

## DALES RESCUE TEAM HITS 1,000TH CALL-OUT

Two female walkers from Skipton found themselves celebrities after being rescued by the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Team as the team's 1,000th call out in their 63 years of saving lives in the Dales

Caroline Ray and Mary Arber had been out on Birks Fell, Buckden training for the Oxfam Trail event which runs over two days in the Dales when they found themselves benighted. The search team found them and escorted them safely back to their car in Buckden

The team milestone was celebrated by the High Sheriff of North Yorkshire Mrs Alexandra Holford attended their headquarters in Grassington and meeting the two women. The event was also marked by the High Sheriff presenting the Upper Wharfedale team and its adjacent team the Cave Rescue Organisation team from Clapham with her High Sheriff Certificate for 'Valuable Service to the Community' The award also gave both teams £250 funds.



Commenting on their visit Caroline said " It was with great relief that we saw the lights of the rescue team searching for us. It was then rather humbling to later visit their headquarters as their 1,000th call-out .We felt we should keep apologising to them It was a super event and we salute the team for all they do and in all weathers. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated and professional people who are all volunteers looking after people in difficulties out in the Dales"

The Oxfam Trail takes place in the Dales over 26/27 May with fundraising teams of four attempting to walk three distance levels. Caroline and Mary are going for the gold award of 100 kilometres

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*Photo - left to right Caroline Ray, High Sheriff, Mary Arber - photo by Nigel Hutchinson UWFRA*