

Table 1 Complete list of teams and their starting year. All the 'Foundation' teams are listed in the first column. All teams that are currently operational are highlighted in blue text.

ENGLAND

LAKE DISTRICT SEARCH AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOC.	Year	Notes
Coniston MRT	1947	The first official MRT in England/Wales. Initially known as the Coniston Fell Rescue Party, the name changed to Coniston MRT in 1960.
Keswick MRT	1947	Initially known as the Borrowdale MRT but changed name to Keswick MRT in 1951.
Cockermouth MRT	1953	Cockermouth MRT was conceived in 1953 to ease pressure on the Keswick team. At a public meeting in Cockermouth the area was divided between the two teams.
Kendal Mountain Search & Rescue Team	1953	Founded at a meeting in the St John Ambulance Room in Kendal with members drawn mainly from the Kendal YHA group and 'K Fellfarers', an outdoor group comprising worker from K Shoes.
Penrith MRT	1959	Presently covers the largest geographic area of any Lakes District MRTs.
Kirkby Stephen MRT	1952	Predated by the Kirkby Stephen and District Mountain Rescue Unit in 1952. KSMRT was established in 1968. Initially called the Kirkby Stephen Fell Search Team.
Patterdale MRT	1964	Ullswater OB Rescue Team (est 1956) merged with Patterdale MRT following a recommendation of RESCUE 2000.
Millom Fell Rescue Team	1967	Following a recommendation of RESCUE 2000, Duddon & Furness MRT was formed in 2003 through the amalgamation of Millom FRT (est 1967) and Furness MRT (est 1962).

Furness MRT	1962	Following a recommendation of RESCUE 2000, Duddon & Furness MRT was formed in 2003 through the amalgamation of Millom FRT (est 1967) and Furness MRT (est 1962).
Wasdale MRT	1965	First called the Wyndham Mountain Search Team. Name changed to present one in 1968. Eskdale OB MRT (est 1950) merged with Wasdale following a recommendation of RESCUE 2000.
Cumbria Ore Mines Rescue Unit (COMRU)	1978	COMRU was formed originally from members of Lake District MRTs and mine explorers in response to the increasing numbers of incidents in abandoned mines.
Ambleside Fell Rescue Team	1967	Langdale Ambleside MRT was formed in 1970 through the amalgamation of Ambleside Fell Rescue Team (est 1967) and Langdale MRT (est 1965).
Langdale MRT	1965	Langdale Ambleside MRT formed in 1970 from the amalgamation of Ambleside Fell Rescue Team (1967) and Langdale MRT (1965).

MID-PENNINE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANISATION	Year	Notes
Rossendale & Pendle MRT	1963	Formed initially as the Rossendale Search and Rescue Team.
Holme Valley MRT	1965	Formerly known as the Holme Valley Moorland Rescue Team.
Calder Valley SRT	1966	Initially known as the Calder Valley Moorland Rescue Association.
Bolton MRT	1968	Initially a 'sub unit' of RAF Stafford MRT until the sub unit system ceased to exist in the early 1970s.
South Ribble Fell and Search Team	1962	Amalgamated with the Northern Rescue Organisation in 1980 to form the Bowland Pennine MRT .

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NORTH EAST SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION	Year	Notes
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Teesdale & Weardale SRT	1968	Following a double fatality in March 1968, two public meetings were held to discuss the possibility of forming a local fell rescue team. The second meeting in September marked the official birth of the team.
Northumberland National Park MRT	1963	Known initially as the Northumberland National Park Voluntary Wardens Fell Rescue Team. Name changed to current one in 1993.
Cleveland MRT	1965	Known initially as the Cleveland Search and Rescue Team, then changed to present name in 2012.
RAF Leeming MRT	1944	Formed as RAF Topcliffe in 1944. Relocated to RAF Leeming in 1959.
North of Tyne MRT	1974	Formed initially as Northumberland LEA team in the late '60s. Renamed the North of Tyne LEA team in 1974 and the North of Tyne Search and Rescue Team in 1980. Recently renamed the North of Tyne MRT.
Swaledale MRT	1968	Formerly known as the Swaledale Fell Rescue Organisation.

PEAK DISTRICT MOUNTAIN RESCUE ORGANISATION	Year	Notes
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Glossop MRT	1957	Initial idea by the Glossop Rover Scout Crew in 1957. Glossop Rover MRT established and first rescue in 1959. In 1964 this unit joined with the Glossop Moorland Rescue Team to establish the Glossop MRT.
Edale MRT	1956	Rescue co-ordinator established in 1951 and rescue post established in 1955 but first team exercise in 1956.

Buxton MRT	1964	Up and running by mid-1963, with some members of the Buxton Caving Club and Buxton Walking Club.
Derby MRT	1964	Originally consisted of members of the 51 st Derby (St Lukes) Rover Scouts.
Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation	1952	Formed in 1952 by local cavers.
Oldham MRT	1964	The Oldham Rover MRT was established in 1964. On leaving the Scout movement, it changing its name to the present one in the early 1970's.
Sett Valley MRT	1959	Formerly known as New Mills MRT. Amalgamated with the Goyt Search Rescue Team in 1971 to form the Kinder MRT
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Woodhead MRT	1964	Formed in 1975 through the amalgamation of the Huddersfield, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, Barugh and Penistone Scout based teams, which were established in 1964 following the 'Four Inns' tragedy.

PENINSULA MOUNTAIN AND CAVE RESCUE ASSOCIATION	Year	Notes
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Cornwall SRT	2003	Originally known as the Cornwall Rescue Group.
Dartmoor SRT (Ashburton)	1976	Formed when Outward Bound Devon MRT ceased with the closure of the OB school. The Dartmoor Rescue Group is the parent charity.
Dartmoor SRT (Okehampton)	1969	The Dartmoor Rescue Group is the parent charity. Okehampton uses the title North Dartmoor SAR Team for media branding purposes.

Dartmoor SRT (Plymouth)	1969	The Dartmoor Rescue Group is the parent charity.
Dartmoor SRT (Tavistock)	1968	The Dartmoor Rescue Group is the parent charity.
Devon CRO	1965	Formed in 1965 but predated by an association of local caving clubs.
Exmoor SRT	1992	

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND RESCUE ASSOCIATION	Year	Notes
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Avon Rocks Rescue Team	1976	Established in 1990 through amalgamation with the Cheddar Gorge Cliff RT. Renamed Avon & Somerset SRT in 2006.
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Gloucestershire CRG	1962	Formed by local cavers who recognised a need for cave rescue in an area that was fast growing in popularity
Mendip Cave Rescue	1936	Initially known as the Mendip Rescue Organisation.
Severn Area Rescue Association	1973	Founded in 1973, SARA became a registered charity in 1976 and purchased its first boat in 1977. Became an official MR post in the role of cliff rescue in 1985.

YORKSHIRE DALES RESCUE PANEL	Year	Notes
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Cave Rescue Organisation	1935	Initially called the Central Rescue Organisation. Name changed to the Cave Rescue Organisation in 1938.
Upper Wharfedale FRA	1948	The rescue of a lamb first inspired two people to start the Association. The rescue of animals continues to be a key part of the team's work. A British Rail parcel van was the team's HQ for many early years.
Scarborough & Ryedale MRT	1965	Known initially as Scarborough & District Search and Rescue Team. Name changed to present one in 2006.

OTHER – ENGLAND	Year	Notes
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Ullswater OB Rescue Team	1956	Ceased sometime after 1993 following a recommendation from Rescue 2000. Merged with Patterdale MRT .
Eskdale OB Rescue Team	1950	Ceased sometime after 1993 (possibly 1994) following a recommendation from Rescue 2000. Merged with Wasdale MRT .
RAF Millom MRT	1944	Disbanded in 1945.
RAF Stafford MRT	1945	Established as RAF Harpur Hill in 1945 then closed in 1960. Relocated to RAF Stafford same year. Disbanded in 2004.
Royton ATC MRT	1943	A unit of the ATC, established as a MRT in the war years. Linked with RAF Harpur Hill MRT and recognised as a sub unit by the RAF. Ceased in 1980.
Dudley Cave Rescue Team	1966	Joined with the Shropshire Mining Club in 1975 to form the Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation .

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South East Cave Rescue Organisation	1968	Recognised by the Police and the BCRC in 1968. Around twelve caving clubs currently on the call out list.

WALES

NORTH WALES MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION	Year	Notes
Aberdyfi SRT	1973	Established as Outward Bound Aberdovey in 1973. Name changed to Outward Bound Wales SRT in 1997. Became Aberdyfi SRT in 2007.
Aberglaslyn MRT	1996	Team's area was previously covered by South Snowdonia SRT. Aberglaslyn MRT established as a team in its own right in 1996.
Llanberis MRT	1968	Prior to 1968, incidents were co-ordinated by the owner of the Pen y Gwryd Hotel. With incidents growing in the 1960s, a meeting of Principals of local outdoor centres agreed to form the team. Recognised by the MRC in 1973.
NE Wales SAR	1980	
North Wales CRO	1995	
Ogwen Valley MRO	1965	Preceded by Ogwen Cottage Rescue Team formed about 1959/60.
RAF Valley MRT	1942	Established as RAF Llandwrog MRT in 1943 although it had been operating for at least 12 months before being officially recognised. Relocated to RAF Llanbedr in 1945 then RAF Valley in 1949.
Moelwyn Rescue Team	1973	Amalgamated with the Rhinog Rescue Team in 1991 to form the South Snowdonia SRT .
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SOUTH WALES SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION		Notes
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Brecon MRT	1969	
Central Beacons MRT	1959	Established as the Police Civil Defence MRT in 1959 then renamed Morlais MRT in 1968. Changed name to Central Beacons MRT in 1996.
Longtown MRT	1965	Formed in 1965 to help people in difficulties within the Black Mountains.
South & Mid Wales CRT	1946	Formerly known as West Brecon CRT and established in 1946.
Western Beacons MSRT	1964	Established as the Bridgend Scout MRT in 1964, a sub unit of RAF St Athan, then renamed Bridgend MRT in 1967 then finally WBMRT in 1997.

OTHER - SOUTH WALES		Notes
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RAF St Athan MRT	1944	Established as RAF Madely in 1944 which disbanded in 1946. Relocated at RAF St Athan in 1946, which disbanded in 2004.
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IRELAND (NI + RoI)

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	Year	Notes
Dublin & Wicklow MRT	1966	The An Óige MRT was founded in 1966. In 1984 when An Óige disbanded, most members left to reform as the Dublin & Wicklow MRT.
Donegal MRT	1984	In 1982 a group of people from the Dunlewey and Gweedore areas came together to take the first steps in establishing a team. The Donegal MRT was granted full recognition and membership of IMRA in 1984.
Galway MRT	1975	The team came into existence through the efforts of University College Galway Mountaineering Club members and the assistance of IMRA.
Glen of Imaal Red Cross MRT	1983	Formed to address a need when three serious incidents occurred in quick succession. Founding members contacted the Irish Red Cross Society for help, and the team became a branch of the Society.
Kerry MRT	1966	Formed in July 1966 following two tragic incidents within a few days, on Carrauntoohil.
Mayo MRT	1989	Mayo Mountain Rescue Team was founded in the late 1980s as part of the Western Mountain Rescue Team.
Sligo/Leitrim MRT	1991	Founded in the rescue work of the Sligo Mountaineering Club in 1974 (tasked by the Gardaí). Members became associate members of IMRA in 1984 (full in 1991).
South Eastern MRA	1977	Following fatal light plane crash in the Galtees, members of several local mountaineering clubs met to form the South Eastern Mountain Safety Association. Renamed SEMRA in 1985.
Tramore Cliff & MR Association	1978	Tramore cliff rescue team established in 1978 and joined IMRA in 1981. Unknown when the current name was established.

NORTHERN IRELAND	Year	Notes
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Mourne MRT	1962	The first mountain rescue team to be established in Ireland. A meeting of the Mourne MRT, Tramore Sea & Cliff Rescue Team, clubs and other organisations in 1965, saw the formation of IMRA.
North West MRT	1980	Established in Derry City in 1980 to provide a search and rescue service for the north west of Northern Ireland. Divided into three areas but still a single MRT.

OTHER - IRELAND	Year	Notes
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Police Service of Northern Ireland SRT	1975	Formed by the RUC in 1970 but currently not a member of IMR.
RAF Aldergrove MRT	1949	Founded in 1949 and disbanded in 1953.
Irish Cave Rescue Organisation	1961	ICRO operates on a island-wide basis with rescue bases in Co. Clare (RoI) and Co. Fermanagh (NI). A member of the BCRC but not MRI.

SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND	Year	Notes
Aberdeen MRT	1964	The Aberdeen & St. John Mountain Rescue Association was formed in 1966 in order to provide financial support for the Aberdeen MRT established in 1964. Several early members were instructors with the Aberdeen Venture Club.
Arran MRT	1964	Initially called the Arran Mountain Rescue Unit and formed as a unit of RAF MR Kinloss, which assisted with the team's early training.
Arrochar MRT	1978	Formally constituted in 1978, but has foundations in the mid 1950s by an informal group recognised by Argyll Constabulary.
Assynt MRT	1977	Set up following a local incident and need to establish robust arrangements for search and rescue in the north of Scotland. Accepted as a full member of MRCoFS in 1977.
Borders SAR Unit	1963	Evolved from the Cheviot Walking Club in the early 1950's. Recognised by the Police in 1963 it was then the only team in the south of Scotland and north east England. Boundary with Tweed Valley MRT was realigned in the late 1990s
Braemar MRA	1965	Braemar Mountain Rescue Association was formed in 1960 to supplement the increasing number of incidents dealt with by Grampian Police MRT.
Cairngorm MRT	1963	Formed through the initiative of an Aviemore PC who saw a need for a more practical provision to assist with the rising number of incidents.
Dundonnell MRT	1972	Established in 1972 after years of supporting the local police rescue team.
Galloway MRT	1975	Originally called the Galloway Search and Rescue Group and operated initially as a sub-unit of the Moffat team set up in 1969.

Glencoe MRT	1961	Early rescues were undertaken by local people including the Elliot family as well as RAF Kinloss and Leuchars MRTs. Hamish MacInnes formed the Glencoe Mountain Rescue Association in 1961.
Glenelg MRT	1973	Glenelg Mountain Rescue Association was established in 1973 by Dr Catherine MacInnes. Became a charity in 1974.
Glenmore Lodge MRT	1972	Formally recognised by the MRCofS after the 'Cairngorm Tragedy' in November 1971.
Hebrides MR	2010	Initially known as Hebrides Search and Rescue (HebSAR).
Killin MRT	1967	A MR service is recorded as far back as 1874, but was formally established in 1967 to assist Perth & Kinross Constabulary deal with increasing number of incidents in the Killin/Crianlarich area.
Kintail MRT	1965	An informal rescue unit comprising a number of local people existed in the 1950s. It was formalised in the mid 1960s.
Lochaber MRT	1969	Members of the JMCS were the backbone of rescue provision from the 1950s. Increasing dissatisfaction with provision of equipment led to establishment of the Lochaber MR Association in 1969.
Lomond MRT	1967	Established by a small number of local people to deal with a perceived (and later proven) need for a rescue service in the area.
Moffat MRT	1969	Originally called the Moffat Hill Rescue Service. Name changed to Moffat MRT in 1995.
Oban MRT	2001	Strathclyde Police approached Oban Mountaineering Club in 2000 about the possibility of setting up a team to cover Argyll where existing provision was poor. The team was formally affiliated to MRCofS in May 2001.
Ochils MRT	1971	Idea spawned by a Local Council organised 'Safety on the hills' event supported by likes of Ben Humble and Eric Langmuir. Originally called the Ochils Hill Rescue Team.

Police Scotland (Grampian) MRT	1960	Initiated in 1959 following the death of five walkers on Jock's Road. Established as the first official Police MRT in Britain in 1960. Formerly known as Grampol MRT. Strong links with Braemar MRT.
Police Scotland (Strathclyde) MRT	1975	Formerly known as Strathpol MRT. Formed from several smaller Police Teams (Oban, Dumbarton, the Regional Reserve Team and the Ayrshire Hill Search Team).
Police Scotland (Tayside) MRT	1971	Origins of the Tayside Police Search and Rescue Unit go back to 1971. Following local government re-organisation in 1975, the unit became known as the Tayside Police MRT (Taypol MRT).
RAF Lossiemouth MRT	1944	Founded as RAF Kinloss in 1944. Relocated to RAF Lossiemouth in 2012.
Scottish Cave Rescue Organisation (SCRO)	1966	Formed earlier, but approved by the Association of Chief Police Officers (Scotland) in 1966.
Skye MRT	1962	Local records trace mountain rescue activity back to the late 1870s. A volunteer rescue team was established in the 1950s and formalised in 1962.
Tayside MRT	1976	Established following a meeting to improve the provision of rescue in the counties of Perth, Kinross and Angus.
Torridon MRT	1971	A rescue post existed in 1966 but following the 'Cairngorm Disaster', Torridon MRT and others were established in consultation with the Scottish Office and Police authorities.
Tweed Valley MRT	1968	By Feb 69 there were three units in the Borders - in Duns, Yetholm and Galashiels. The Galashiels unit established in 1968, was formally constituted by 1972 and renamed Tweed Valley MRT a year later. The boundary with the BSARU was realigned to current position in the late 1990s.

OTHER - SCOTLAND	Year	Notes
RAF Leuchars MRT	1944	Founded as RAF Montrose in 1944. Moved to RAF Edzell in 1950 and then RAF Leuchars in 1956. Disbanded in 2013.
RAF West Freugh MRT	1944	Founded in 1944 and disbanded in 1957. Much of the manpower was accommodated at RAF Wigtown.
RAF Wick MRT	1944	Founded in 1944 then area taken over by RAF Kinloss in 1946.
Gordonstoun School MRT	1951	Formed in 1951 as a section of the Altyre ATC and recognised by the Air Ministry as a sub-unit of RAF Kinloss MRT. It was pre-dated by the 'bloodhound service' established in 1936.
Rannoch School MRS	1959	Ceased 2002 when the school closed down.

SARDA/NSARDA

ASSOCIATION	Year	Notes
Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA)	1965	<p>Spawned several organisations -</p> <p>SARDA (Scotland) formed in 1971 when SARDA divided into Wales, England and Scotland. Became known as SARDA (Highland) in 1983 when Scotland split into Highland and Southern. Renamed SARDA (Scotland) in 1999.</p> <p>SARDA (Wales) formed in 1971 when SARDA divided into Wales, England and Scotland. Member of NSARDA.</p> <p>SARDA (England) formed in 1971 when SARDA divided into Wales, England and Scotland. Member of NSARDA.</p> <p>SARDA (Southern) established in 1983 then renamed SARDA (Southern Scotland) in 1984.</p> <p>SARDA (South Wales) formed in 2002 when it split from SARDA (Wales). Member of NSARDA.</p> <p>SARDA (Northern Ireland) established in 1979 but renamed as SARDA (Ireland) in 1987. Member of NSARDA.</p> <p>SARDA (Ireland North) established in 1995 when it broke away from SARDA (Ireland). Member of NSARDA.</p> <p>SARDA (Isle of Man) established in 2004. Member of NSARDA.</p> <p>SARDA (Lakes) established in 1992 when it broke away from SARDA England. Renamed Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dogs Association (LDMRSDA) in 2011.</p> <p>Three members of ALSAR are also members of NSARDA – NSARDA (Anglia) established in 2006, NSARDA (Kent) established in 2010 and NSARDA (Staffordshire) established in 2015.</p>

ALSAR

The Association of Lowland Search and Rescue (ALSAR) is an associate member of MREW. It was established in 1995 and four teams were the founding members – Milton Keynes Search and Rescue (now defunct), Berkshire Lowland Search and Rescue (Formerly known as SEBEV and previously served as a civil defence team), Buckinghamshire Search and Rescue (Formerly known as Bucks Civil Defence and previously served as a civil defence team) and Kent Search and Rescue which also previously served as a civil defence team. There are currently 36 operational teams. A full list is given at - <http://www.lowlandrescue.org/member-units>.