

PRESS RELEASE BROUGHTON SHOW 2012

The arrival of the Olympic Torch in Skipton has led to the cancellation of the popular Broughton Game Show- the year's major fundraising event for two of the region's, wholly voluntary rescue organisations.

Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association (UWFRA) and Cave Rescue Organisation (CRO). will miss out on more than £20,000 because the Olympic torch will be coming through Skipton on June 24 – the traditional date for the show held at Broughton Hall for the last 32 years.

David Aynesworth, Chairman of the show committee says "With lots of family events being planned for the town centre, we felt this would have a massive affect on show attendance, particularly as this event will draw people from many surrounding areas". A change of date was considered, but a number of main attractions and traders reported that they were already booked up for alternative weekends. It was decided that putting on a sub-standard show could be detrimental for following years.

We can not risk not covering our substantial outlay so we have reluctantly decided to cancel this year's event. The show will be back- bigger and better than ever in 2013.- JUNE 30.

Jack Pickup the Chairman of CRO based in Clapham says "This is a major setback for us as it contributes a substantial amount to our running costs, which we will examine carefully to see if cutbacks can be made. We will look at other ways of raising funds. One such initiative has been setting up a "Friends of the CRO Group". Details of this can be found on the website www.cro.org.uk

Ian Hook Chairman of UWFRA says he hopes that some of the shortfall can be made up through a corporate dinner which he hopes business would support

Both Teams reiterate that they will continue to provide the rescue service, wherever and whenever it may be.

Paul Jackson, editor of show sponsors Dalesman magazine, adds "It's a great shame that people will miss out on what is a quirky and enjoyable day but I understand that being part of the torch ceremony is for most people a once-in a lifetime experience. "The volunteers are the big losers, so I hope people who would normally attend the show will go out of their way during the next twelve months to support the teams' other fundraising events"

Since the first show in 1979 around £300k has been raised for the two groups. It has only been cancelled twice in the past – in 2001 because of Foot & Mouth and in 2009 after flash flooding.

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