

SUPPORTING PATTERDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

WANT TO FINANCIALLY
HELP
WITH A RESCUE?



How you can leave a gift in your will to help volunteer mountain rescuers save lives

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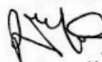
Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to express, on behalf of all our party, our gratitude to the members of the Patterdale Mountain Rescue team who attended the incident on Thornhow End - St. Sunday Crag on Thursday 1st September. We were greatly impressed by the speed and professionalism of the whole operation.

The casualty, David, was discharged from hospital yesterday and is now back home. Although he still needs further treatment, I am sure things would have been much worse without the teams prompt expert attendance.

On behalf of those walking, I have today sent a donation to your treasurer.

Once again


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To the Patterdale Team,

I just wanted to write a short something, as you all will know Alan was a really keen walker & climber & loved the lakes. He was a measured, confident person who everyone liked as well as being a fantastic husband & father. I know on that terrible day you all reacted quickly, professionally and proficiently to give Alan his best chance of survival and I thank-you all deeply for that. I also appreciate the support & help you have offered to not only me but our good friends who are understandably still in pain. Thank-you for returning them safely.

It has been about 5 weeks now since you rescued me from Grisedale Tarn.

I can't even put into words my thanks and gratitude to you & the team for carrying me down the mountain on that Sunday evening & for also making my family welcome at your base.

As you know, I was transported to Ambria hospital where they confirmed

Letters of appreciation
to the Patterdale
Mountain Rescue Team

Patterdale Mountain Rescue



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Dear Supporter

Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team (PMRT) is made up entirely of volunteers funded by support from the general public through an Association which is a Registered Charity.

The Team is available and on call 24 hours a day every day of the year.

Team members have a wide variety of day jobs and commitments and they are all extremely proud of the volunteering tradition of our mountain search and rescue service.

PMRT receives no direct government funding – all costs and expenses have to be funded by the general public who very kindly donate monies in a number of ways.

The average cost of each call out is £1,000.

PMRT needs to raise £105,000 each year to keep Team members trained, equipped and ready to undertake rescues.

One vital way people can help safeguard the future of the Team and help with the increasing number of rescues is to leave a sum of money, or a share of their estate, to PMRT on their death via a correctly drawn will.

Whether you are making a will for the first time or updating an existing will, please consider including PMRT as a beneficiary.

If you would like to speak to us about leaving PMRT a bequest in your will please contact Nigel Harling who would be delighted to help. Unfortunately we cannot provide advice (legal or otherwise) and strongly suggest you speak with your own solicitor or take legal advice from a firm of solicitors specialising in wills and related matters.

Please note no member of PMRT, the Charity Trustees or any Supporters/Representatives of the Charity can accept any liability in connection with your will and you must take your own legal advice – this is very important, as is supporting PMRT unpaid Volunteer Mountain Rescue Team, financially by your kind donations.

Thank you.

Nigel Harling

Nigel Harling
Chair of the Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association

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WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES AND **WHY IT MATTERS**

Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team members all have mountaineering skills, first aid qualifications and local knowledge. Many also have expertise in specialist mountain casualty care, advanced first aid, emergency off- and on-road driving and water rescue. The team needs to raise in the region or £120,000 just to keep going – and as we had 120 rescues last year – that's £1,000 per rescue.



Clothing and basic equipment

It costs almost £3,000 to clothe and equip a Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team member. This includes summer and winter clothing, especially wind and waterproof trousers and jackets and warm base layers. Each team member is also provided with a radio with GPS, a head torch and a helmet and other pieces of basic kit. Specialist stretchers for use in the mountains cost approximately £3,000 each. The Team needs to be trained and equipped to operate in the mountains throughout the year, as well as being able to deal with water rescue, which we often encounter in the areas we operate. Members of the Team provide their own ice axes and crampons for snow and ice conditions, but we provide the specialist gear for flooding and water rescues.

Medical supplies

Medical equipment needs regular replacement as much of what we use is consumable. The Team's first aid kits and medicines for casualty care are a major expense and we also have items such as defibrillators, heart monitors and specialist splints for use on the hills to give the best possible care to the casualties.

Our Medical Centre in Patterdale

The Rescue Centre itself has to be maintained, insured and run effectively. Our electricity bill for the year, including all the radio batteries to recharge can be as much as £3,500. The Centre overheads are £17,000 per annum and base repairs and maintenance are £18,000 per annum.

Vehicles and investments

And then there are big one off projects like computers, replacement vehicles or, a recent for us, a rigid inflatable boat to help get casualties off the eastern side of Ullswater as quickly as we can. There are also training costs, vehicle maintenance and all other bills and costs of a busy organisation.

You can see why we need your help!

Preferred wordings for solicitors

The following wordings (are examples only) and which may be included in your will.

Gifts of Residue

"Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give all of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my will to Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association (a charity registered in England and Wales, charity number 1063329 of Ogilvie House, Patterdale, Cumbria, CA11 0PJ) for the general purposes of the Association and Team, and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge."

Pecuniary Legacy

"I give free of tax to Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association (a charity registered in England. And Wales charity number 1063329 of Ogilvie House, Patterdale, Cumbria, CA11 0PJ) the sum of £XXXXX for the general purposes of the Association and Team, and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other property officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge."

Please note the above are included for illustration purposes only and must not be relied on.

If you are able to assist Patterdale Mountain Rescue, please consult with your solicitor and take legal advice.

Please act on this to day – we hope that the help given here on how you can financially assist in rescues is useful.

Letting us know your intentions so we can plan

It is a hard thing to ask but it will be very helpful if you can let us know now if you intend to leave a gift or legacy to Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association in future.

This Intention Form is a simple way for you to let us know of your plans. The contents of your will are private but giving us some information now will enable us to plan for the next 50 years of the Team. It also gives us an opportunity to thank you and to invite you to see how your gift could be used.

Title	Forename(s)	Surname
Address		
Postcode		Tel number
Email address		
Patterdale MRT supporter number (if appropriate)		
Date of birth		

Please tick the boxes and add details below as an indication of your plans

- ☐ I have already included a legacy to Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association in my will
- ☐ I plan to include a legacy to Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association in my will and am in touch with my legal adviser to do this
- ☐ I am not considering including Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association in my will at this time

My gift to the Team is/will be:

☐ A share of my estate

_____ %

☐ All of my estate

☐ A specific sum of money

£ _____

Thank you

Once completed, please send this form to Honorary Treasurer, Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association Limited, Ogilvie House, Patterdale, Cumbria CA11 0PJ.

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SUPPORTING THE TEAM FOR YEARS TO COME

There are lots of ways to support the Team

If you cannot offer a legacy or gift in your will at this time, we should still very much like to keep in touch.

There are lots of other ways to support Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team in its work, from buying cards and gifts in our online shop to organising a fundraising event or even donating your car's scrap value! We also have a Supporters' Club whose members receive our Annual Report and two copies of our newsletter, Patrick Relay, each year.

Full details are online at www.mountainrescue.org.uk.