Police to fit a set in the base for us. We have also bought 5 GPS units for issue to search groups to aid in recording the detail of areas searched by the Team. These will be coming into service shortly, once training has been completed.

The Team has also moved away from Vodapage to a system combining paging and SMS messaging to initiate callouts. This is provided by PageOne communications and is partially funded by the Police.

In conclusion I believe that the Team is currently very well equipped we should not be facing any significant expenditure in the medium term.

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT given by John Little

The Team has run a number of fundraising events over the past 12 months. The street collection in Durham was postponed because of the Asian Tsunami but finally raised £725. The Stanhope collection raised over £300 and was a first for the Team. The Barnard Castle collection raised over £676. The next street collection is organised in Durham on the 10th of December. Street collections next year are planned for Bishop Auckland, Darlington, Stanhope, Barnard Castle and Durham and should help raise both our profile and our funds. The Team now has a full set of laminated display boards - these help to catch the public attention at street collections and other events in which the Team are involved.

The Team owns about 100 collection tins. These almost all now have up to date laminated labels and address stickers. The number of locations holding a collection tin on the Teams behalf is steadily increasing. Most are getting emptied on a regular basis - but many could be emptied more regularly!

The Team has been continuing to sell the remaining notelets - they make nice Christmas cards or stocking fillers if anyone is interested. The Supporter Pin Badges have proved very popular (thanks to Paul Renwick and Helen Mortimer). Cardboard landrover collection tins are available flat or pre-assembled for personal collections.

There have been a number of successful fundraising initiatives: Langdon Beck Hotel's Beer Festival, Durham University Charities Committee, The Durham foundation, Andy Smyths's sponsored swim, Hamsterley Forest Downhill Race, Tate Radios, Gift aid on other donations, and many more. Donations to the Team can now be made online but as yet no one has done so!

I would like to thank everyone who has helped raise funds for the Team but especially to Chris Scott for his continuing and very active support.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT given by Steve Owers

Another successful year with two feature articles in the press: an article by Sharon Griffiths from the Northern Echo on our female members and an article on the team in Durham Town and Country magazine.

Most of our call outs have been covered in the local press, Teletext and occasionally local television. Probably the biggest response was to a call out the team only played a small part in. The Team's press release when the man fell from the South side of High Force led to interest from not only local but national media.

The number of talks given by team members this year has been down on recent years. This is a great way to gain funds for the team either directly or from donations in the future. If any team members know of any organisations that would like a talk please give them my contact details.

CASUALTY CARE OFFICER'S REPORT – Richard Warne

The past year has been both successful and dynamic with regard to provision of medical services from the Team. Our current A-list have continued to refine their skills and this years probationary members have shown great enthusiasm and commitment toward their medical training.

The recent Basic Casualty Care course was one of the largest and most intensive yet run by the Team, but the standard of skill shown was good throughout. I wish all the candidates best of luck for their forthcoming examinations.

Operationally this has been a busy year, in which Team members have treated a large number of casualties with injuries as diverse as wasp stings to heart attacks and broken arms to potential emergency childbirth!

In each instance and in sometimes harrowing circumstances, Team members involved in treating casualties have put their training into practice well, and been a credit to both themselves and the Team.

The Teams role in the provision of medical cover at events has also progressed well, with regular requests to cover National MTB downhill competitions at Hamsterly Forest and Durham Constabularies annual Bikewise event which attracts over ten thousand people.

These events have not only helped to provide valuable hands-on training for team medics but also provide a source of income and push forward the Teams profile.

The coming year looks set to hold yet more developments for the Team's medical provision both in training and in operational deployment, and I am sure these will benefit the organisation as a whole.

In concluding this report I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those people within the Team who have given their time and effort to provide training and medical cover, and look forward to your continued support throughout 2006.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

SARDA OFFICER'S REPORT given by Des Toward

(Search and Rescue Dogs Association)

Another year has passed and once again it is AGM time. As in previous years it falls on me to inform you what is happening in the topsy turvy world of SARDA.

Dog teams have been used by police and MR Teams all over the country to assist in the location of missing persons, injured walkers, victims of crimes, etc. Dog teams have had a successful year reporting several finds.

Training continues throughout the year with handlers and dogs visiting Dartmoor, Wales, Northumberland, and the Peak District. The yearly assessment course took place in the Lake District in February. Most training weekends have dog teams recording journeys of at least 200 miles to attend.

As a Team TWSRT has never been so well off for potential dog teams. We currently have one graded dog and six dogs at various stages of training. Hopefully Lee and Bracken, Paul and Holly, and myself and Misty will get graded in January. The other three likely lads: Jonno, Graham and Paul are at various stages of their training and are making a good start towards the coveted red disc.

As always thanks to all that have helped with the training, land clearance and involvement in anyway at all.

IT OFFICER'S REPORT given by Richard Warne and John Little

The website has come on in many ways over the course of this year. The underlying framework and design was set up by Gary Bevan based in turn on the previous design by Richard Warne.

We now have a complete public front end with each page being "owned" by an active Team member. This includes an up-to-date callout list complete with map and an online donation system.

There are many features now active in the members area including a comprehensive planner and a message board. Many Team documents are now also available to Team members. An online training log and skills survey are operating to help the training officer keep in touch with training needs. Statistics for recent training attendance are now also collated online and available for all Team members to view. Team members can also upload their own photos.

Much Team administration can now be completed online - this could even include the 2006 recruitment.

The Team has been promised a replacement laptop and desktop and these will hopefully be available soon.

Many further developments to the Teams IT facilities are possible - if anyone has any suggestions please do let me know. I believe the website is now an essential and positive resource for the public and Team members.

NESRA REPORT given by David Bartles-Smith

David Bartles-Smith, Chris Roberts and Adam Hearn (MRC Equipment Representative) have attended all the NESRA meetings in the past year.

In February 2005 TWSRT hosted a weekend long NESRA exercise in Upper Teesdale joined by teams from Northumberland and Swaledale. The Great North Air Ambulance also attended the event which was set up to test Command and Control structures and culminated in a post exercise report that was disseminated at a

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT

NESRA meeting. Several Durham Police Officers attended the event as observers and contributed to the final debrief, also attending the NESRA meeting to look at the recommendations.

There is little else to report on NESRA developments.

POLICE LIASON OFFICER'S REPORT given by Inspector Kevin Tuck

From my prospective it feels no time at all since we sat here at the last AGM a year ago. At that meeting I thanked you for your commitment in turning out for 35 incidents which then was an increase in call outs on the previous year.

This financial year you have had your busiest year to date with 60 incidents and callouts to respond to. Averaging over one every week in addition to your training and admin duties, this is a major commitment on top of your private lives and employment responsibilities.

As part of my role as your police liaison I make a point of quoting this figure to many police officers and partners as possible. As recently as yesterday I proudly quoted the figure to Ch Supt Trounson. Sixty occasions where you have helped members of the public, some in very serious circumstances, but also sixty times you have helped Durham Constabulary.

The Teesdale and Weardale team is in its 38th year and provides a service that both the police and fire service can only partly replicate. Your level of training and severe weather capability is beyond what we can fully offer, but it is reassuring that by working together and in partnership with other agencies such as ambulance, fire and air support we can create a good chance of successful conclusion to incidents.

You also indirectly play your part in helping to fight crime and ant social behaviour. By turning out in the numbers that you do we can keep to a minimum the number of officers we need to pool for searches keeping them in their communities and on patrol instead. This is never lost on me and again I make no apology for regularly reminding my colleagues of this.

Recently there have been two or three occasions across the Force area where I feel we have let you down. On a minority of occasions officers have failed to fully search properties. Either the search was not conclusive, too late or not repeated failing to cover the possibility the missing person returning to their home. These leads to a waste of your valuable time and officers across the entire Force area have to be alert to this.

I recall arriving on duty one afternoon as a new fresh sergeant in 1997 and being instructed to take over a search in Hamsterley Forest for a man who had gone missing from a family tent in the forest at 4.a.m. in the morning.

The story was that he had a heart condition, had left the tent in the dead of night to relieve himself and his distraught wife was convinced he was lying dead or injured. I remember arriving in the forest and your team was setting up, the police aircraft was in the sky and mounted branch and traffic officers were searching the area, some with loud hailers.

The family was on a weekend break from the Sheffield area and I can still recall the woman's anger when I told her I wanted someone to visit the family home and see if he was there. I think she thought I was mad but I pressed on and a short time later the message came through that he had been found safe and well at home in Sheffield watching the sport on T.V.

TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT

I've never forgot this incident or the woman's' reaction but the serious point is that we must explore some basic possibilities before we utilise your valuable time. Of course non of this prevents our current arrangements of early contact and consultation with you.

As your primary customer I am delighted that during this financial year we have delivered on our agreement to cover your callout search team vehicle fuel costs and working with Dave Bartles-Smith the insurance cover threshold has been raised from £100,000 to £240,000 in line with ACPO recommendations. Work continues with headquarters staff to draft a sensible policy document.

I also recall a bitterly cold day earlier in the year when you hosted the NESRA training event in Upper Teesdale. It gave not only myself but key officers from operational planning the opportunity to come out, build links and see what was happening on the ground.

You may be aware that work is now underway with a view to creating a regional police service. If this happens Durham could join with Northumbria and Cleveland. I am aware that your team leader has written to Mr Garvin the Chief Constable. I am pleased that you feel supported by us in Durham and Dave's fear is that this could change if the power base and opinion shifts.

My view is that if this were to happen we the police would have lots to lose and little to gain. I will do my best to alert my senior managers to this real concern and do all I can to avoid a step backwards. It is possible that if the regional Force has the basis of NESRA within it things could even be stronger. This said you are right and entitled to ask for reassurance.

Finally it remains for me to thank you on behalf of the Chief Constable for your help and support during the last twelve months. In particular on behalf of Ch Supt Trounson and the rest of the senior management team in the South I want to give a special thanks to Ian Findlay for his 34 years of dedication.

The government and Home office have a current driver aimed at increasing the opportunity to utilise community volunteers to support police activity and community cohesion. Over the 34 years it is difficult to estimate how much time and energy Ian has saved us and how many times his actions and hours of dedication have kept police officers on the streets.

I can't think of a better example of community volunteering. On behalf of Mr Garvin, Ch Supt Trounson and all of us in uniform who have worked with you Ian, thank you .

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

Fundraising and Social Officer.(Vacant position – nomination accepted at AGM)

Vacant Position

Transport Officer

Anthony McAdam Proposed: Adam Hearn Seconded: David E Clark

Team Members' Reps

Karen Fisher Proposed: Anthony McAdam Seconded: David E Clark

Paul Fell Proposed: Peter Bell Seconded: Richard Warne

Russell Warne Proposed: Peter Bell Seconded: David Robinson

Helen Mortimer Proposed: John Little Seconded: Anthony McAdam

Casualty Care Officer

Richard Warne Proposed: Adam Hearn Seconded: Anthony McAdam

Radio Officer

Martin Huitson Proposed: Richard Warne Seconded: Paul Fell

Information Technology Officer

John Little Proposed: Richard Warne Seconded: Helen Mortimer

SARDA Representative.

Des Toward Proposed: Russell Warne Seconded: David E Clark

Associate Members' Representative

Paul Renwick Proposed: John Little Seconded: David E Clark

Police Liaison Officer

Inspector Kevin Tuck Appointed by the Chief Constable

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

Incident Report 2004 / 2005.

Given by S. Marrs

The number of incidents received by TWSRT during the 'Rescue Year' (November AGM till November AGM) of 2003 - 2004 broke all records. We should have predicted that the year of November 2004 - November 2005 would be a year to surpass all other years for numbers of call outs. Our first incident of the 'Rescue Year' was received less than 2 hours after the conclusion of our 2004 Annual General Meeting.

"I thought it seemed rather quiet for the last couple of months then I looked at the call out list and noticed it was still my old phone number". (Anon)

Please find below a comprehensive analysis of all incidents received by Teesdale and Weardale Search and Rescue Team.

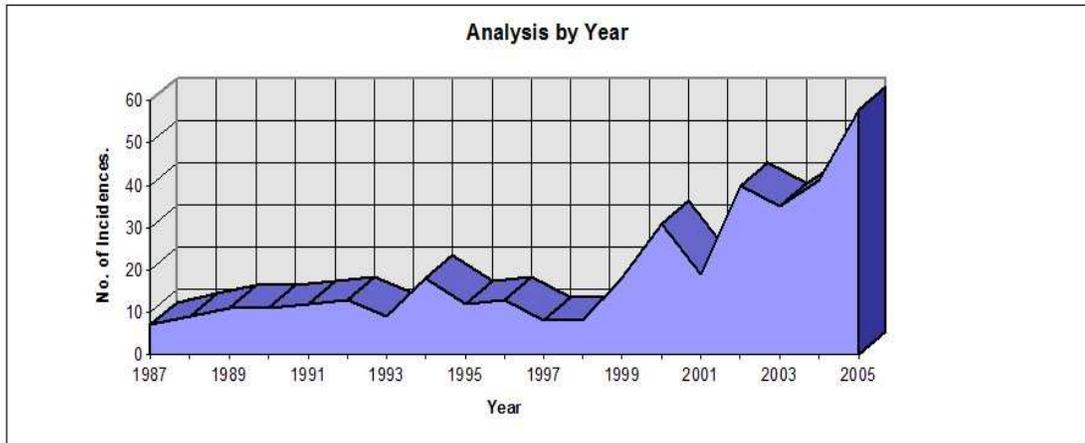
CALL OUT ANALYSIS BY YEAR

This Rescue Year has seen a 41% increase in the number of incidents since 2003 / 2004

Year on Year Comparison

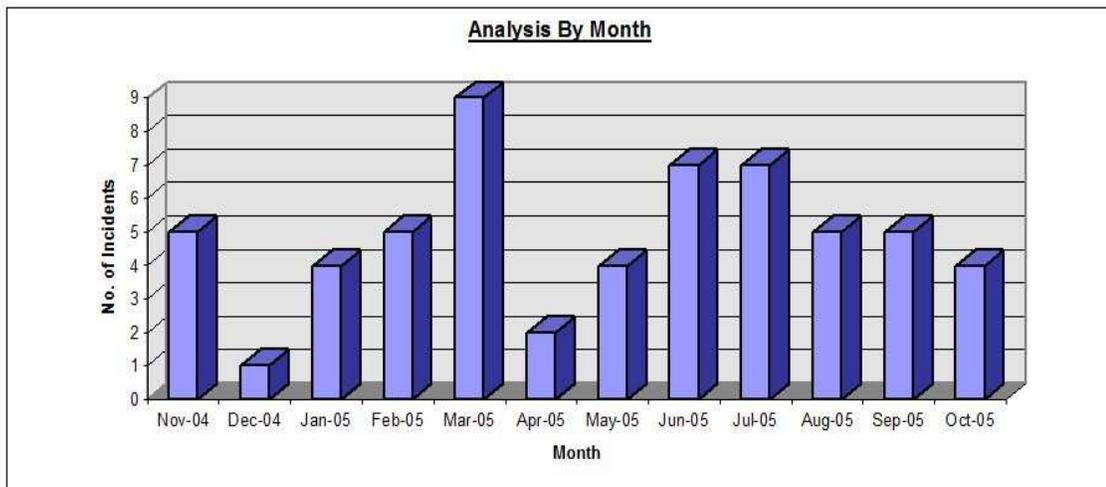
Year	No. of Call Outs	Total Hours	People Assisted	Fatalities
1987	7	478	9	0
1988	9	888	4	0
1989	11	974	7	1
1990	11	853	51	0
1991	12	272	32	0
1992	13	855	20	2
1993	9	336	12	1
1994	18	7041	10	1
1995	12	699	14	0
1996	13	1458	16	0
1997	8	1688	11	2
1998	8	563	5	2
1999	18	649	21	1
2000	31	1832	16	2
2001	19	947	14	2
2002	40	3022	20	1
2003	35	1240	33	5
2004	41	1124	23	4
2005	58	1277	63	5
Total	373	26196	381	29

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**



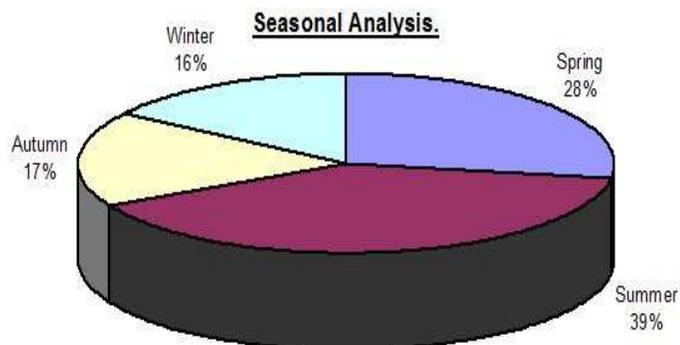
The graph above clearly illustrates the increased demand for OUR Search and Mountain Rescue Team resource.

CALL OUT ANALYSIS BY MONTH



Does the incident activity in March have anything to do with Mothering Sunday, Good Friday and Easter??

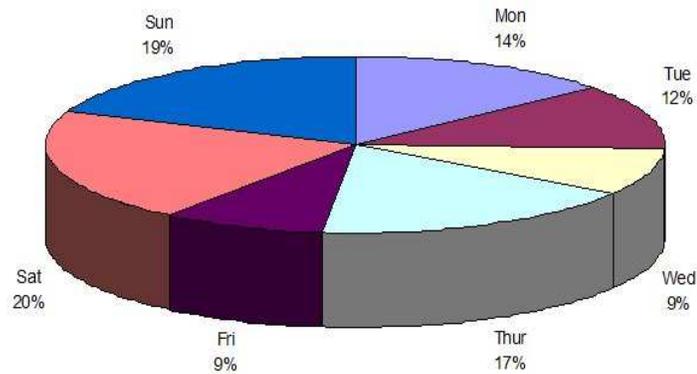
CALL OUT ANALYSIS BY SEASONS OF THE YEAR



**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

CALL OUT ANALYSIS BY DAY OF WEEK

Analysis by Day of the Week.



Analysis Conclusion

By looking at the data above and if your contemplating making future plans for next year at a time of between 1pm to 3pm on a Weekend in March then think again.

Analysis of team activity since the start of the Millennium.

Well what has TWSRT being doing since the turn of the Millennium? Well the answer is.... with 224 incidents received by the Team to assist 169 people and to deal with 19 fatalities since the start the year of 2000. This all adds up to a total of 9442 hours spent on active call out / incident activity.

All sums up for a Search & Mountain Rescue Team to be proud of.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

Incident log 2004 / 2005

Log No.	Date	Time	Area	Type	Urban / Rural	Fatal / Non Fatal	Personnel	Total Hrs	Description
01-2004/2005	11.11.04	2251	Darlington	M.F.H	Urban	F	19	57	Search for 83 year old male suffering from Alzheimer's missing from Care home. Last seen @ 1500hrs. Called out @ 2251hrs. Body of missing person found at 0126hrs.
02-2004/2005	21.11.04	1100	Whorton Lido	Swift Water	Rural	NF	24	12	"Called by Police to assist a Canoeist pinned in the water. Canoeist was unconscious. Upon arrival the female Canoeist was on shore and Police, Fire Brigade & Air Ambulance had arrived. Casualty kept in Hospital overnight suffering from fluid inhalation."
03-2004/2005	23.11.04	1930	Winston	Search	Rural	NF	13	39	Barnard Castle police received report from passing driver of mid 20s female looking in a very distressed state standing on Winston Bridge over the Tees River. The car driver turned his car round the female was nowhere to be seen. No persons reported missing by police. Nothing found.
04-2004/2005	24.11.04	1300	Winston	Search Continuation	Rural	NF	5	15	"Search continuation of River Tees from Winston Bridge to Gainford by Canoe Team for ""Distressed mid 20s Female"". Nothing found."
05-2004/2005	03.12.04	830	Raby Castle	Cas Care	Rural	NF	1	1.1	Team member arrived at an RTA after police but before ambulance. Carried out primary survey and applied cervical collar to female driver before handing over to County Ambulance.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

06-2004/2005	12.01.05	937	Consett	Search	Rural	NF	12	84	39 Year old male MFH. Search established nothing found. MHF returned home 2 days later safe & well.
07-2004/2005	16.01.05	1245	Hunwick	Despondent	Rural	F	7	7	Team called by police following report of elderly male entering river Wear @ Hunwick near Bishop Auckland. Team training with RAF Sea King at the time. 7 Team members flown direct to scene - Police helicopter & Fire Service also in attendance. Team member in RAF Sea King commenced search whilst Team members on ground prepared search alongside Fire personnel. Body located downstream and winched to riverbank by RAF Helicopter.
08-2004/2005	30.01.05	1945	Barnard Castle	Search	Rural	NF	14	70	Requested by police to search for missing 54 year old male - vulnerable. Search of woods & open ground including urban parks & cemeteries in Barnard Castle. Assisted by India 99. SARDA dog also deployed. Searched until 01.00hrs on 31/01/05 - nothing found
09-2004/2005	31.01.05	1000	Barnard Castle	Search Continuation	Rural	NF	2	6	"Review with Police. Search continued. 2 team members' revisited specific areas in daylight & canoe search group prepared for river search. Missing person found by member of public safe & well in main shopping area, having slept rough in woodland overnight."
10-2004/	24.02.05	1230	Cowshill	Search	Rural	NF	1	6	"Team leader alerted to stranded driver on

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

2005									<p>Cowshill / Allenheads road - following news report on radio Newcastle, police establish no one aware of this. Radio station receives further info @ 13:15hrs from driver. - still stuck in car half buried. Position confirmed as County Border above Cowshill, Weardale. Team Leader spoke to driver (Whom was now getting concerned). NOTSRT link up with snow clearing machines from Northumberland - TWSRT on standby - Durham Police activate snow-clearing machines from Weardale - Local Team Members liaises with crews at the scene. Driver recovered from car & snow, safe & well. "</p>
11-2004/2005	24.02.05	1330	Castleside / Stanhope Road	Search	Rural	NF	10	18	<p>Call out request by police to 8 Month pregnant woman stranded on Castleside / Stanhope road in a Landrover - White out conditions & server drifting. Police vehicles snow bound 3 miles from scene. Air ambulance unable to fly - RAF Boulmer preparing to attempt an assist. Team members access scene in tractors & snow ploughs. Woman recovered by tractor to Stanhope. Police officers & BBC Film Crew evacuated back to A68.</p>
12-2004/2005	24.02.05	1530	Castleside / Tow Law Road	Search	Rural	NF	3	3	<p>"Call Out request by police, report of distressed driver stuck on A68. Severe snow drifting. Team landrover & crew</p>

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

									search road from Castleside to Tow Law. Nothing found. All incidents receive extensive TV & Radio coverage, including live BBC radio link as incidents progressed. Events covered on National TV news."
13-2004/2005	26.02.05	2100	Teesside Airport	M.F.H	Urban	NF	16	48	17 Year old female left hospital stating that she was going for a coffee at the nearby Airport. Search commenced. Nothing found.
14-2004/2005	27.02.05	0930	Tow Law	Despondent	Rural	NF	4	6	"Call by police - missing female from Tow Law - in car threatening suicide. Mobile ""Pinged"" location 5km radius of Tow Law. Indications accessing Fell. Has previously been subject to search before. 4 Team members search key focal points along with police. Missing person located in car. Taken to hospital. "
15-2004/2005	03.03.05	1741	Stanhope	Animal Rescue	Rural	NF	11	33	"Call out from Fire Control & Police. Dog cragfast on 250-foot high quarry face since 3pm. Fire Crews unable to effect rescue. Team members attended, dog retrieved on 250 foot lower by 2 team members & re-united with owner - uninjured. Conditions, deep snow cover and dark. Para Flares used to illuminate scene."
16-2004/2005	05.03.05	1310	Blanchland	Search	Rural	NF	10	15	"Requested by police to assist in rescue of snowbound car with 3 passengers on Stanhope / Blanchland road. Police vehicle also snowbound. Landrover & 10 team members attended,

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

									driving through white out conditions & deep drifting snow to reach police car. Team members walked through 4 feet deep snow to car & evacuated 3 people back to team landrover."
17-2004/2005	07.03.05	1636	Darlington	Search	Rural	NF	5	15	Requested by police to search Broken Scar for missing vulnerable female missing from home since 11.10hrs. Mobile phone signal indicated in the Broken Scar area. Canoe group responded to search river & riverbanks in the immediate area supported by India 88. Nothing found. Missing person later reported to be outside of the area.
18-2004/2005	12.03.05	1800	Scargill Moor	Search	Rural	NF	7	28	"Police receive 999 call from two male walkers lost - mobile phone trace identifies area @ Scargill Moor near Bowes. Control and small search group (6) respond to assist police fixed wing aircraft. Lost walkers located some distance away in Swaledale on Water Crag. Swaledale MRT & TWSRT located & evacuate walkers - unharmed. Terrain difficult under foot, large areas of deep wet snow. "
19-2004/2005	14.03.05	430	Consett	Search	Rural	NF	10	35	Requested by police to search for missing 15 Year old girl in Consett area - Weather cold. Search of woodland & open ground. 2 SARDA dogs assisted plus RAF Helicopter. Missing person returned home at 0800hrs.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

20-2004/2005	21.03.05	645	Stanley	Cas Care	Urban	F	1	2	"Team member first on scene at serious RTA. 21 year old male struck by bus. Immediate care given, however the person died at the scene."
21-2004/2005	22.03.05	1100	St Johns Chapel	Search	Rural	NF	9	27	"Call out by Crook police to assist in search around the St. Johns Chapel area for male who rang 999 stating he was going to harm himself. Mobile phone located to specific area. Air support not available due to poor visibility. Police off road bikes deployed. Initial search of area, negative. New information received and relocated search to Frosterley area. Police stood search down to make further enquiries."
22-2004/2005	24.03.05	2020	Swaledale	Standby	Rural	NF	1	1	Standby to assist Swaledale Team
23-2004/2005	26.03.05	1630	Broken Scar	Search	Rural	NF	3	9	"Requested by police to search for missing from home male, who was considered to be at risk. Police enquiries & searches suggested that he might have travelled to the Broken Scar, Darlington area. A hasty search was carried out in the early evening using the last of the light. Nothing found. Missing male turned up at home later safe at a friend's house. "
24-2004/2005	09.04.05	1520	Cauldron Snout	Cas Care	Rural	NF	1	2	D of E group assisted out of the Cauldron Snout area during bad weather. Group took shelter in the High Force Youth Hostel overnight and continued their expedition the following morning.

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

25-2004/2005	28.04.05	1130	High Force	Cas Care	Rural	NF	2	2	Army Cadet undertaking his D of E fell and injured his ribs. Assisted of the fells by team members.
26-2004/2005	16.05.05	1200	Bollihope Watershed	Despondent	Rural	NF	7	7	"Call by police to assist in search for male - in hills between Stanhope and Eggleston, possible self-harm. Duty Controller advised of priority areas and person was located by Police helicopter, and evacuated to hospital as Team assembled."
27-2004/2005	19.05.05	1830	Jubilee Bridge	Search	Rural	NF	20	80	"Called by police following find of male clothing neatly folded near river wear at Willington. Search of immediate area, and riverbanks supported by Team canoe group and SARDA dog Meg. Nothing found - river pools identified for Police to search with underwater unit."
28-2004/2005	20.05.05	840	Newton Aycliffe	Cas Care	Urban	NF	1	1	Team members assisted with Cas Care treatment of female who had been involved in RTA. Female driver possible had spinal injuries. Casualty stabilized until County Ambulance arrived.
29-2004/2005	30.05.05	2130	Darlington	Standby	Urban	NF	2	2	"Call from Police in respect of a male missing from home in Darlington and possibility of his car being located in Dale during the night. Small response group on standby through night, involving advanced casualty career and SARDA dog. No further developments"
30-2004/2005	13.06.05	2100	Crook	Search	Urban	NF	20	50	"Call from Police to assist in the search for a missing 75 year

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

								old female, last seen at 13.45hrs. Missing female located by Police & team member at 22.21hrs. Missing person was on her way to Rookhope."	
31-2004/2005	15.06.05	1437	Moorhouse	Assist other Teams	Rural	NF	2	2	Request to assist PMRT in responding to call for help from lost walker in Knock Fell area. PMRT on call to another incident. Lost walker via mobile phone confirms description of Moorhouse ahead – instructions given to follow track over River Tees and route described to Garrigill. Advised Lost walker vehicle en route to collect. Advised not to leave track and if uncertain about route description to stay put. Lost walker Collected safe and well and transported to Alston Outdoor Centre @ 16.25hrs. Advice on need to buy map and compass given. Error made on Knock Fell - corridor map in Guidebook did not cover adjoining Fell.
32-2004/2005	17.06.05	1300	Holwick Scar	Animal Rescue	Rural	NF	1	1	Sheep cragfast at Holwick scar - ewe and lamb for 2 days - recovered using ropes.
33-2004/2005	19.06.05	2340	Helmsley	Standby	Urban	NF	1	1	Standby to assist in possible NESRA response to flash flooding in N Yorks and reports of several people missing. Team on standby through night - not required
34-2004/2005	22.06.05	1455	Cross Fell	Standby	Rural	F	1	4	Call from NNPSRT following call to them relaying request for help from walker with twisted knee and lost in mist on Cross Fell. Penrith MRT alerted

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

									and TWSRT Team leader spoke to relatives - Team on standby to assist until Penrith MRT located walker at 18.45 hrs safe.
35-2004/2005	22.06.05	1745	Bishop Auckland.	Search	Urban	NF	27	149	"Search for missing 66 Year old male from Bishop Auckland, Eldon Lane area. Missing Person after his evening meal went for his evening walk, which normally took about 60 Mins. Missing Person suffers from angina & a stroke from 2 years ago. Searched all local pathways and know walk routes. Nothing found"
36-2004/2005	23.06.05	930	Bishop Auckland.	Search Continuation	Urban	NF	4	24	"Search continued for Missing Person, 66 year old from Bishop Auckland, assisted by 5 Police personnel & 1 Police Dog & handler. Search of River Gaunless and Auckland Park area. Media coverage launched. Nothing found. Missing person turned up at home a week later."
37-2004/2005	03.07.05	2020	Peterlee	Search	Urban	NF	10	10	Request by police to assist in search for two missing boys aged 9 and 10 in the Peterlee area. One of the boys was additionally vulnerable in respect of a medical condition. Boys found safe by police as Team assembled.
38-2004/2005	09.07.05	1000	Richmond North Yorkshire	Standby	Rural	NF	5	5	Team on Standby to assist Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team during their search in the Richmond area.
39-2004/2005	11.07.05	900	Wolsingham	Cas Care	Rural	NF	10	80	"Control stationed at elephant trees shadowing Great North Walk. TETRA patch to LA Sierra

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

									and mobile Police Station at Wolsingham recreation ground. St Johns Ambulance had substantial presence at event, but despite having a number of expensive shiny ambulances, could do little more than apply plasters. Team members operated in a number of pre-organised 'medical response teams' that were despatched to incidents as they came in. In summary, the Team dealt with 14 casualties, of which eight were minor injuries. The other six were: 1 medication issue, 1 respiratory distress/ cardiac 1 diabetic + trauma, 1 diabetic + asthma attack, 1 medical + heat exhaustion, 1 tissue trauma. Up to 10 team members were on duty from 0830 to 1630hrs. Control made 1 blue light run with casualty on board to transfer to county ambulance. "
40-2004/2005	12.07.05	1348	Tunstall Reservoir	Search	Rural	NF	12	13	Young male went missing following an 18th Birthday celebration. After initial search by his friends the police were called. Initial checks proved negative and the Team were called out. The missing person was quickly found safe by Search Team Members.
41-2004/2005	24.07.05	1400	Hamsterley Forest	Search	Rural	NF	5	10	3 casualties treated and sent to Hospital while Mountain Biking at Hamsterley Forest.
42-2004/	24.07.05	1730	Crook	Search	Urban	NF	10	5	Elderly female Alzihmers suffer

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

2005									reported missing from home. Found by police as Team assembled.
43-2004/2005	30.07.05	2040	Swaledale	Assist other Teams	Rural	NF	11	2.5	Search for missing middle aged male believed to be at significant risk of self-harm. Team deployed at first light (30/07/05) to area near Richmond to assist in NESRA search that had been going on over night. The missing person was found by a SARDA dog and the Team assisted in the evacuation to County Ambulance.
44-2004/2005	02.08.05	2203	Bollihope Quarries	Search	Rural	NF	8	16	A motorist was flagged down by some youths who said a friend was stuck on a nearby rock face. The Team quickly assembled but could find no sign of the youths.
45-2004/2005	05.08.05	1400	Middleton in Teesdale	Cas Care	Rural	NF	1	1	"66-year-old female ran over by quad bike. Casualty received minor leg injury, and advised to go to A & E if symptoms worsen."
46-2004/2005	06.08.05	1400	Middleton in Teesdale	Cas Care	Rural	NF	1	1	6-year-old male sustained injury on left knee after being run over by quad bike.
47-2004-2005	13.08.04	1733	Hamsterley Forest	Cas Care	Rural	NF	12	1	A couple out walking reported themselves lost in Hamsterley forest (using a mobile phone). One of the missing persons suffered from diabetes and had run out of food. A police helicopter managed to locate the missing couple. The helicopter evacuated the diabetic while the remainder of the party were evacuated using a Team Vehicle

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

48-2004/2005	21.08.05	1930	Darlington	Search	Urban	F	19	76	Team called to Merrybent area of Darlington to search for missing from home 84 year old male. Search of farmland and woodland. The Team was supported by police helicopter and police dog section. The body of the missing person was located close to where he was last seen
49-2004/2005	04.09.05	52	Garrigill	Search	Rural	NF	16	37.6	Called by the Penrith Team to help in a search for two vulnerable walkers who had reported themselves lost by mobile phone. The missing walkers were found by a rescue helicopter shortly after the Team deployed.
50-2004/2005	06.09.05	2330	Hamsterley Forest	Search	Rural	NF	14	14	30 year old male mountain biker reported missing in Hamsterley forest. Missing person located by the police helicopter and escorted out of the forest by the Team vehicle
51-2004/2005	09.09.05	2313	Risecarr	Search	Urban	NF	19	20	An 11 year old child was missing for several hours. Child found by police as Team assembled
52-2004/2005	17.09.05	1245	High Force	Cas Care	Rural	NF	5	3	Request by police to assist in incident where a male had fallen at High Force. Team member and ambulance service already at scene. Initial reports suggested difficult access and Team en route. Casualty evacuated as Team arrived.
53-2004/2005	27.09.05	2015	Chester Le Street	Search	Urban	NF	29	62.35	"Call by police insp. re search for missing vulnerable male aged 12 years - aspergers

**TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

									syndrome - last seen leaving school following disagreement with teacher at 14.30 hrs. Missing male found safe, walking on the roadside on his way to Washington."
54-2004/2005	04.10.05	2000	Hamsterley Forest	Search	Rural	NF	10	15	"Search for 60 year old male, lost in the forest. Consultation with police and Forest Wardens. Missing male located by helicopter in Windy Bank Area with help from Forest Warden."
55-2004/2005	08.10.05	1945	Sleight-home Moor	Search	Rural	NF	2	4	Requested to assist in locating stuck 4x4 driver with wife and 2 children aged 2 and 6. Team leader spoke at length to driver and ascertained likely position. On Sleighthome Moor. Team landrover and police helicopter sent to extricate vehicle.
56-2004/2005	15.10.05	1015	Mickleton	Cas Care	Rural	NF	2	2.5	Multiple vehicle collision involving a minibus on the B6277 Mickleton road. 6 people treated by team Advanced Medic for minor injuries.
57-2004/2005	20.10.05	1044	Barnard Castle	Search	Urban	NF	14	16	Search for 29 year old male from the Barnard Castle Area. Missing male turned up at home address one hour into the search.
58-2004/2005	02.11.05	1350	Durham	Search	Urban	NF	10	20	Teenage male missing from home overnight. Search by India 99 and Search Team. MFH found safe and well as search progressed.