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Incident Report for Period 1st January 2011 - 31st December 2011

	Cave Rescue Organisation ⁽⁴⁾	Cornwall Search & Rescue	Cumbria Ore Mines RU	Derbyshire CRO	Devon CRO	Gloucestershire CRG	Irish CRO	Mendip Cave Rescue	Midlands CRO	North Wales CRO	Scottish CRO	South East CRO	South & Mid Wales CRT ⁽⁶⁾	Swaledale Mountain Rescue	Upper Wharfedale FRA	TOTALS
Caving Incidents	11	-	-	4	1	2	2	6	1	1	1	-	6	-	0	35
Assisting Authorities ⁽³⁾	-	2	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9
Persons Assisted	23	-	-	8	1	3	2	10	1	1	1	-	19	-	0	69
Fatalities	0	-	-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	5	-	0	6
Persons Injured ⁽¹⁾	5	-	-	4	1	0	-	4	1	1	1	-	1	-	0	18
Helicopter assistance ⁽²⁾	2	-	-	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	2
Animal Incidents	6	1 ⁽⁵⁾	-	2	0	-	1	0	0	3	0	-	-	-	0	13
Assistance to other teams	0	-	-	0	0	3	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	2	-
Totals Underground Incidents	17	3	-	11	1	6	3	6	1	4	1	-	7	-	2	57
<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.</p> <p>These incidents are usually recorded in the Mountain Rescue (England & Wales) Incident Report for 2011.</p>																
Surface Incidents	65	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	25	36	167
Persons Assisted	90	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	25	26	152
Fatalities	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	5	14
Persons Injured	45	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	13	18	81
Surface Animal Incidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Assistance to other teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals Surface Incidents	65	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	25	36	128

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. Cornwall Search and Rescue were stood by on 11 further occasions for animal incidents that were dealt with by Cornwall Fire and Rescue.



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Summary of Incident Report, 2011

1. There were no underground caving fatalities in 2011. There were 2 cave diving fatalities – incidents 12 and 32.
2. There were 9 incidents where teams assisted the authorities in the execution of their duty – incidents 10, 11, 14, 20, 22, 27, 31, 34 and 42. Incident 34 involved cave diver support in a mine rescue, where 4 bodies were found.
3. 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

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
assist authorities	1	4	5	5	9	24
cave diving					3	3
exposure/exhausted	4	2		2	2	10
fall	4	3	2	2	9	20
flooding	1	8	4	2	2	17
hung up	3	1	1	1		6
lost or overdue	9	14	11	9	7	50
marooned		1	1			2
medical emergency		4	2		4	10
missing person			1	1	1	3
other	4	1	1	1	1	8
physically stuck	2	1	3	3	4	13
rock fall			1	1	1	3
unable to climb		1			1	2
	28	40	32	27	44	171

Table 2: Injuries Incurred

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Abdominal Injuries				1		1
arm/humerus shoulder		1	2		2	5
Chest Injuries		1			1	2
Drowned	2				2	4
Exhaustion/hypothermia	5	2	4	7	2	20
femur - pelvic injuries		1			1	2
Head Injuries	1		1	1		3
Knee Injuries	2	3			3	8
leg - lower/ankle	2	1			5	8
Medical condition		1	2	1	3	7
Other	1			1		2
Spine/back injuries			1		1	2
	13	10	10	11	20	64

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

One of the 'Assist Authority' incidents in 2011 involved a call for cave diver support. The 4 fatalities from this incident are excluded from the *Injuries Incurred* table.

4. The underground animal incidents included 1 bull, 1 cow, 7 sheep, 2 lambs and 6 dogs.

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
CSRT	Cornwall Search & Rescue Team
DerbyCRO	Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation
DevonCRO	Devon Cave Rescue Organisation
GCRG	Gloucestershire Cave Rescue Group
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
SMWCRT	South and Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team
SwaledaleMRT	Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team
UWFRA	Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association
CDG	Cave Diving Group

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Summary of Incidents for 2011

- 1. Sunday 23 January 2011 by SMWCRT (for 1 hour)**
Daren Cilau, lost or overdue
Team called out for an overdue party (2m). Both members of the party were experienced cavers and were met exiting the cave.
- 2. Saturday 5 February 2011 by CRO at 18:08 (for 3 hours) (20 Team Members)**
Cow Pot, Ease Gill, exposure/exhausted
Caver (m, 20) reported to be collapsed with hypothermia at bottom of 23m entrance pitch. Following treatment by CRO the casualty was hauled to the surface and assisted to a road ambulance at Bull Pot Farm.
- 3. Tuesday 8 February 2011 by DerbyCRO at 14:00 (for 2 hours) (5 Team Members)**
Higger Tor, Hathersage, Derbyshire, physically stuck
Team called to assist Edale MRT who were dealing with a youth (m) who had become stuck fast beneath a boulder while weaseling. Released by DCRO members using a hammer and cold chisel.
- 4. Saturday 12 February 2011 by MCR at 12:36 (for 2 hours) (10 Team Members)**
Sidcot Swallet, Burrington Combe, medical emergency
Caver (m,17) suffered a dislocated knee (which is a recurring injury for the casualty). It was relocated by the casualty. The knee was then splinted and the casualty exited the cave with assistance.
- 5. Saturday 26 February 2011 by CRO at 22:20 (for 3 hours) (24 Team Members)**
Peterson Pot, exposure/exhausted
A caver (f, 23) was reported to be stuck, exhausted, at the top of the third pitch. On arrival CRO found the casualty and a companion just exiting from Roly Poly Passage. The casualty was assisted to the surface and up to the road on Leck Fell.
- 6. Friday 4 March 2011 by GCRG at 17:30 (for 4 hours) (11 Team Members)**
Old Bow Iron Mine/Old Ham Iron Mine, Clearwell, Nr Coleford, lost or overdue
Two cavers (2m) entered the Old Ham Iron Mine near to Clearwell Caves at approximately 14.00hrs intending to undertake an underground traverse to an adjacent mine called Old Bow. Having failed to exit by 17.30, the mine owner called 999 (that call went to Manchester who professed to know nothing about Cave Rescue). GCRG eventually called at 19.00 due to problems in the 999 system/Glos Police callout system. Team members assembled at Clearwell Caves just in time for the missing persons to exit. However, in the meantime two firemen and one member of Clearwell Caves staff had entered the complex and not been seen by the cavers. GCRG personnel stood by in case of mishap. They finally exited at 21.00, all stood down.
- 7. Thursday 17 March 2011 by MCR at 15:30 (for 2 hours) (10 Team Members)**
Goatchurch Cavern, Burrington, fall
Caver (f18) suffered a minor fall resulting in a dislocated knee. Police call out procedures for cave rescue not followed, resulting in a delay of about 1 hour in MCR participation. Once initiated the rescue went well and the casualty was soon extricated from the cave.
- 8. Thursday 17 March 2011 by SMWCRT at 19:25 (for 1 hour) (9 Team Members)**
Agen Allwedd, lost or overdue
A call was received at 19.25 for 2 males who were due out at 17.00. The callout was started concentrating on locals and those with Agen Allwedd knowledge. The party was met at 20.10 by the team exiting the cave and seemed surprised by their presence. It appeared that one wife thought the call out was 17.00 and the other thought it was 21.00.
- 9. Thursday 24 March 2011 by CRO at 15:10 (for 4 hours) (22 Team Members)**
Simpson's Pot, Kingsdale, physically stuck
A caver (m, 45) was reported to be physically stuck at the top of the 24m Slit Pot pitch during a pull through descent. CRO teams entered the cave from the top and from below via the Kingsdale Master Cave. The casualty was quickly freed and then lowered to the foot of the pitch before being assisted to the surface at Valley Entrance.
- 10. Sunday 3 April 2011 by DerbyCRO at 14:00 (for 0:31 minutes) (7 Team Members)**
Masson Mine, Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath, assist police
Man (m20s) hit his head on mine roof while on a guided tour. After rather garbled request for assistance from the ambulance service, some team members mobilized and sent to the scene whilst attempts made to get a clearer picture. As members began to arrive it appeared that the man had already been brought to the surface by cavern guides and was being attended to by paramedics.
- 11. Saturday 16 April 2011 by GCRG at 15:00 (for 6 hours) (21 Team Members)**
Doward Area, West Mercia, assist police
Asked to search for missing person. Declared a hoax call.
- 12. Saturday 23 April 2011 by SMWCRT at 14:05 (for 2 hours) (7 Team Members)**
Pwll y Cwm, cave diving
The team was called out at 14.05 to a cave diving incident. 3 experienced divers (2m, 1f) had entered the cave and the female failed to surface. The call out limited to divers due to nature of incident. Priority was to get cylinders and equipment to the divers on scene so that they were able to re-enter. Paramedics were on scene to attempt resuscitation. Longtown MR was on scene to transport the **body** to the ambulance.
- 13. Tuesday 26 April 2011 by ICRO at 02:00 (for 4½ hours) (14 Team Members)**
Fergus River Cave, Killnaboy, Co. Clare, cave diving
Confusion between diver (m, 33) and sherpa team as to when callout was set.
- 14. Sunday 1 May 2011 by CSRT at 11:30 (for 5 hours) (8 Team Members)**
Perranporth, Cornwall, assist police
The team were called out by police to conduct a search of a mineshaft near Perranporth after a report that a body had been found. The incident was supported by CID officers, MOD police, civilian police and HM Coastguard who were all in attendance. A thorough search was conducted of the main shaft and its workings, which located an old manikin which had been mistaken for a body! Police have recorded the incident as a "false alarm with good intent..."
- 15. Thursday 5 May 2011 by GCRG at 15:00 (for 1 hour) (5 Team Members)**
Symonds Yat C10, physically stuck
Caver (m) reported physically stuck. Over reaction by caver with the chap who got stuck, who easily got himself out after a very short period of time.
- 16. Thursday 5 May 2011 by MCR at 20:30 (for 4 hours) (1 Team Member)**
Swildon's Hole, lost or overdue
The party of 5 (3m, 2f) entered the cave at mid-day to carry out a traverse of the cave from the Priddy Green Sink entrance to the Swildon's Hole entrance. A quick check was carried out to make sure they were not stuck at the 20 ft ladder pitch but there was a ladder rigged and no sign of the party. The police were called at 21:00 after the party were well past their estimated time of exit of 19:00 left on the notice board at the Wessex Cave Club. Two search teams were then organized to enter the cave via Swildon's Hole entrance and to check on the probable



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- areas of the cave that they could be in, and a team were placed on standby to check the Priddy Green Sink connection. They were eventually located in the Blue Pencil area of the cave where they had got disorientated and had sat and awaited assistance. All were guided out of the cave under their own steam and the event was closed at 00:10
- 17. Wednesday 11 May 2011 by ScotCRO at 05:20 (for 7 hours) (11 Team Members)**
shaft at Bilston Glen, Edinburgh, fall
Experienced caver (m, 83) reported missing the previous night by his wife. Local SCRO members immediately started searching the area he intended to visit, but found neither caver nor car before dark. The car was found at 05:00 next morning by the local MRT and the SCRO called out. A joint SCRO/MRT party with information on a likely site then quickly found caver at bottom of a 6m shaft having fallen from rope ladder while exiting and hurt his back. He was strapped in a stretcher and hauled to the surface then up steep banking to a waiting ambulance. He was released from hospital bruised and very sore later that day. Other services include Tweed Valley MRT, SARDA and RAF.
- 18. Friday 13 May 2011 by MCR at 19:07 (for 1½ hours) (7 Team Members)**
Sidcot Swallet, Burrington Combe, physically stuck
Caver (m, 20s) was trapped in a vertical constriction (known as The Lobster Pot) and needed assistance to get out. This was soon accomplished by pushing a sling past the trapped caver for use as a foot loop. Once done, the caver managed to free himself.
- 19. Wednesday 25 May 2011 by MCR at 20:30 (for 3 hours) (22 Team Members)**
Swildon's Hole, Priddy, fall
Caver (m, 40s) suffered a fall of 6 metres in Swildons 2 and suffered a fractured collarbone and associated bruising. He had made his way, with assistance from other cavers through sump 1 to Barnes Loop where he was unable to proceed further without assistance from MCR. The casualty was assessed, administered with pain relief, stabilized and assisted out of the cave. No problems were encountered on route and the rescue was quickly completed.
- 20. Thursday 23 June 2011 by DerbyCRO at 05:00 (for 1:50 hours) (17 Team Members)**
Stoney Middleton Dale, Derbyshire, assist police
Missing person search for vulnerable male (20s) missing from home. His car was found parked in the dale. MR teams called to search surface and DCRO to search numerous caves and mines in locality. Man found cold, wet but O.K. on surface by search dog. Other services include Edale and Buxton MRTs, search dogs.
- 21. Friday 24 June 2011 by CRO at 12:07 (for 5 hours) (30 Team Members)**
Quaking Pot, fall
A caver (m, 22) fell about 10m when he lost control abseiling down the third pitch, sustaining fractures to both heel bones. Following treatment by CRO he was hauled up the pitches and assisted along the crawls to the surface. A team doctor provided further treatment before the casualty was transferred by stretcher to an air ambulance for evacuation off the hill.
- 22. Friday 8 July 2011 by DerbyCRO at 14:27 (for 1:18 hours) (8 Team Members)**
Blue John Mine, Castleton, assist police
Elderly man (78) collapsed whilst on a tourist trip into the cave. East Midlands Ambulance Service paramedics attended and carried out tests during which the man recovered sufficiently to make his way out slowly and with help from team members
- 23. Monday 11 July 2011 by DerbyCRO at 18:05 (for 7 hours) (25 Team Members)**
Peak Cavern & Speedwell Mine System, Castleton, missing person
Caver (m) got separated from party and went missing. Located after a protracted search and brought out safely.
- 24. Thursday 14 July 2011 by SMWCRT at 14:45 (for 2 hours) (15 Team Members)**
Little Neath River Cave, lost or overdue
The team was notified at 14.45 of an overdue party of members of Exeter University. A call out was initiated and local cavers were informed. The party was found safe at 15.30 exiting the cave by a team member. They were simply overdue.
- 25. Tuesday 19 July 2011 by DevonCRO at 13:02 (for 5½ hours) (19 Team Members)**
Pridhamsleigh Cavern Ashburton, fall
Two adults (m, 40s) leading school group of 8 students fell approximately 3m down small blind pitch whilst traversing around edge. Second caver slipped and knocked first caver down the 3m pitch and landing on top of him, who suffered serious fractured leg injuries. Second caver was unhurt and made his way out of the cave with his group assisted by instructors from another outdoor pursuit organisation. Call out from Devon & Cornwall Police did not follow normal accepted procedures. Call was initially passed to Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue. Fire and Rescue entered cave with paramedic led to incident site by local (non rescue team) caver. The 999 informant confirms he spoke with the Police and requested Cave Rescue. Fire & Rescue advised Cave Rescue of incident.
- 26. Friday 22 July 2011 by DerbyCRO at 11:50 (for ¼ hour) (6 Team Members)**
Giants Hole, Castleton, fall
Boy (10) fell over and sprained ankle while on a conducted trip. Accident occurred quite near entrance and DerbyCRO team members were on hand to help him to the surface where Derby MRT members helped to look after him until the ambulance arrived.
- 27. Saturday 30 July 2011 by CSRT at 10:00 (for 5 hours) (10 Team Members)**
Blue Hills, St. Agnes, Cornwall, assist police
The mine rescue team deployed near to Perranporth airfield to conduct a pre-planned search of mine workings between Cligga Head and Blue Hills at the request of local police. This related to a search conducted by the team in April last year.
- 28. Monday 1 August 2011 by CRO at 13:40 (for 1 hour) (12 Team Members)**
Old Ing Cave, medical emergency
A 16 year old boy dislocated his knee within the cave. He was assisted to the surface by his own party as CRO arrived. The casualty was transported off the hill in a team vehicle, and then taken to hospital by own party.
- 29. Sunday 7 August 2011 by SMWCRT at 18:15 (for 9 hours) (36 Team Members)**
Daren Cilau, fall
Call out to a caver (m) who had fallen 2 to 3 meters and injured his shoulder 40 minutes into Daren Cilau. It was assumed that the casualty was at the end of the long crawl. One of the team's doctors was available and entered the cave. Analgesia was administered and the caver was able to continue down the long crawl with assistance. GCRG cave rescue provided assistance.
- 30. Wednesday 10 August 2011 by CRO at 13:06 (for 6 hours) (36 Team Members)**
Long Churn Cave, flooding
A group of 4 adults and 8 teenagers became trapped in Long Churn Cave following heavy rainfall and severe flooding. Initially water levels were too high for CRO to enter the cave but eventually the level fell for a short (50 minute) period and search teams were able to locate the party sheltering beyond the Cheese Press and assist them to the surface, none the worse for their ordeal. Due to water levels quickly rising again CRO had to abandon ropes and equipment in the cave; this was retrieved later the following day when water levels once again fell to a safe level. Assisted by UWFRA.



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- 31. Monday 29 August 2011 by DerbyCRO at 15:06 (for 2:24 hours) (14 Team Members)**
Blue John Mine, Castleton, assist police
Tourest (f, 69) slipped and fell over in show cave. Injury was splinted and casualty carried out strapped to a spine board.
- 32. Monday 5 September 2011 by ICRO at 21:00 (for 5 days) (18 cave rescues contributing some 260 hours)**
Pollonora 10, Gort, Co. Clare, cave diving
Cave diver (m, 33) failed to return from a dive. Subsequent search by local cave divers found the body of the missing man at - 52m. and 850m. into the sump. His **body** was duly recovered by cave divers including three CDG members on the BCRC Overseas Divers Callout list who travelled from the UK to assist. Additional assistance provided by An Garda Siochana and Civil Defence.
- 33. Wednesday 14 September 2011 by MCR at 22:00 (for 2½ hours) (5 Team Members)**
Hilliers Cave, Fairy Cave Quarry, Oakhill, Somerset, fall
Caver (m, 40s) was suffering mild pain from a suspected broken rib following a minor slip close to the entrance of the cave. As the casualty was in view of daylight and as he was in good spirits it was decided to simply assist his exit from the entrance climb (3mtrs) whilst keeping medical support to hand. The casualty exited the cave quickly and was then attended to by the arriving ambulance team.
- 34. Thursday 15 September 2011 by SMWCRT at 15:05 (for 12 hours) (25 Team Members)**
Gleision Colliery, assist police
Requested to attend to assist Mines Rescue. The call originally went to MR and was passed to Cave rescue. 4 miners were trapped in a flooded mine in Gleision Colliery. Originally called out as a team, the need was then for cave divers. 4 divers were called to the scene (2 diving and 2 for support) and were assisted in carrying kit by mines rescue. They passed the flooded section and discovered the first miner 40 meters further on. They returned to the surface and the incident was passed to mines rescue.
- 35. Thursday 22 September 2011 by SMWCRT at 19:00 (for 3 hours)**
OFD II Top Entrance, lost or overdue
The party of 5 realised they would be overdue so at 20.00 sent one member out to advise that they were on their way out. At 20.25 the same person had gone back in to find no response from the party. A call out was started and the first search team found the party at the Brickyard. The party had been going slower than anticipated and had had navigational issues.
- 36. Friday 7 October 2011 by CRO at 09:37 (for 1 hour) (4 Team Members)**
Long Churn Caves, North Yorkshire, other
The Police requested a search of local caves after a car was reported to have been left overnight near Selside. Soon after a small CRO team began checking Alum Pot and Long Churn Caves the car owner (a caver) notified the Police that he had lost his keys the day before and had been forced to abandon the car.
- 37. Friday 11 November 2011 by CRO at 12:06 (for 3½ hours) (23 Team Members)**
Long Churn Caves, medical emergency
A man (27) was found alone and unconscious by the side of Doctor Bannister's Handbasin in Upper Long Churn Cave. CRO attended and, following medical treatment, stretchered the casualty to the surface at Middle Entrance with the help of other cavers. Further medical treatment was then provided by paramedics before the casualty was transferred to a RAF helicopter for evacuation to hospital. There was no obvious cause for the loss of consciousness; initially unresponsive to pain, the casualty was coming round by the time he reached the surface. He was dressed for walking but had adequate lighting.
- 38. Saturday 12 November 2011 by CRO at 19:11 (for 1½ hours) (33 Team Members)**
Ease Gill Caverns, lost or overdue
Three experienced cavers were undertaking a through trip from Top Sink to Lancaster Hole when one (m, 67) felt unwell. He was left at Stop Pot to make his own way out of Wretched Rabbit. When the other two returned to Bull Pot Farm they believed his car was still there. They searched the routes over the moor to Wretched Rabbit and descended down to Stop Pot but couldn't find him. They reported him overdue/missing. CRO responded but initial investigation at Bull Pot Farm determined that he had in fact exited safely.
- 39. Wednesday 16 November 2011 by MCRO at 21:00 (for 9 hours) (52 Team Members)**
Snailbeach Mine, Shropshire, medical emergency
Caver (f, 20s) slipped off fixed (2m) ladder (inclined ladder to assist climb up a slope). The patient was not forthcoming with her true medical condition. When MCRO arrived on the scene, West Midlands HART were in attendance. They insisted that a paramedic be escorted to the patient, which required the lowering on pitches of this HART team member. Patient was treated for suspected spinal and pelvic injury from the fall and was evacuated up the top 90 metres of an adjacent 165 metre mineshaft. Subsequently, the HART paramedic was hauled up all the pitches to exit the mine. Assisted by GCRG.
- 40. Saturday 19 November 2011 by NWCRO at 11:10 (for 4 hours) (25 Team Members)**
Copper Mine, Great Orme, Llandudno, fall
Caver (m, 50s) suffered a fall of about 20ft in a rift about 200ft below ground in the Great Orme Mine, sustaining a suspected broken ankle. Accident was beyond two short ladder pitches, a tight section and a short crawl. Following administration of painkillers and splinting of ankle the casualty self-evacuated with team assistance and hauling on 2 short ladder pitches.
- 41. Saturday 26 November 2011 by CRO at 19:05 (for 2 hours) (8 Team Members)**
Ireby Fell Cavern, flooding
Three cavers (m, 29, 24, 23) were reported overdue in high water conditions following a trip down to Duke Street II via Skylight Passage. As further information was being gathered at the roadhead lights were seen on the moor. CRO investigated, met the cavers who had been trapped by flooding, and transported them off the hill. (Following an afternoon of forecasted heavy rain CRO received multiple calls for overdue cavers due to flooding in a number of caves in the area. Investigation quickly established that there were potentially six separate incidents. Fortunately five of these parties were then reported as safe, having been delayed by high water; however this party was confirmed as still being overdue.)
- 42. Sunday 27 November 2011 by DerbyCRO at 09:00 (for 1¼ hours) (4 Team Members)**
Hole at Nunsfield Farm, Buxton, assist police
Investigation of a shallow hole that opened up in a field. Nothing of concern found.
- 43. Sunday 4 December 2011 by DerbyCRO at 14:02 (for 3 hours) (11 Team Members)**
Water Icicle Close Cavern, Monyash, unable to climb
Caver (m, 53) unable to prussik entrance shaft. Doctor plus one descended to casualty. Multipod erected over shaft. Casualty put into harness and hauled out.



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**44. Sunday 25 December 2011 by CRO at 17:41 (for 6¼ hours)
(48 Team Members)**

Ease Gill Caverns, rock fall

An experienced caver (m, 39) sustained serious leg injuries when a large boulder slid onto him in Molluscan Hall, initially trapping him. Casualty was freed by companions and assisted to near Platypus Junction in County Pot before rescue was called. CRO administered pain relief and splinted leg before bringing him to surface; casualty was then stretchered across moor to ambulance waiting at Bull Pot Farm. Assisted by UWFRA (underground) and Kendal MRT (surface).