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Incident Report for Period 1st January 2008 - 31st December 2008

	Cave Rescue Organisation ⁽⁴⁾	Cumbria Ore Mines RU	Derbyshire CRO	Devon CRO	Gloucestershire CRG	Gwent Cave Rescue Team	Irish CRO	Mendip Cave Rescue ⁽⁵⁾	Midlands CRO	North Wales CRO	Scottish CRO	South East CRO	Swaledale Mountain Rescue	Upper Wharfedale FRA	West Brecon Cave Rescue Team	TOTALS
Caving Incidents	14	-	3	-	-	1	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	2	6	36
Assisting Authorities⁽³⁾	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	4
Persons Assisted	66	-	9	1	-	6	11	2	-	3	0	-	-	16	17	131
Fatalities	1	-	0	0	-	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	1
Persons Injured⁽¹⁾	5	-	0	0	-	1	1	2	-	0	0	-	-	0	2	11
Helicopter assistance⁽²⁾	3 ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Animal Incidents	5	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	14
Assistance to other teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Totals Underground Incidents	20	-	5	1	-	3	5	4	-	1	1	-	1	4	7	54
<p>⁽¹⁾ 'Surface Incidents' include fell/moorland rescues and searches. Teams, chiefly although not exclusively in the north, carry out these duties as part of their normal workload. These incidents are usually recorded in the Mountain Rescue (England & Wales) Incident Report for 2008.</p>																
Surface Incidents	28 ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	32	2 ⁽⁷⁾	96
Persons Assisted	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	22	2	147
Fatalities	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	1	14
Persons Injured	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	11	-	34
Surface Animal Incidents	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Assistance to other teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals Surface Incidents	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	33	2	99

Notes:

1. Injuries include those assisted for a medical condition, but exclude cavers assisted through exhaustion.
2. Row records use of helicopter to evacuate casualty. The figure in brackets (if any) is the number of calls to the RAF included in the total.
3. This row records incidents where assistance is requested by the authorities for non-caver incidents. These are identified on page 2 of this report.
4. The **Cave Rescue Organisation** is based in Clapham, North Yorkshire. The surface totals exclude those incidents where SARDA dogs and handlers were called to teams operating in other areas.
5. *Mendip Rescue Organisation* has changed its name to **Mendip Cave Rescue**.
6. On 6 May the Langdale / Ambleside MRT requested specialist assistance from CRO when a rock climber got her knee firmly jammed in a crack on Gimmer Crag in the Lake District. CRO members were flown to the top of the crag by RAF helicopter before abseiling down to the climber. Using 'plugs and feathers' rock was carefully removed from around the knee until it was free. The climber was uninjured and able to abseil down to the foot of the crag.
7. A surface incident was attended by WBCRT on 11th September when a gorge walker (m43) fell suffering a fractured lower leg. The WBCRT were called as it was not clear initially whether or not it was a cave or surface incident. WBCRT assisted the mountain rescue team to effect a surface highline evacuation.

Copies of this report are available from the BCRC Website – www.caverescue.org.uk

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Summary of Incident Report, 2008

- There were no underground caving fatalities in 2008.
There was a fatality reported in incident 11 involving a member of a guided show cave excursion. Teams assisted in searches for missing persons which proved to be fatalities – incidents 1 and 40.
- There were 4 incidents where teams assisted the authorities in the execution of their duty – incident 1, 10, 11 and 40.
- The main causes and injuries sustained over recent years are recorded here. The *Injuries Incurred* table includes fatalities and exposure/hypothermia incidents.

Table 1: Incident Causes

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
assist authorities	8	7	3	1	4	23
cave diving		1	1			2
exposure/exhausted	2	1	1	4	2	9
fall	6	3	4	4	4	21
flooding	1		4	1	8	14
hung up			1	3	1	5
lost or overdue	7	9	11	9	15	51
marooned					1	1
medical emergency	1		1		4	6
missing person			2			2
other	2	3	2	4	1	12
physically stuck	1	2	3	2	1	9
rock fall	1	1	1			3
self marooning			1			1
unable to climb					1	1
Total	27	28	35	28	42	160

Table 2: Injuries Incurred

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
arm/humerus shoulder	2				1	3
Chest Injuries					1	1
Drowned		2	1	2		5
Exhaustion/hypothermia	2	2	3	5	3	15
femur - pelvic injuries	1		3		1	5
Head Injuries	1			1	1	3
Knee Injuries	1	1		2	3	7
leg - lower/ankle	2	2		2	1	7
Medical condition			1		1	2
Multiple Serious			1			1
Other	1			1		2
Spine/back injuries	2	1	1			4
Total	12	8	10	13	12	55

Note that a free diving incident recorded in 2007 involved cavers free diving a sump without sub-aqua equipment. This has been included in the 'other' category.

- The underground animal incidents included 1 calf, 1 sheep, 5 lambs and 8 dogs. Further surface incident involved 1 dog, 1 sheep and 1 lamb.
- Attendance of rescue personnel at incidents has been recorded below; not all incidents are fully reported.

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Incidents	30	33	17	25	25	29	27	31	28	39
Average number of people on incident	12	15	16	15	19	19	22	18	18	10
Average effort in "man" hours	48.5	88.25	168	82	180	112	214	89	83	107

In this report, incidents are recorded normally where personnel have been deployed to the site or other operational actions are taken; other problems or alerts are not included.

Team Abbreviation	Full Name
COMRU	Cumbria Ore Mines Rescue Unit
CRO	Cave Rescue Organisation
DerbyCRO	Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation
DevonCRO	Devon Cave Rescue Organisation
GCRG	Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group
GwentCRT	Gwent Cave Rescue Team
ICRO	Irish Cave Rescue Organisation
MCRO	Midland Cave Rescue Organisation
MCR	Mendip Cave Rescue (formerly Mendip Rescue Organization)

Team Abbreviation	Full Name
NWCRO	North Wales Cave Rescue Organisation
ScottishCRO	Scottish Cave Rescue Organisation
SECRO	South East Cave Rescue Organisation
SwaledaleMRT	Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team
UWFRA	Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association
WBCRT	West Brecon Cave Rescue Team
CDG	Cave Diving Group



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Summary of Incidents for 2008

- 1. Friday 4 January by WBCRT at 12:07**
(for ¼ hours) (5 rescue team members)
area around Garnant, assist police
Asked to search culvert by Mountain Rescue acting for Dyfed/Powys police. A groundsman from Garnant golf club was missing. He was found dead on the course before the team arrived.
- 2. Friday 18 January by UWFRA at 15:00**
(for 5 hours) (54 rescue team members)
Dow Cave, flooding
11 students and 4 instructors entered cave in rainy conditions and the cave flooded behind them making exit extremely difficult. Team were called to assist after the alarm was raised by an instructor who managed to get out.
- 3. Friday 8 February by WBCRT at 15:10**
(for 3½ hours) (13 rescue team members)
Porth-yr-Ogof, medical emergency
Caver (f,24) suffered a dislocated knee in a very awkward, tight location. Could not be moved until kneecap replaced by attending team doctor. After splinting and rest was walked out of cave with assistance.
- 4. Saturday 9 February by CRO at 20:40**
(for 5 hours) (14 rescue team members)
Flood Entrance, Gaping Gill, marooned
A caver (m) was reported overdue on a solo trip into the Gaping Gill system from Wade's Entrance. During preliminary investigation it became apparent that other cavers had probably derigged his ropes by mistake, leaving him marooned at the bottom. A small CRO team descended and located him waiting patiently in SE Passage. Escorted to the surface none the worse for his ordeal.
- 5. Saturday 16 February by GwentCRT at 22:00**
(for 6 hours) (50 rescue team members)
Agen Allwedd, lost or overdue
Group attempting Grand Circle trip clockwise missed designated callout time of 22:00. Party had been seen in good spirits at 16:00 Saturday. Notice of the party being found was received at Whitewalls Cottage at 04:45 – one of the party had suffered a hamstring injury and the party had experienced some route finding problems and was moving slow. Party assisted out of cave by 06:00. Assisted by WBCRT.
- 6. Saturday 1 March by DerbyCRO at 16:55**
(for 4 hours 55 mins) (28 rescue team members)
Titan, Castleton, hung up
One of the last pair of eight on a Titan to Speedwell through trip got "hung up" at the Event Horizon (Titan) and had to be cut free by their companion. Other four raised the alarm on exiting Speedwell. Team sent down Titan made contact with the two cavers (m50, f44) who had managed to reach the bottom but could not continue as they did not know the way out. A second team went in through Speedwell, met up with the others part way and all exited together via Speedwell. A third team de-rigged Titan.
- 7. Sunday 2 March by CRO at 12:55**
(for 2 hours) (25 rescue team members)
Thistle Cave, Ribbleshead, medical emergency
Whilst twisting round a bend in a constricted passage the casualty (f16) sustained a painful injury to her knee and was unable to straighten her leg. Assisted out of cave by CRO and transported off hill in ambulance service 4x4 and subsequent transfer to road ambulance
- 8. Wednesday 12 March by MCR at 15:40**
(for 1½ hours) (12 rescue team members)
Swildon's Hole, exposure/exhausted
A 21 yr old caver (m) returning from a trip to sump one found he was unable to ascend the twenty in Swildon's. His two companions surfaced and raised the alarm. A spearhead team set off at about 16:00 to make contact with the stranded caver. They pulled the caver up the pitch and walked him out fairly slowly – they got the impression he that he had over exerted himself before reaching the ladder and was to exhausted to climb up unaided. This was his first ladder trip.
- 9. Saturday 15 March by WBCRT at 20:40**
(for 23 hours 50 mins) (17 rescue team members)
Dan yr Ogof, flooding
Two cavers (m39, m) trapped by floodwater. Contact made by fixed phone line and rescue dump used. Divers took in additional supplies. Water dropped afternoon of the 16th allowing a safe exit. Assisted by members of the Cave Diving Group.
- 10. Thursday 20 March by DevonCRO at 17:15**
(for 5½ hours) (3 rescue team members)
Mine Shaft near Ashburton, assist police
Young lady reported in distress and "missing" in Hembury woods, search by police located possible disturbance at head of Mine shaft. DCRO asked to investigate as the shaft could be possible disposal site. Nothing found.
- 11. Saturday 29 March by CRO at 11:00**
(for 1½ hours) (19 rescue team members)
White Scar Cave, assist authorities
Visitor (m55) on guided tour of show cave collapsed with suspected heart attack (previous history). CRO attempted resuscitation prior to YAS paramedic and team doctor arrival. Body recovered to surface by stretcher for transfer to ambulance service. Air ambulance attended but not used.
- 12. Saturday 29 March by ICRO at 19:00**
(for 3 hours) (7 rescue team members)
Prod's Pot, County Fermanagh, lost or overdue
A group caving in Prod's Pot were 2 hours past their expected callout. Concern raised by staff at Marble Arch Show Cave. The group had experienced a significant delay in passing the boulder restriction at the top of the fifth pitch on exiting the cave. Torrential rain had also turned the previously dry fourth and third pitches into cascades, slowing their exit. ICRO personal met the cavers when they were exiting the cave.
- 13. Friday 11 April by CRO at 18:03**
(for 5 hours) (28 rescue team members)
County Pot, Ease Gill, fall
Caver (m48) slipped and fell negotiating a fixed rope climb in Manchester By-pass, swinging against the rock and sustaining a chest injury. He managed to get himself to Showerbath Passage in County Pot before collapsing from pain and breathing difficulties. CRO was called and assisted / hauled him slowly to the surface in a rescue harness before being airlifted to hospital by RAF helicopter.
- 14. Saturday 12 April by CRO at 17:00**
(for 4 hours) (40 rescue team members)
Kingsdale Master Cave, medical emergency
A caver (m52) dislocated his shoulder descending Swinsto Hole. He managed to make his own way to KMC streamway where he was met by CRO. Now hypothermic, he was hauled up the exit pitch and stretchered to the surface. Following further treatment he was airlifted to hospital by RAF helicopter. A second member of the party (m55) was assisted out suffering from an aggravation to an old hip injury.
- 15. Tuesday 22 April by DerbyCRO at 19:12**
(for 4¾ hours) (33 rescue team members)
Peak Cavern & Titan, Castleton, lost or overdue
Party of 5 experienced cavers (m45, m37, m32, m32, m26) overdue on a Titan to Peak through trip. They had got as far



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as Mucky Ducks – assumed it was a sump – and headed back to exit via JH which they knew to be rigged. Various search teams sent into Peak, Speedwell and to JH and Titan. All were tired and cold (one very much so) when met on their way out at JH.

**16. Saturday 26 April by ICRO at 20:00
(for 2 hours) (8 rescue team members)**

Poll Elva, Lisdoonvarna, County Clare, exposure/exhausted
A callout was raised by a local farmer when a man in his mid 30s called to his house and requested that an ambulance be called for his female friend. When the ambulance arrived she was diagnosed as having hypothermia and taken to Ennis hospital. When it became apparent that the two had been caving it was realized that a further 7 people remained in the cave, stranded at the base of the Poll Elva pothole. ICRO core team members entered the cave whilst the Coastguard managed the haul to the surface. Two of the other people from the remaining seven were hospitalised as a precaution.

**17. Sunday 27 April by ICRO at 16:00
(for 1 hour) (3 rescue team members)**

Cullaun 2, Lisdoonvarna, County Clare, lost or overdue
A group who were in Year Passage of Cullaun 2 were late cancelling their callout. The warden asked that people be put on standby while he went to the entrance to investigate. The group cancelled the callout shortly afterwards and the core team members already contacted were stood down.

**18. Friday 9 May by MCR at 07:45
(for 1½ hours) (4 rescue team members)**

Swildon's Hole, lost or overdue
During an evening trip in Swildon's two (unrelated) parties managed to misunderstand leaving a ladder down the Twenty. On reaching home one of the party members had doubts if he had done the right thing and contacted an MCR warden, who suggested we wait for an "overdue" call but that if he was in anyway concerned he should ring 999 in the usual way. A callout was made and the cave down to the to the Twenty ft pitch was searched finding no people and no tackle. It decided that unless a further "Overdue" call was received later in the day that was then end of the incident. The Control Room was contacted, informed of the actions taken and asked to close the Log. A false alarm with good intentions.

**19. Sunday 11 May by CRO at 16:45
(for 4 hours) (30 rescue team members)**

Long Churn Cave, Ribblesdale, flooding
Group of parents (2m) & children (6m), with a leader, became trapped in Lower Long Churn Cave by a torrent of flood water flowing down the normally dry passage as a result of an intense and very localised thunderstorm up on the Ingleborough – Park Fell ridge. As water levels fell CRO members gained access to the system and quickly located the group sheltering in a side passage below Plank Pool. They were assisted to the surface via Cross Passage a bit cold and wet but otherwise ok.

**20. Tuesday 13 May by CRO at 18:00
(for 1 hour) (3 rescue team members)**

caves in Chapel-le-Dale, lost or overdue
Car reported as having been parked in 'divers' layby above God's Bridge for several days. The informant was concerned that a caver might be seriously overdue as the vehicle contained caving gear and books, and personal clothing. Owner turned up during initial investigation by Police and CRO; was a dry-stone waller working long days due to the good weather. Had been arriving at daybreak and not leaving until dark. False alarm with good intent.

**21. Saturday 14 June by UWFERA at 17:30
(for 3½ hours) (38 rescue team members)**

Langstroth Pot, physically stuck

A small party of cavers were intending to do the trip into Langstroth pot when one of their number (m35) became stuck on the second pitch. Released by rescue team members and assisted to surface.

**22. Saturday 21 June by CRO at 18:30
(for 1½ hours) (24 rescue team members)**

Kingsdale Master Cave, other

Two parties of cavers descended Simpson's Pot and Swinsto Hole on pull-through trips. The Swinsto party exited first and dispersed; some went off to a local cafe whilst others went to Rowten Pot. When the Simpson's party exited there was no sign of the others and after waiting for some time they became concerned that the Swinsto cavers might have become trapped in KMC by the rising flood water. CRO was called and was about to commit a team underground when the 'overdue' cavers returned from Rowten. A false alarm with good intent.

**23. Monday 30 June by MCR at 21:00
(for 1 hour) (1 rescue team members)**

Priddy Green Sink, lost or overdue

Two cavers were reported overdue and their vehicle was found parked on Priddy Green. As the rescue was being instigated one of the party was then seen walking across the field from Swildon's Hole. It appeared that the other party member, who was slowly following behind, had been stuck in Clitoris Crawl for about 2 hours but was now OK but very tired. No further action was necessary.

**24. Thursday 10 July by CRO at 22:05
(for 5½ hours) (26 rescue team members)**

Swinsto Hole/Kingsdale Master Cave, lost or overdue

Party of three cavers (m40, m30, f32) reported overdue in Kingsdale. Car located near Valley Entrance. Search of Simpson's Pot, Swinsto Hole and Kingsdale Master Cave, plus check of entrance pitches to Bull Pot, Jingling Pot, Aquamole, Rowten Pot, Turbary Pot. Party found sheltering in Swinsto Final Chamber having descended Swinsto to KMC streamway but turned back due to high water levels. Escorted out via Valley Entrance.

**25. Sunday 13 July by CRO at 00:45
(for ¾ hours) (4 rescue team members)**

Simpson's Pot, lost or overdue

Party of three cavers (2m, f) reported overdue on pull-through trip down Simpson's Pot. Located at their car in Kingsdale during preliminary investigation, having just emerged from Valley Entrance.

**26. Tuesday 15 July by WBCRT at 12:45
(for 6 hours) (9 rescue team members)**

Llygad Llwhwr, Powys, medical emergency

Caver (f18) suffered dislocated kneecap as a result of a stumble. Injury was reduced when she was able to make her own way out of the cave with assistance from the rescue team.

**27. Thursday 21 August by DerbyCRO at 18:20
(for 2 hours) (14 rescue team members)**

Giants Hole, Castleton, unable to climb

Two novice cavers (m50, f49) unable to climb Garlands Pot in flood conditions. Instructor left them in a shelter and surfaced to get help. They were supplied with hot drinks and dry clothing, then assisted to the surface.

**28. Saturday 23 August by NWCRO at 22:30
(for 8½ hours) (9 rescue team members)**

Croesor Rhosydd through trip, lost or overdue

Party of 5 set off to do the through trip but after some 6.5 hours the party could not find there way to the surface. Three of the party (m23, m23, m21) then became increasingly exhausted. The two most experienced members of the team retraced their steps and managed to get to the



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surface. They then ran down to Croesor and raised the alarm. After approximately 1 hour underground the party were found and after being given food were escorted back to the surface. The NWCRO attended along with Aberglaslyn MRT.

**29. Monday 1 September by WBCRT at 14:10
(for 11 hours) (15 rescue team members)**

Hospital Cave, Pen y Cae, flooding

Two cavers (m, f) trapped after severe short storm sumping the entrance. Comforts were dived into the cave as were wetsuits and associated equipment. They were dived out to the surface individually. Assisted by CDG.

**30. Wednesday 17 September by ICRO at 18:00
(for 1 hour) (8 rescue team members)**

Poll Elva, Lisdoonvarna, County Clare, fall

Two cavers descended Poll Elva pot. On entering the cave system one caver fell and injured his knee. The second caver (member of ICRO) stabilised him, exited the pot and contacted a local ICRO warden by mobile before returning with comfort gear to the bottom of the pot. The injured caver managed to exit the pot with the assistance of rescue personnel.

**31. Tuesday 30 September by CRO at 15:02
(for 3 hours) (25 rescue team members)**

Long Churn Cave, Ribblesdale, flooding

A party of three adults and eight teenagers became trapped by high water conditions following a day of heavy rain. As water levels fell the main group was located sheltering above St Paul's and assisted to the surface via Cross Passage after ropes were fixed in the upper streamway. One of the adults was unaccounted for and was subsequently found marooned in a small side passage above the flooded lower streamway after attempting to go for help. He was brought out to the surface via Middle Entrance.

**32. Saturday 4 October by CRO at 18:30
(for 4 hours) (14 rescue team members)**

Sunset Hole, Chapel-le-Dale, flooding

Party of seven cavers (3m, 4f) reported to be trapped by high water conditions following heavy and persistent rainfall. Located at second cascade, three in high alcove, four at foot of climb. All assisted to surface and transported down to Hill Inn.

**33. Saturday 4 October by CRO at 19:40
(for 4 hours) (5 rescue team members)**

Ease Gill Caverns, lost or overdue

Party of nine cavers were reported overdue on a County Pot to Wretched Rabbit exchange trip. They were located on the surface having been delayed by high water conditions following heavy and persistent rainfall (they had retreated from flooding in the Stop Pot area via Manchester By-pass, and then become trapped on the far side of Ease Gill Beck near Link Pot). Escorted up to the Leck Fell road.

**34. Saturday 4 October by CRO at 19:57
(for 17 hours) (70 rescue team members)**

Ireby Fell Cavern, flooding

25 cavers were reported to be trapped by high water conditions following heavy and persistent rainfall. Two were trapped on the far side of the sump and were successfully dived out by rescue divers; the other twenty three were variously escorted or assisted to the surface. A total of seventy rescuers were involved in this operation,

which concluded at 12:58 hrs on Sunday afternoon. Assisted by UWFRA, Cave Diving Group and Kendal Mountain Rescue team.

**35. Saturday 4 October by CRO at 20:55
(for 2 hours) (13 rescue team members)**

Stream Passage Pot, Gaping Gill, lost or overdue

Party of three cavers reported overdue. Located walking down to Clapham by first CRO team, having been trapped near entrance by high water conditions following heavy and persistent rainfall.

**36. Sunday 12 October by WBCRT at 18:00
(for 2¾ hours) (12 rescue team members)**

OFD II/Cwm Dwr, lost or overdue

Party of cavers (2m) became lost on a through trip from Cwm Dwr to Top Entrance. Found in the Salubrious area of OFD II and escorted to the surface.

**37. Saturday 1 November by MCR at 18:37
(for 2 hours 44 mins) (12 rescue team members)**

Swildon's Hole, fall

A member of caving party was injured in the Upper Series of Swildon's Hole after a fall. A suspected leg fracture was confirmed and the patient stabilised given pain relief and the injury was splintered ready for evacuation. The patient was delivered to the surface and carried across the fields to the awaiting ambulance. Incident closed at 21:21

**38. Monday 17 November by ICRO at 04:00
(for 8 hours) (18 rescue team members)**

Doolin River Cave, County Clare, flooding

Three cavers failed to return following a short trip in the Doolin cave system. Although water levels had been low, torrential rain occurred subsequent when they were underground. A flood pulse caused the upstream and downstream sections of the cave to flood to roof level. Realising the risk the cavers had retreated to a safe location in the central part of the cave system to wait out the flood.

Following the use of fire appliances to divert flow entering the cave four ICRO members entered the cave with comfort equipment. They made contact with the missing cavers and exited shortly thereafter.

**39. Saturday 6 December by WBCRT at 09:00
(for 4¼ hours) (35 rescue team members)**

OFD II/Cwm Dwr, lost or overdue

Party of cavers (m21, m18, f19, f19) unable to find route out from Cwm Dwr via boulder choke. Found by search party and escorted to surface.

**40. Monday 22 December by ScotCRO at 16:25
(for 7 hours) (4 rescue team members)**

culverts at Earlston, Lauderdale, Scottish Borders, assist police

Received call to assist Tweed Valley MRT and police in a missing person search. Male (53) had gone walking from home in Earlston the previous day. Extensive searching by TVMRT, the police, helicopters and dogs assisted by members of the public had not found any trace. SCRO were asked to check three culverts under the A68 main road and a field drain. Split into two teams of two and completed walk through of all sites by 20:28. Nothing found.

The search was called off by L&B Police after body was found early the following morning.