



Team History

Prior to the establishment of the Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team, mountain accidents on the slopes of Snowdon and in the Llanberis Pass were attended to by persons called together at short notice by Chris Briggs BEM, the owner of the Pen y Gwryd Hotel, which was also a designated Mountain Rescue Post. Chris Briggs was for many years the instigator of mountain rescue call outs between 1947 and late 1960's.



By the end of the 1960's the number of incidents had increased and the demands on a small number of ad hoc volunteers become onerous. Early attempts were made to form a Mountain Rescue Team based on the village of Llanberis. The principals of the numerous Outdoor Activities Centres based around the village met in 1968 under the chairmanship of Don Roscoe, and the embryo Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team was formed. However, it was not until March 1973 that the organisation was recognised by the Mountain Rescue Council with a formal constitution.



The Snowdonia National Park Authority agreed to allow the Team to use the Warden Centre at Nant Peris as its permanent base. This allowed the proper storage of rescue equipment which the Team had gradually acquired over the years. By 1976 the Warden Centre at Nant Peris was formally recognised by the MRC as Rescue Post 77.

Team Overview

Since its inception the Team has had approximately fifty volunteer members who come from all walks of life including mountain centre staff, instructors, teachers, plumbers, pilots, design engineers, park wardens, mountain guides, solicitors, sales persons and medical workers. They are all highly competent mountaineers with a wealth of knowledge and experience of the cliffs, summits and valleys around Snowdon.



Llanberis MRT on exercise

Nowadays all mountain incidents are reported to the police through the 999 system; they in turn will page the Team Co-ordinators who will undertake the team call out procedures. This voluntary service is provided 24 hours a day throughout the year regardless of the weather and ground conditions.



Annually the Team attends to an average of sixty mountain incidents which vary from the twisted ankle or overdue persons on easy paths to serious accidents or fatalities on cliffs and very difficult ground. The response provided by the Team might involve assistance by two or three members, or it may involve the majority of the full Team supported by members of other civilian Teams, RAF Teams and the Rescue Helicopters of the RAF at Valley, the Police and the Air-ambulance. The Team is always most appreciative of the support provided by other teams and agencies with the provision of a safe and rapid deployment of casualties to hospital.





Some Team equipment is provided with the support of Mountain Rescue England & Wales but the majority of costs incurred by the team are met by donations and gift aid from the general public, mountaineering clubs and the gifts provided by grateful persons assisted by the Team. [See also <http://www.llanberismountainrescue.co.uk/>]

Geographical Area of Operation

Broadly, LLMRT's area of operation covers Snowdon and adjacent areas.



Nominal boundaries of LLMRT's operational region are illustrated in Figure 1 2. It must be emphasised however that these boundaries are not rigid, and that incidents near the boundary between adjacent Team's areas may involve either or, often, both teams.



Areas to the S and W of LLMRT's region are covered by Aberglaslyn Mountain Rescue Team; to the SE by South Snowdonia Search & Rescue Team, while the Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation covers areas to the NE.

