



# British Cave Rescue Council

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## CAVE RESCUE CONTACT LIST – 0032 May 2011

**NB. IN EMERGENCY DIAL 999 - ASK FOR POLICE - ASK POLICE FOR CAVE RESCUE.**  
**Stay by the telephone until contacted by cave rescue.**

*The latest version of this contact list is available from the BCRC web site at [www.caverescue.org.uk](http://www.caverescue.org.uk)  
From the opening page follow the link 'Latest Contact List' and follow the instructions.*

**For cross-constabulary callout, please telephone the callout constabulary in the contact list below.**

### Cave Rescue Services covering Police Force Areas

#### Notes

- THIS DOCUMENT MUST NOT SUPERSEDE ANY LOCAL CALLOUT LISTS. IT SHOULD BE USED ONLY IN THE EVENT OF PROBLEMS CONTACTING CAVE RESCUE SERVICES.**
- If a Police Force requires assistance from the Cave Rescue Services, they are requested to contact the named Cave Rescue Service in accordance with the call out list.
- If the named cave rescue service is not available, please call the next nearest team.
- When more than one cave rescue team covers a Police Force Area, contact should first be made with the nearest cave rescue team to the incident.
- Cave and disused mine rescues tend to occur mainly in certain Police Force Areas. Occasionally, an underground rescue incident occurs in a Police Force Area that has not met this problem before. The British Cave Rescue Council has therefore allocated Cave Rescue Services to cover all Police Force Areas.**
- Some cave rescue teams have members who are cave divers, or have contacts with the *Cave Diving Group*.

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| Police Force Area       | Cave Rescue Service Provided By   | Callout Constabulary Telephone:   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Avon and Somerset       | Mendip Cave Rescue  | Taunton 01823 337911  |
| Bedfordshire            | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation                                     | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Cambridgeshire          | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation                                     | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Cheshire                | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation                                     | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Cleveland               | Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team  | 0845 60 60 24 7 **  |
| Cumbria                 | Cave Rescue Organisation<br>Cumbria Ore Mines Rescue Unit               | 0845 60 60 24 7 **<br>Carlisle 01228 527462   |
| Derbyshire              | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation                                     | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Devon and East Cornwall | Devon Cave Rescue Organisation  | 08452 777444  |
| Cornwall/West Cornwall  | Cornwall Search and Rescue Team   | 08452 777444  |
| Dorset                  | Mendip Cave Rescue  | Taunton 01823 337911  |
| Durham                  | Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team<br>Cave Rescue Organisation              | 0845 60 60 24 7 **<br>0845 60 60 24 7 **  |
| Dyfed - Powys           | South & Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team                                      | Carmarthen 01267 236444   |
| Essex                   | South East Cave Rescue Organisation                                     | See page 3  |
| Gloucestershire         | Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group                                       | Police Control 08450 901234   |
| Greater Manchester      | Cave Rescue Organisation<br>Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation         | 0845 60 60 24 7 **<br>Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Gwent                   | South & Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team<br>Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group | Gwent Constabulary Hq<br>Tel. - Cwmbran 01633 838111<br>Police Control 08450 901234 |



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| Hampshire              | South East Cave Rescue Organisation   | See page 3  |
| Hertfordshire          | South East Cave Rescue Organisation   | See page 3  |
| Humberside             | Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Assoc'n<br>Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team  | 0845 60 60 24 7 **<br>0845 60 60 24 7 **  |
| Kent                   | South East Cave Rescue Organisation   | See page 3  |
| Lancashire             | Cave Rescue Organisation  | 0845 60 60 24 7 **  |
| Leicestershire         | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation   | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Lincolnshire           | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation   | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Merseyside             | North Wales Cave Rescue Organisation  | Colwyn Bay 01492 517171   |
| Metropolitan           | South East Cave Rescue Organisation   | See page 3  |
| Norfolk                | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation   | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Northamptonshire       | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation   | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Northumbria            | Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team<br>Cave Rescue Organisation  | 0845 60 60 24 7 **<br>0845 60 60 24 7 **  |
| North Wales            | North Wales Cave Rescue Organisation  | Colwyn Bay 0845 6071002   |
| North Yorkshire        | Cave Rescue Organisation<br>Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Assoc'n<br>Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team            | 0845 60 60 24 7 **<br>0845 60 60 24 7 **<br>0845 60 60 24 7 **  |
| Nottinghamshire        | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation   | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| South Wales            | South & Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team  | South Wales Constabulary Hq.,<br>Tel. Bridgend 01656 655555   |
| South Yorkshire        | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation   | Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| Staffordshire          | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation<br>Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation                                      | Ripley 01773 570100.<br>Birmingham 0121 626 5000  |
| Suffolk                | South East Cave Rescue Organisation   | See page 3  |
| Sussex                 | South East Cave Rescue Organisation   | See page 3  |
| Surrey                 | South East Cave Rescue Organisation   | See page 3  |
| Thames Valley          | Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group<br>Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation<br>South East Cave Rescue Organisation | Police Control 08450 901234<br>Birmingham 0121 626 5000<br>See page 3   |
| Warwickshire           | Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation<br>Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation                                      | Ripley 01773 570100.<br>Birmingham 0121 626 5000  |
| West Mercia            | Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation<br>Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group  | Birmingham 0121 626 5000<br>Police Control 08450 901234   |
| West Midlands          | Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation   | Birmingham 0121 626 5000  |
| West Yorkshire         | Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Assoc'n<br>Cave Rescue Organisation  | 0845 60 60 24 7 **<br>0845 60 60 24 7 **  |
| Wiltshire              | Mendip Cave Rescue<br>Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group   | Taunton 01823 337911<br>Police Control 08450 901234   |
| Isle of Man            | Cave Rescue Organisation  | 0845 60 60 24 7 **  |
| Scottish Police Forces | Scottish Cave Rescue Organisation   | Edinburgh 0131 311 3131   |
| Northern Ireland       | Irish Cave Rescue Organisation  | Belfast 01232 650222.   |
| Republic of Ireland    | Irish Cave Rescue Organisation  | or Garda Siochana, Dublin,<br>(Information Centre),<br>Tel. Dublin (from UK)<br>00 353 1 478 1122<br>or sometimes through the local<br>Police in the main caving areas. |

\*\* Customers with hearing or speech impairments can contact North Yorkshire Police via the RNID Typetalk service by calling 18001 0845 60 60 24 7.



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## Details of Team Callout

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| <i>Cave Rescue Organisation</i>                 | North Yorkshire Police, through control room at Northallerton - contact 0845 60 60 24 7  |
| <i>Cornwall Search and Rescue Team</i>          | Devon and Cornwall Constabulary<br>Tel. 08452 777444.  |
| <i>Cumbria Ore Mines Rescue Unit</i>            | Cumbria Constabulary Hq.,<br>Tel. Carlisle 01228 527462  |
| <i>Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation</i>      | Derbyshire Constabulary Hq.,<br>Tel. Ripley 01773 570100.  |
| <i>Devon Cave Rescue Organisation</i>           | Devon and Cornwall Constabulary<br>Tel. 08452 777444.  |
| <i>Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group</i>        | Gloucestershire Constabulary Hq.,<br>Tel. Police Control 08450 901234  |
| <i>Irish Cave Rescue Organisation</i>           | Royal Ulster Constabulary Hq.,<br>Tel. Belfast 01232 650222.<br>or Garda Siochana, Dublin, (Information Centre),<br>Tel. Dublin from UK 00 353 1 478 1122<br>or sometimes through the local Police in the main caving areas. |
| <i>Mendip Cave Rescue</i>                       | Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Taunton,<br>Tel. Taunton 01823 337911.   |
| <i>Midland Cave Rescue Organisation</i>         | West Midlands Police Hq.,<br>Tel. Birmingham 0121 626 5000.  |
| <i>North Wales Cave Rescue Organisation</i>     | North Wales Police Hq.,<br>Tel. Colwyn Bay 0845 6071002  |
| <i>Scottish Cave Rescue Organisation</i>        | Lothian and Borders Police Hq.,<br>Tel. Edinburgh 0131 311 3131.   |
| <i>South East Cave Rescue Organisation</i>      | Surrey Police HQ<br>Guildford 01483 571212   |
| <i>South &amp; Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team</i>   | South Wales Constabulary Hq.,<br>Tel. Bridgend 01656 655555<br>or Dyfed - Powys Police Hq.,<br>Tel. Carmarthen 01267 236444  |
| <i>Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team</i>           | North Yorkshire Police control room at Northallerton -<br>contact 0845 60 60 24 7  |
| <i>Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association</i> | North Yorkshire Police, through headquarters at<br>Northallerton - 0845 60 60 24 7   |



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## Summary of Team Details

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| <b><i>Cave Rescue Organisation</i></b>                 | 6 Duty Controllers, 6 Underground Controllers, 60 members, 3 Doctors, 2 MRC Posts, 3 Landrovers, Equipment trailer, Comprehensive rescue equipment including diving apparatus, radios, underground communications equipment. Cave diving team and swift water capability. Depot at Clapham, North Yorks.  |
| <b><i>Cumbria Ore Mines Rescue Unit</i></b>            | 20 full members. 1 Doctor, 1 vehicle, good amount of equipment. Specialist unit to provide underground expertise in conjunction with local mountain rescue teams in the Lake District area and surrounding counties.  |
| <b><i>Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation</i></b>      | Total of 170 front line and support team members including 7 controllers, 8 leaders, 2 doctors, 3 paramedics and 16 sump rescue divers. Further paramedics on call from the East Midlands Ambulance Service Cave Rescue Support Group. Vehicle and comprehensive set of equipment in Buxton.  |
| <b><i>Devon Cave Rescue Organisation</i></b>           | Covers Devon and East Cornwall.<br>4 Wardens, 48 members, 1 doctor, 2 paramedics, 2 MRC Posts. Large amount of equipment. Communications and vertical skills particularly on caves and mines. Rescue store at Buckfastleigh Fire Station. Some cave divers.   |
| <b><i>Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group</i></b>        | 16 Wardens, 100 members, 2 Doctors, 1 MRC Post, Landrover, fair amount of equipment, Depot at Cinderford, Glos., underground communications equipment, radios   |
| <b><i>Irish Cave Rescue Organisation</i></b>           | ICRO operates from rescue bases located in counties Clare (Doolin) and Fermanagh (Cladagh Glen). Each base has an equipment trailer and a comprehensive set of underground communications and rescue equipment. A third trailer with rescue equipment is stationed in County Cork. ICRO comprises of 14 wardens, 50 core team members, 70 additional members, 2 doctors and 2 paramedics. |
| <b><i>Mendip Cave Rescue</i></b>                       | 20 Wardens, club teams, 5 Doctors, 1 MRC post, good amount of equipment inc. diving and sump rescue, radios, Underground communications equipment. Cave divers available.   |
| <b><i>Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation</i></b>        | 6 wardens, 35 members, first aid, basic hauls kit plus club equipment. <i>Acts mainly but not exclusively as a backup team to other CROs</i>  |
| <b><i>North Wales Cave Rescue Organisation</i></b>     | 9 Wardens, 70 members, 3 MRC posts, fair amount of equipment.   |
| <b><i>Scottish Cave Rescue Organisation</i></b>        | 5 wardens, 25 operational and 25 non-operational members, 2 doctors, some cave divers. Rescue equipment held at (1) <i>Winchburgh/West Lothian</i> , (2) <i>Glencoe</i> and (3) <i>Inchnadamph/Assynt MR posts</i> . Both Assynt and Glencoe MR teams include SCRO members.   |
| <b><i>South East Cave Rescue Organisation</i></b>      | 10 Wardens. Fair amount of equipment, basic hauling kit, HEYPhones, stretchers, telephones, First Aid, Little Dragon.   |
| <b><i>South and Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team</i></b>     | 8 Wardens, 155 members, 4 doctors. Rescue headquarters at South Wales + store at Whitewalls, LLangatock – full kit but no vehicle. Caving Club, Penwyllt, 1 Rescue Landrover. Considerable amount of equipment, radios, comms equipment, cave diver support.  |
| <b><i>Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team</i></b>           | 2 controllers, 4 team leaders, 2 doctors, 2 paramedics, 64 members, 1 MRC Post, 3 landrovers, good amount of equipment incl. radio and medical. 1 Control /Canteen Trailer. Depot at Catterick Garrison with conference facilities.   |
| <b><i>Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association</i></b> | 4 Controllers, 80 members, 1 MRC Post, 2 landrovers, 3 Trailers inc. mobile control centre, canteen. Comprehensive rescue equipment including diving equipment, radios, underground communications equipment, cave diving team. Depot at Grassington.   |



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| <i>Devon Cave Rescue Organisation</i>           | Sam Iskander, Brook Cottage, Aller Mill, North Bovey, DevonTQ13 8QX<br>Telephone: 01647 221515 Mobile 07824 881303.<br>Email: <a href="mailto:secr@dcro.org.uk">secr@dcro.org.uk</a><br>Jon Whiteley Tel: 07748 762580 home 01626 439026<br>Email <a href="mailto:res-con@dcro.org.uk">res-con@dcro.org.uk</a>   |
| <i>Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group</i>        | Pete Turier, 201 Bristol Road, Gloucester, GL1 5TQ. Tel: 01452 539199. Email: <a href="mailto:secretary@gcrg.org.uk">secretary@gcrg.org.uk</a><br>Hon. Chairman: Paul Taylor Tel: 01452 505673 mobile 0780 3539945.<br>Email: <a href="mailto:charman@gcrg.org.uk">charman@gcrg.org.uk</a>   |
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| <i>Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation</i>        | Mike Clayton, 37 Woodcroft Avenue, Tipton, West Midlands DY4 8AE. Telephone: 0121 557 0618. Alternate Phone: 07973 292587.<br>EMail: <a href="mailto:secretary@midlandscaverescue.org.uk">secretary@midlandscaverescue.org.uk</a><br>Chairman: Steve Holding, 55 Briarwood, Brookside, Telford TF3 1TR<br>Tel. 01952 417483 Mobile 07850 492036 At work 01936 252425.<br>EMail: <a href="mailto:sholding@rapra.net">sholding@rapra.net</a> . |
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