



# TEESDALE AND WEARDALE SEARCH AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2013

### Welcome to our first Associate Members newsletter!

Firstly an introduction, my name's Christina Baker and I've recently been co-opted onto the TWSMRT committee as your representative. I became aware of the Team through one of the A list members and as I gradually got to know more about them, I became more involved. I've helped out with fundraising and I recently spent a very cold day on the hills as a casualty for a training exercise which tested my commitment!

I'm keen to get to know you, so please do get in touch and introduce yourselves. Let me know of any questions, comments etc you would like me to address and I'll take them back to the Team. In particular, I would love some feedback on what you would like to see in this newsletter and what you'd like me to bring to this role. I look forward to getting to know you all!

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### OPEN DAYS IN AUGUST

**Wednesday 28th**

**Saturday 31st**

**(2pm to 5pm)**

We will be holding open days on the above dates which are exclusively for our associate members and provide a chance for you to find out more about the work the Team do and how vital your support is. I will also be there and would love the chance to meet you so please come along. I'd greatly appreciate it if you could let me know if you will be coming so that we can get an idea of numbers but if you find yourself free at the last minute, don't worry you're still very welcome!

### Fundraising/Publicity

Mountain Rescue Teams across the UK are funded wholly by public donations and TWSMRT is no different. We hold regular fundraising & publicity events and are always looking for volunteers to help out so if any of you would like to play a more active role for the Team, please do get in touch with me.



### Joint Exercise

The Team took part in the mock flood preparation exercise Operation Valencia on 13<sup>th</sup> June in Lanchester.



On 17-19 May the Team spent the weekend training in rope rescue techniques. Pictured above are Helen Mortimer and probationer Peter Morrison shortly before lowering over the edge to rescue a 'casualty' 100ft below.



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### TEAM CALL OUTS MAY/JUNE 2013



<b>07/06/2013 15.13</b>	Team called out by Durham Police to search rural areas around Peterlee for vulnerable 82 yr old missing from home. Misper found by member of public and taken to hospital by ambulance service as we were deploying.
<b>07/06/2013 15.44</b>	Missing from home elderly gentleman with dementia, found as team assembling at the RV point.
<b>27/05/2013 13.30</b>	While participating in the Barnard Castle Meet the Team responded to reports of a person having fallen somewhere in the High Street. A 47yr old female was located with a suspected fractured ankle. The lady was treated by our advanced medics and transported to hospital in a Team ambulance due to the Ambulance Service being very busy due to increased incidents over the Bank Holiday.
<b>12/05/2013 12.30</b>	Team called out on 12/05/13 to conduct a canoe search of the River Wear in Durham City for a woman missing since Saturday morning. Just as team were deploying a body was located by a member of the public close to the missing ladies home.
<b>05/05/2013 12.00</b>	Search for a missing 69 year old lady from Eaglescliffe.
<b>01/05/2013 19.00</b>	Team called to assist with search for despondent 31 year old male in Kepier woods area on the outskirts of Durham City. The Team's Canoe section also attended searching from the outskirts of the city down to Finchale Priory. The search was stood down when the missing person's phone was pinged outside the area.

