

Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team

# NEWSLETTER



Photo: Mario DiMaio

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# Team Leader's Report 2019

Scott Stevens



## Feel it Still

Another year and as ever lots going on. This year I would like to start with a thank you to the Team members, support members, family, friends, fundraisers and those who support the Team in other means. An especially big thank you to my wife and children for their continuous support during my time as Team Leader.

I would also like to thank St John Scotland and SMR for their continued support in funding and advice. All of us associated with the Team were delighted to learn that our very own Mario DiMaio is to receive an MBE. Mario has been both the youngest and now the oldest Team member and when not regaling tales of old on Radio Scotland is still an active Team member, keen cyclist, wood worker, "camper-vanner", enthusiastic geologist and vehicle washer. To be honest, I get tired thinking about all the stuff he gets up to!

## Walk on the Wild Side

The Team saw the first callout of 2018 on New Year's Day, thankfully the missing person turned up of their own accord. Sadly the second callout of the year towards the end of January had a less happy outcome and saw the Team on Lochnagar in very testing conditions over

several days.

Early February and the Team were deployed to assist looking for two missing ski tourers, thankfully they were well equipped and were picked up the following morning by rescue 951.

Things were quiet until June when a small party were sent to Bennachie to assist some walkers who had got themselves a wee bit stuck and in July we rescued a walker with a twisted ankle from the summit of Clachnaben, it is quite impressive just where a Landrover will reach.

September saw a "two in one" day with missing walkers being located and then a hardy lady with a lower limb injury.

October had another pair of lost walkers and then quite a busy November with first a lost walker at Etchachan, a missing person in Cambus o' May and then multiple deployments to assist Police Scotland in the search for missing teenager, Liam Smith.

The period between Christmas and Hogmanay saw the last shout of the year with a return to Bennachie.

All in all the Team were deployed on 16 separate occasions with varying degrees of involvement, on varied taskings in all elements possible.

## Moments

The Stork keeps visiting AMRT and this year we saw the safe arrivals of babies, Rhan and Rathbone (Baby Doig made the last newsletter). Romance continues to blossom with proposals from Jamie to Naomi, Andy to Alisa and Tank to Laura (there's a medal in the making), Good luck all, (you will need it). Two of the couples are not hanging around and are getting wed in 2019!



## Running Up That Hill

As ever throughout the calendar year the Team has plenty to keep themselves busy. Between talks about what the Team do, hill safety, appearances at events and so on. Team members also participated in sporting events around the country. (Kerr, are you sure you made it to the final of "Ninja Warrior"?).

2019 Training calendar looks as good as ever and with the reintroduction of a Training Committee we should see some fresh ideas. Recruitment is strong and we took on 4 probationers late 2018 and will continue to develop their MRT skills. We currently have a waiting list of potential recruits and will look to take on the next batch of probationers late 2019.

## From Now On

As you have probably come to realise, Team life is "quite" busy with many activities; the callouts, the training, the events, the back office, but one area that leaves us in a perpetual state of unease is that of funding. I am a believer in ensuring the Team has the



best kit available to them that we can reasonably afford. No doubt an MRT is hard on its kit and most of us know that the high-performance kit also comes with the highest price tag (even though we enjoy great discounts from many local suppliers). Nationally SMR has employed a fulltime fundraiser that the team will benefit from. However, I would like to see a steady income coming into the Team that looks after the annual running costs. The big expenditure items such as vehicles and full kit replacements are above that. We have recently taken on some advice from a Branding consultant to help us identify additional means of funding and suitable partnering. Whilst this may sound all “business lingo”, as a modern Team we need to be flexible in the manner we can create income. We rely heavily on our annual sponsored walk and our fantastic walkers (many of them regulars) who do a brilliant job in raising much needed funds. But unfortunately, it is not enough. In 2018 we were fortunate enough to be supported by quite a few brilliant groups and individuals who raised great amounts of money which are mentioned later in the Newsletter.

The aspiration is to be able to generate additional funds but maintain the Team and MRT ethos. No easy feat.

So, this year I would urge you to get involved in our walk, raise funds if you can or think of suitable partners that could support and keep Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team operational.



Photo: Martin Smith



# Treasurer's Report Malcolm Lamont

## 2018 Financial Year

It is time to put some words on paper regarding the Team finances for the year ended December 2018. As per usual, this is being written before the year end accounts are prepared so I will highlight the bigger ticket items only to give an indication of where our money comes from and where we spend it.

In due course, an external accountant will prepare year end accounts for the separate entities (AMRT & ASJMRA) and these will be lodged with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) thereafter. Aberdeen & St John Mountain Rescue Association is in the final throes of being wound up and I hope to submit the final accounts and charity paperwork to OSCR in the near future.

Prior to the winding up being finalised, all Association assets such as Land Rovers, the Investment portfolio and funds in the bank account have been transferred to AMRT.

Income	£'000	Expenditure	£'000
Scottish Govt & SMR Grants	26	Gear & Equipment	19
Sponsored walk	14	Base running costs	6
SMR grants		Vehicle expenses	7
Donations	20	Insurance Vehicle	2
Investment income	10	Courses	8
Collection cans	1	Bothy repairs	1
Bequests	1	Land Rover SN15 XUD	37
Misc	14	Misc	2
		Other insurance	2
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£86K</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£84K</b>

Meanwhile, for the purposes of this Newsletter, the figures for AMRT and the Association in 2018 have been amalgamated.

As can be seen from the figures shown on the left, on a purely cash basis, we have effectively broken even for the year. While this is very satisfactory, it can be seen that without the miscellaneous donations of £20k (a sum which varies from year to year and which is unpredictable), the story would be quite different.

Thanks are due to the many folk who fund-raise and donate to the Team each year – we are incredibly grateful for your support.

# A Feel Good Story

During 2018, we needed to purchase a quantity of flares. I went online and ordered them from a company based in the south of England whom we have used previously. The value was just over £1,815. A few weeks went by and no flares were received – slightly concerning as delivery had been pretty swift in the past. Emailed a couple of times via their website to no avail. Phoned a couple of times and heard a message saying that “the part of Call Minder for the particular phone number was full” – this was not looking good. Using Google Maps, I started to identify companies in the same location and I was going to call to try and establish if the company was still in business. I even called the local newspaper to see if they had any information! As time was passing, I decided to initiate a Section 75 claim against my credit card provider (Tesco Finance) and within a month, the disputed amount had been refunded to my card – well done Tesco Finance.

In the meantime, we had sourced flares from a company in Inverness who were a little more expensive BUT they were still trading!





# Hazlehead Schools Support AMRT

I have long been indebted to my colleagues at Hazlehead Academy and Hazlehead School who step up at short notice to cover classes when I am called out with the Team. This year we have also enjoyed an additional level of support from the staff and pupils of both schools.

## Hazlehead Primary

Hazlehead School selected AMRT and the RNLI as their chosen charities for 2018-19 and in December all classes from Primaries 1-7 took part in a 5km sponsored walk through Hazlehead Park. Together with donations collected at their school concerts and the proceeds from enterprise projects, the children have to date raised a whopping £1226.06 for the Team. Their enthusiasm for this fundraising has been unbounded: a truly inspiring effort.

## Hazlehead Academy Box Clever to Support AMRT

Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team identified the need for new collecting boxes at their AGM in May and the idea was floated that this might be an interesting community project for a local school. Hazlehead Academy was approached and the Art and Design Faculty took up the challenge. Two S3 classes have been guided through the process of designing and building boxes for the Team – literally from the drawing board – by their teachers Joe McTaggart and John Lorimer.

S3 pupils Megha Jacob and Finlay Hyslop enthused about the project: “We had a lot of fun learning about the AMRT and it felt great to design a charity box for a great cause. We really enjoyed designing and painting the boxes and we felt that they all looked great in the end.”

Finlay said: “I really enjoyed producing the Aberdeen Mountain Rescue charity boxes. We were all helping each other. When we moved on to the workshop part I couldn’t wait for Techy to further the making of my box. Overall this was the best activity we did in Tech and we all liked the fact that it was going in to real shops for a great cause.”

The Team took delivery of 38 unique and highly distinctive collecting boxes.

Deputy Team Leader and Hazlehead Academy teacher Kenny Webster said: “The links between Hazlehead Academy and AMRT are long standing and we are delighted that the work of the Team has so captured the young people’s interest and imagination. Traditional collecting cans remain a vital income stream for AMRT and we are very much looking forward to seeing these exciting new boxes go in to local shops.”

Contact Kenny at Hazlehead Academy if you would like to display one of the boxes at your business or email [info@amrt.org.uk](mailto:info@amrt.org.uk)

Kenny Webster - AMRT







# Spirit of Nick Jack Award

## Tank

Each Year the Team are asked to nominate one Team member who has stood out for the chance to be awarded the Spirit of Nick Jack Award. We do this in honour of the late Nick Jack who was a much-valued support member and friend.

As ever the competition is strong with some very worthy nominations. (It can be argued that all Team members deserve such recognition).

However, this year's recipient is a relative new-comer to the Team but has certainly made quite the impact.

Martin (Tank) Smith has embraced Team life since his arrival. Martin executes allocated tasks with minimal fuss, has shown an eagerness to learn and has stuck in with great enthusiasm. He brings a humour, often self-deprecating which has regularly left Team members rolling on the snow with laughter. (thankfully two onlooking ski tourers couldn't hear that story and were left bemused watching a resting rescue team on exercise crying with laughter).

Recently Tank has gotten in tow with Chris and joined the ranks as one of our vehicle officers; with Tanks mechanical background and love of Landrovers it seemed a match made in heaven. He is the Yang to Chris's Ying.

I wish I could re-tell some of the funnier moments about Tank's time in the Team so far, but as this is a family publication its probably best not too!

Strong, dependable, good humoured and generous I give you; Martin (Tank) Smith.

Scott Stevens - AMRT





# Mario DiMaio MBE

Between Christmas and Hogmanay, we were delighted to learn that Mario had been listed to receive an MBE for services to Mountain Rescue.

No stranger to awards Mario has already been the recipient of an SMR and a Great Scot Awards; however, this truly is recognition for a lifetime of dedication. Mario will tell you himself that "Mountain Rescue has been the backdrop of his life"; Mario has claim to being the youngest and now oldest serving Team member. He has served in most roles and was Team Leader for 19 years (of his so far) 48 years in the Team. I maintain, he really needs to achieve 50 years in the Team and by then I may be able to beat him on a road-bike (or not).

Mario has had a distinguished service in the Team and been involved in many callouts and has seen Mountain Rescue become the professional organisation it is today. Despite this longevity it is truly testament to his character that he remains as keen as ever and is on hand to provide support to who ever needs it. As current Team Leader I have certainly sought council from him over the years and usually enjoy a good natter at the tail end of the sponsored walk. After all, it's his and the late Nick Jack's fault that I ended up in the Team anyway!

There are many many stories that could be shared about Mario and I couldn't even start to do his time in the Team justice. That would require a book....

Like many others in Mountain Rescue, Mario has repeatedly turned out time and time again to go to the aid of a stranger(s), usually in the middle of the night in the worst of weather. To have done this for over 48 years is astonishing. His professionalism, humour, care, fitness, hill craft, camaraderie, honesty, knowledge and integrity make him a valued Team member and friend.

Although none of us do this for the accolades; I think we would all agree that Mario is a truly worthy recipient.

Scott Stevens - AMRT



# Callout - One from the Archive.

Even as a member of a Mountain Rescue Team you never really get used to the phone ringing at 2.00am – despite the fact that this is often the time when many callouts are initiated. And so it was on the morning of Tuesday 27th March 2001, half awake I picked up the phone and mumbled a greeting. On the other end sounding just a bit too chirpy for such an early hour was Inspector Graham Gibb of Grampian Police. Graham was at that time the leader of the joint Braemar and Grampian Police Mountain Rescue Team and a call from Graham, certainly at that early hour, meant only one thing - there was a job on and the services of Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team were required.

Over the next five minutes Graham explained that two United States Airforce F15 fighter jets had “gone missing” and that there was a suspicion that they had crashed somewhere in the Cairngorms. The Cairngorms have seen their fair share of aircraft crashes and indeed



the Aberdeen Team had been involved in a number of searches for missing light aircraft and gliders over the years but the idea that two very sophisticated military jets had somehow come to grief on our patch seemed unlikely. Nevertheless the evidence, based on radar tracks did suggest that they had come down somewhere in the central Cairngorms.

After agreeing with Graham a course of action I called out the Aberdeen Team and around twenty of us congregated at the Team Garage and then headed for Braemar. At the Rescue Centre in Braemar I conferred with Graham and got an update – it seemed that there was little doubt that both aircraft had indeed crashed somewhere in the area of the Ben Macdui-Cairngorm plateau. We decided that the Aberdeen Team should head for our Base at Derry and gear up. The basic plan was that we would then make our way from Derry up to the Macdui-Cairngorm plateau and see what we could find. As is often the case information was sparse but essentially it seemed that two USAF jets from Lakenheath in Suffolk had disappeared from radar over the Cairngorms whilst on a low level training exercise. The aircraft had left Lakenheath around 12.30 pm on Monday heading for Scotland and had subsequently disappeared with the last radar contact showing their position somewhere over the central Cairngorms. There was also some anecdotal information that the jets had been seen in and around the upper Deeside area in a low flying formation on the Monday afternoon.

The weather forecast was not good and there was already a significant amount of snow in the hills – it was after all only March and even though there was a sense of Spring in the air and winter was coming to an end there was a whole winter season of snow accumulation to deal with. At Derry I briefed the Team and we split



into four search parties – all of which would eventually end up on the Macdui plateau by a variety of routes. I led a party up Glen Derry to the Hutchison Hut and then up via Loch Etchachan towards the summit of Ben Macdui. As we headed up into the cloud it began to snow – initially very lightly but enough to significantly reduce visibility. We were a party of six which included a young Team member on his first callout. As we skirted the top of the Sputan Dearg corrie the visibility dropped to a few meters and the going became increasingly difficult through deep snow. As we navigated our way towards the summit of Ben Macdui in what by this time had become a near whiteout, I became aware of an odd optical sensation through my goggles – a myriad of small black dots appeared on the ground and at the same time there was a very odd smell. I dropped to my knees and ran my hand across the snow and realised that the black dots were in fact small fragments of metal – we had found one of the aircrafts. As we walked on the fragments became larger and then we were confronted with what were clearly parts of a jet fighter – fuel tanks, sections of fuselage and bits of wings.



I radioed back to Braemar the fact that we had found wreckage and that we were continuing on with the search. The wreckage was spread over a large area and in the poor visibility it was difficult to know if we were looking at the remains of one aircraft or two. We were subsequently joined on the plateau by some members of the Braemar Team and also some of the RAF Leuchars Team. The area covered by the wreckage was so large that we decided to spread out across the site in the hope of finding the pilot or pilots. At around this time we were advised by Braemar control that the Met Office in Glasgow was forecasting heavy snowfall and high winds across the Cairngorms over the next twelve hours. By this time it was mid-afternoon and as we desperately tried to cover the ground and hopefully find the pilots one of our Team spotted what appeared to be a billowing parachute through the gloom. We quickly made our way towards the chute and discovered the pilot still in his ejection seat but unfortunately dead. The weather was now deteriorating rapidly and I realised that we needed to move quickly to get the pilot and the Team off the hill. We wrapped the pilot in his chute and attached some hand lines which would allow us to sledge the chute. Knowing our exact location on the plateau was a challenge even with two of the Team trying to maintain a reasonably accurate reckoning of our position using map and compass. I had a GPS with me and we were able to get some general agreement as to exactly where we were on the plateau. A bearing was agreed for a safe exit from the plateau down to Loch Etchachan and we set off dragging the chute behind us. To describe all of this as somewhat surreal would be something of an understatement. As the six of us trudged down on a track which we hoped would take us down to



Etchachan we were each lost in our own thoughts. Stopping every few meters to confirm that we were still on the correct bearing and that Team members were okay in the rapidly deteriorating conditions is a memory that will live with me forever.

As we dropped towards Loch Etchachan the visibility improved and as we descended to the Hutchison Hut we could see other Team members and the Braemar tracked snow vehicle. So by the end of the day on Tuesday 27th March the first aircraft had been found and the pilot recovered. The following day search Teams discovered the wreckage of the second aircraft approximately 400 meters west of the first aircraft but not the pilot. The weather conditions on the Thursday were so bad that the search was called off and resumed again on the Friday when the second pilot was found. The conditions on the plateau were challenging throughout the search and recovery and over a period of four days a huge effort had been made by civilian, police and RAF mountain rescue Team. In the days and weeks that followed the search for the aircraft and the recovery of the pilots there was a massive clean-up operation undertaken on the plateau.

The debris field from the crash was extensive and of course as well as the bits of twisted metal there was concern over the various fluids such as aviation fuel and hydraulic fluid that would have been released as a result of the crash. In many ways it was fortunate that the crash had occurred when the plateau was covered in deep snow and in the course of the clean-up many tons of snow were removed by helicopter from the crash site and deposited in a field outside Braemar.

There is no doubt that the F15 crash and subsequent search and recovery operation was one of the most dramatic and unusual mountain rescue callouts undertaken by the Aberdeen Team. It served to remind us all that the mountains in our patch present a potential hazard to more than walkers, climbers and skiers. Of the many lessons learned as a result of this particular callout perhaps the most significant was the need to make civilian mountain rescue Teams aware of the hazards of dealing with aircraft crashes in the mountains. This is particularly true in relation to accidents involving military aircraft which of course carry particularly hazardous fluids and things such as ejector seats!

Mario DiMaio - AMRT

# Sponsored Walk 2018

Our major fund-raiser for 2018 was, as usual, our annual sponsored walk held on 2 June.

The route started from the Keiloch on the Invercauld Estate near Braemar and headed along the road towards Invercauld House and Alltdourie before continuing up Gleann an-t Slugain (sometimes known as the Fairy Glen) to the area SE of Beinn a' Bhuid and where the River Gairn heads NE and the Quoich Water heads west. Our route took the walkers down the Quoich and through the Clais Fhearnaig to Glen Lui where we turned left towards the Black Bridge and then over the hill to the finish marquee which was erected in the grounds of Mar Lodge.

The entries for the walk were lower than normal but it was even more disappointing that there were a large number of non-starters on the day and only 86 folk took part in the walk. Despite that, they still managed to raise some £13k in sponsorship. Thank you to everyone who took part and raised funds for the Team.

We had mixed weather but that didn't faze our walkers who "carried on regardless" and tackled the 25km route.

Team members dispensed the usual corny jokes, juice and Haribo sweets at the various checkpoints where they ensured that no one slipped past unrecorded! It is a matter of pride that the Team manage to man ALL road and track junctions to ensure that everyone is on the correct route and has a great experience.

Many thanks to all involved in the walk, organisers and



walkers alike, and thanks also to the "tea ladies" who worked so hard to ensure everyone was suitably fed and watered promptly at the finish! It was great to see a number of ex-Team members helping out on the day, most of them wishing their knees would allow greater participation!

In addition, thanks are also due to the following:- **First Group** for providing discounted coaches and **Braemar Mountain Sports, Craigdon Mountain Sports, Hilltrek, Tiso, Glenshee Eco Centre and Out There Active Wear** for providing gifts which were handed out, on a random basis, to a large number of walkers.

Special thanks to **Alan Duffus of Sinclairs of Rhynie Bakery** for once again providing the fine pieces for the walkers when they reached the finish and for providing a packet of shortbread for all walkers - this is hugely appreciated - thank you Alan!

**Remember, the 2019 Walk is being held one week later on 8 June!** Entries are already now being received so don't delay! See elsewhere in the Newsletter for details of our new route.



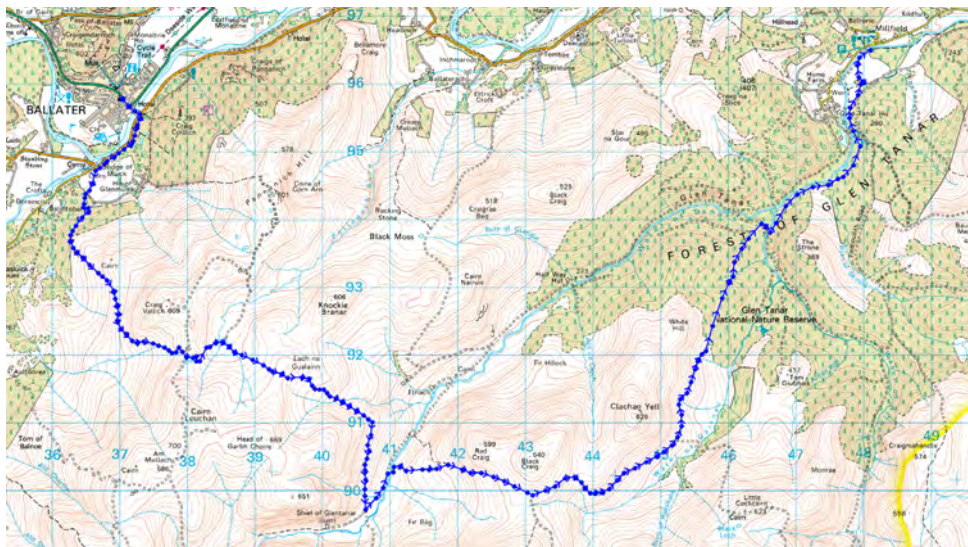
# Sponsored Walk 2019

## Ballater to Glen Tanar.

DATE - SATURDAY 8th JUNE

Our 2019 annual sponsored walk will be breaking new ground in that we will be taking walkers across a section of the Glen Muick Estate that we have not previously visited, in what promises to be an interesting and unusual “end to end” walk. The walk will start in Ballater and then cross the Dee and on to the new footpath that runs alongside the B976 to the Glen Muick Bridge. From here the route will climb up past Balintober to the shoulder of Craig Vallich. As you climb out of the valley take the time to look back to the views across the Dee Valley and west to the Coyles of Muick and Lochnagar; even for those who are familiar with this part of Deeside this will give an unusual perspective of these familiar hills. From the high point on Craig Vallich there are 360 degree views of the Cairngorms and the hills of lower Deeside. Definitely a spot to stop and take on some refreshment and just wonder at the amazing scenery of this part of the world.

From here the route then takes the old Mounth Road path across to Lach an Gualainn. As you traverse this path you will slowly see revealed Mount Keen and the hills on the south side of Glen Tanar. The stalkers track leads down into Glen Tanar and then across the Water of Tanar. At this point we will connect with a section of the route that we have used previously skirting Red Craig, Black Craig and Clachan Yell before dropping down through the wonderful Forest of Glen Tanar. The walk then follows the track on the south side of the Water of Tanar to the Visitor Centre at the Bridge of Tanar where refreshments will await.



The overall length of the route is approximately 25 kms, and it should be remembered that, although the route will be marshalled and patrolled by members of the Team, it is a remote mountainous environment and adequate and appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn.

For entry forms, please visit our Sponsored Walk page on the website [www.amrt.org.uk](http://www.amrt.org.uk) or email [walk@amrt.org.uk](mailto:walk@amrt.org.uk)

We are delighted to be able to offer this new and we believe highly unusual route across from the Valley of the Dee to Glen Tanar. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 8th June 2019.

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# Donations

During 2018, the Team received welcome donations from a number of Companies, Trusts and Individuals and I list to the right the amounts greater than £250. In total, the donations received amounted to more than £15,000 and the Team is very grateful for this support received spontaneously throughout the year. With larger donations, we endeavour to identify specific items of equipment which can be acquired using such donations such as a training manikin, computer, standardised equipment for emergency bags etc.



In addition, there were a number of smaller donations, some from walking clubs and many from organisations where Team members have given informative presentations. Many thanks to all who have made a donation to the Team – we are enormously grateful.

Ina Scott Sutherland Charitable Foundation	£5,000
Total Exploration & Production	£1,630
Cults Beavers	£1,397
Osprey Housing (AMRT was their 2018 Charity)	£1,382
Hazlehead Primary	£1,226
Huntly Cubs	£715
Cults HWC	£525
Aboyne Games	£500
Tiso (proceeds of Mountaineering Scotland Safety Talk)	£462
Hillgoers	£310
Cairngorm Club	£300
Westhill & Skene Lions Club	£300
Braemar MRT	£250

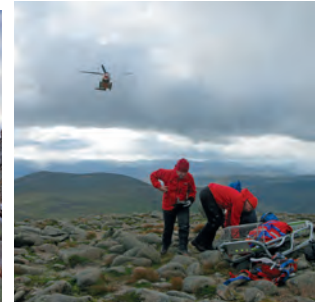
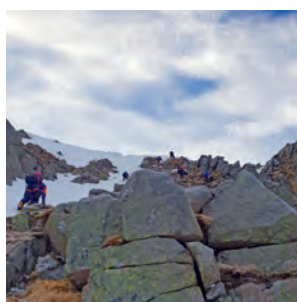


# AMRT Events 2018

During the year, AMRT members, who are all volunteers carry out numerous other activities on behalf of the Team

19/01/18	Osprey Housing	Tour of Base
30/01/18	Centrica Aberdeen Office	Mountain Safety Talk
31/01/18	Lyne of Skene Cubs	Talk and Tour of Base
07/02/18	Albyn School YPI Group	Briefing for YPI Presentation by Pupils
22/02/18	Kingswells Girl Guides	Talk
18/04/18	City of Aberdeen Probus Club	Talk
02/05/18	Tiso Outdoor Experience Evening	Landrover and display
06/05/18	RNLI	Display
10/05/18	P1 Class, Bramble Brae, Cummings Park	Talk
15/05/18	Tendeka	Talk
23/05/18	School	Talk and Display
31/05/18	Crombie School	Talk
06/06/18	Cults Cubs	Tour and Talk on Outdoor Safety
12/06/18	Arnage School	Talks to P1-3 and P4-7
20/06/18	Robert Gordon's College	Briefing for YPI Presentation by S4 Pupils
11/07/18	Aberdeen St Fittick's Rotary	Talk
04/08/18	Aboyne Highland Games	Display and cover for hill race
06/08/18	Inverurie Air Cadets	Tour of Base/talk
18/08/18	Lourin Fair	Display
19/09/18	Shere Khan Cub Pack	Tour of Base/Talk
24/09/18	Westhill Beavers	Talk and Tour of Base
07/10/18	Bennachie Hill Race	First Aid Cover
18/10/18	Ladies Thursday Group	Talk
24/10/18	Tiso Outdoor Experience Evening	Landrover and display
26/10/18	Portlethen Lunch Club	Talk
30/10/18	Stonehaven Mountaineering and Hillwalking Club	Talk on the Team and Winter Mountain Safety
30/11/18	Shelterstone Mountaineering Club	Talk on the Team and Winter Mountain Safety
16/11/18	Daviot School	Talk to 140 pupils in two groups
27/11/18	Mountaineering Scotland Safety Lectures (Heather Morning)	Display
28/11/18	Rayne North School	Talk to P1-3
03/12/18	Huntly Cubs	Talk
10/01/19	Aberdeen Med-Chi Society	Lecture
06/03/19	Kintore Scouts (30)	Talk and Tour of Base

# AMRT Out and About



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# The Team

A random selection of Team members were asked a few questions about how they became involved and their life on the outside.



Name (and Team nickname): Jamie Anderson (Dora)  
Day Job: Senior Oil Spill Response Specialist  
Why Joined the Team: It was the first time I lived close enough to the mountains to be able to be part of a Team and having always relied on MR Teams being there if i needed them in the past I wanted to give that support to other people who enjoy the hills.  
Time in Team: 19 months  
Role in Team: On Team Call Out List but still in the Probation bin :)  
Life outside the Team: I love being in the hills, particular in the winter. skiing and mountaineering especially. I also enjoy surfing and kiting, making the most of the amazing Eastern Scottish coastline.  
Memorable 'moment': Running the Dolomiti Rescue Race in Italy and being the first UK Team and having to tell a bloke who fell off his mountain bike with an ankle at the wrong right angle that he won't be going skiing in Japan in two weeks' time!



Name (and Team nickname): Pamela (Pam)  
Day Job: Research Nurse and Mum to James  
Why Joined the Team: Stu joined and when I saw what a huge commitment it was I decided to join the association and do my bit to help and get involved.  
Time in Team: Been a support member for around 6 years (on and off).  
Role in Team: Attend the meetings, help with sponsored walk and other events, keep them right at the Strathpuffer!  
Life outside the Team: Busy with work and all the fun life with a three year old brings! Have recently taken up cycling with Stu.  
Memorable 'moment': Stu leaving me to go on a quick Bennachie call out when I was in labour!



Name: Dougie Battle  
Day Job: Joiner, part time Ski tech through winter  
Why Joined the Team: Joined the Team after meeting a few of the guys through a mate on the Team. I wanted to learn new skills, and it seemed the perfect way to give something back whilst doing some thing I enjoy.  
Time in Team: 8 months  
Role in Team: Apprentice, Carrying lots, in-house Joiner  
Life outside the Team: Self-employed so I spend most my time working! A die-hard Scottish skier and will ski anything that resembles snow. Heather is the same as powder anyway! In winter my evening are kept busy servicing skis and boards in my workshop. Try to get out in the hills as much as time allows but also a keen cyclist and play in goal for my local football Team Torphins.

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Name (and Team nickname): Kerr (Weegie)  
Day Job: Petroleum Engineer  
Why Joined the Team: Dad and friend (ex AMRT member Rob) being in Mountain Rescue showed me how rewarding it could be so was keen to get involved  
Time in Team: 4 years  
Role in Team: Equipment officer and operational Team member  
Life outside the Team: A wee bit of running, swimming and cycling. Some travelling. Some being lazy at home in between stunts of DIY  
Memorable 'moment': Racing against Italian rescue Teams in the Dolomites Rescue Race or taking part in the Strathpuffer MTB race with the Team.

## Virgin Money Giving

We have established a Virgin Money page for the Team, follow the link on our website [www.amrt.org.uk](http://www.amrt.org.uk) or by visiting <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/> and searching for us in the charity box. You can use the page to set up your own fundraising page for the sponsored walk or you can donate directly, by clicking the buttons on the right hand side.

We would like to thank everyone who supports the Team by sponsoring walkers or by donating to our charity.



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