

## **RESCUE LOCATIONS 2001 - 2005**

The Maps below show the locations of callouts listed on the WMRT website between 2001 - 2005. A **BLUE** point is marked for all incidents where a clear location can be established from the written records, or by personal knowledge of the rescue. It includes the following,

- Locations of injuries or medical emergencies
- Cragfasts and/or benightments
- Searches where the missing people were located at a specific named location, even if that location was whilst they were on the move.

However, not included are the following,

- Searches where no clear location is given for the find
- Aborted callouts, ie those where a team is assembled, but the missing people turn up before deployment or where the missing people are found on the road whilst driving to the scene.
- False alarms, even if the team searched a specific area
- Instances where the team leader talks a party down by phone
- Incidents near St Bees, Whitehaven and other areas not shown on the mapping software.

Due to the limitations in the software no distinction is made in the marking as to whether the incident was an injury, medical emergency, cragfast or search.

## **RESULTS**

Analysing the results of this exercise a number of trends emerge. There are 4 fatalities marked.

- Moss Gill : Scafell - Free Fall
- Bell Rib : Yewbarrow - Free / Tumble Fall
- Tongue Moor , Burnmoor Tarn Area - Heart Attack
- Great Gable - Tumble Fall

There are 2 key accident black spots in the WMRT area, these are

- Broad Stand - 6 incidents in 5 years, including 2 serious injuries
- Bad Step - Corridor Route near Greta Gill, 5 incidents in 5 years, one serious

Both are similar in nature, steep ground requiring climbing / scrambling on significant paths. Although Broad Stand is clearly more technically difficult and serious in nature the placement of the Bad Step on a major route to Scafell Pike ensures a high incident rate. It is also a location for benightments when walkers do not realise where the path heads.

The climbers traverse / Napes Crag area on Great Gable has also experienced a number of incidents in the last 5 years, many involving potentially serious tumble falls, one of which proved fatal as noted above, although no one location can be singled out as more significant.

Attention should also be drawn to the Bell Rib area on Yewbarrow which has seen 3 incidents in the last 5 years including 1 fatality and 1 serious injury. In contrast, the steeper scramble at the Dore Head end of Yewbarrow experiences relatively few incidents.

Both the Corridor and Brown Tongue - Mickledore paths up Scafell Pike experience a range of incidents, primarily broken ankles, however, perhaps surprisingly in view of the ground no injuries have been recorded on the ridge path from Calf Cove to Scafell Pike summit in the last 5 years.

The lakeside path below the Wasdale Scree is a frequent location for cragfast type incidents, with 4 in the last 5 years and a further 2 at higher locations on the scree / crags above, however no significant injuries have been recorded in this area.

Finally, relatively few injuries have occurred in upper Eskdale (much to the relief of team members), but this is a common area for locating missing persons, particularly round Sampsons Stones and Scar Lathing.







