

CYMDEITHAS ACHUB MYNYDD GOGLEDD CYMRU NORTH WALES MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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Chairman's Report for 2006.

It was another active year for the Association. Much of the work is routine but can only proceed because of the dedication and hard work of the Officers and those who support them. Circulation of information and papers is done, almost entirely, electronically. Very little is posted. There is a danger that some may be disenfranchised. As with any system there have been a few problems. It is imperative that the Secretary and the Chairman are kept informed of any changes in contact details.

There were two meetings of the small group established to consider possible responses from the Association to international disasters. After reducing the emotional element the tentative conclusion reached was that individual members wishing to become involved in international disasters should seriously consider joining one of the recognised specialist organisations. It was felt that the Association, as such, did not have a realistic role in any response to international disasters. It is planned to hold one final meeting to draw this item to a logical conclusion.

Training, both regional and team has progressed. The need will arise to consider the amount of training undertaken in any one year. The Fatal Incidents course was held on 10th and 11th June, 2006 at Plas y Brenin. Nine members attended the successful course. Certificates will be issued to those who have attended past courses.

Development of the VHF High Band radio system continued with reprogramming of the radios and the establishment of several repeater sites. In the second half of the year Airwave radios were issued to the teams. Training sessions were run for all likely users before the Airwave system became operational.

In the last quarter a discussion on the future of mountain rescue in North Wales was initiated. The discussion has yet to develop.

The system of accessing grant monies from the Welsh Assembly Government was changed on the latter part of 2006. The Treasurer will report on these developments.

A co-operative project between the Snowdonia National Park, North Wales Police and the Association was started towards the end of the year. The Mountain Safety Project aims to raise awareness of how users of the mountains should conduct themselves in safety and with enjoyment. The Association's incident data base is of significance to the project and has been made available to the National Park authorities.

There have been a number of requests for assistance from medical students carrying out elective studies at Ysbyty Gwynedd. Arrangements have been made with Dr. Linda Dykes for forwarding the front page of incident reports. It is hoped that, in time, an effective system of feedback on the condition of casualties admitted Ysbyty Gwynedd will be established.

INCIDENTS. The Association's incident data base is but part of the national data base. The data base continues to expand as reports are received and entered. In 2006 154 incidents were entered with 265 subjects of whom 165 were unhurt, 85 injured and 14 were fatalities. The more

detailed figures may be found in the attached table. The perennial plea for proper completion and timely submission of incident reports is made.

The Teams' responses to calls for assistance is as effective as ever. The Teams continue to provide a high quality service. The Teams and all their members are thanked for their work which is much appreciated, not the least, by the people assisted during the year. Our sincere thanks to the North Wales Police for their wide ranging support. Without this support the Association and its teams would not be in the strong position they are. In conclusion may I thank all the Officers and members of the Association for the continuing work during 2006.

ANNUAL INCIDENTS ENTERED IN THE MRC DATA BASE

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Incidents	112	150	142	120	156	154
Subjects	158	222	206	191	222	265
Unhurt	87	124	117	128	136	165
Injured	63	83	77	49	78	85
Fatal	4	13	10	12	5	14
No Trace	4	2	2	2	3	1
<u>TEAMS</u>						
Aberglaslyn MRT	11	14	25	15	10	19
Llanberis MRT	51	85	61	61	75	83
OB Wales SART	0	7	1	1	9	3
OVMRO	40	42	57	39	55	55
NEWSAR	9	16	10	10	14	11
SARDA(W)	7	4	11	18	13	18
NW CRO						
South Snowdonia SART	0	6	6	8	6	11
Snowdonia National Park	1	2	0	1	3	4
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>						
Water Sports	0	1	1	0	0	4
Sledging	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ski-ing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow/Ice Climbing	0	0	1	0	2	1
Search, Non-mountain	11	11	11	14	9	11
Search, Mountain	3	6	1	5	11	3
Rescue Team Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road Traffic Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Scrambling	34	22	22	10	29	25
Rock Climbing	10	13	13	15	14	11
Pony Trekking	0	0	0	1	0	0
Parapenting	1	0	0	1	1	1
Orienteering	0	0		0	0	0
Occupational	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Sport	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Incident	6	11	9	9	6	1
Hang-gliding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fell Running	0	1	0	0	1	1
Fishing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fell Walking (Winter)	0	0	0	0	2	4
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Fell Walking (Winter D of E)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fell Walking (D of E)	0	0	2	4	0	3
Cave/ Mine Exploration	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bird watching	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Biking	1	0	1	0	1	1
Animal Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aircrash – Military	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aircrash - Civil	0	0	1	0	0	1
Abseiling	0	0	0	1	0	0