

RESCUE TEAM GAINS SOME NEW FRIENDS

The Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue team has a brand new set of supporters with the recent setting up of a Friends of UWFRA group . The group are currently building up membership whilst seeking the necessary charity status . Founder member and new Chairman Val Walker- Wilton from Threshfield recognised that the team could do with some rescuing of its own when she read that the team had reluctantly decided to bring to an end the Broughton Game Show - its major annual fundraising event for the last 33 years. The team needs to bring in some £35,000 each year just to meet its running costs and this doesn't include major expenditure such as replacing their two Land Rovers. It receives no formal funding and has survived the last 64 years through the generosity of the public and local organisations

Val adds "A small group of us including husband Wally got together and decided that we could really make a significant contribution to this wonderful voluntary organisation we have looking after us and the all visitors to the Dales. Fundraising activities seem to be the most obvious but as we evolve I am sure we will gain members with skills to offer in support of some of the day to day running of the rescue team as well. To help free them of some of the behind the scenes tasks would enable them to devote more of their valuable time to training and actual rescues

We also need some more committee members to help get us off the ground and of course we are looking for ideas as to how we can progress our support "

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