



## **The Dartmoor Rescue Group is the Mayor of West Devon's nominated charity for 2025/26.**

The DRG is part of the England and Wales Mountain Rescue Organisation.

The DRG has four teams strategically based around Dartmoor; Okehampton, Tavistock, Plymouth and Ashburton.

Each team comprises of around 40 volunteer members. Last year each team responded to between 30 and 40 call-outs and spent on average 4000 hours per year on training and deployments.

They are professionally trained to respond in emergency situations that may require search management, navigation, evacuation, casualty medical care, swift water rescue, search dog handling and steep ground rescue. All this requires a comprehensive list of equipment for clothing, vehicles, communication and storage as well as training facilities.

The teams respond via 999 calls to the Police. The teams are not restricted to Dartmoor. Their skills are often used in rural and urban areas throughout Devon, and occasionally to support other mountain rescue teams in adjacent counties. DRG teams have also been deployed to assist in flooded areas as far away as Yorkshire.

The DRG Teams do not receive any Government funding. The members are all un-paid volunteers.

They are funded entirely by public donations.

You can find further information on their website:

[www.dartmoor-rescue.org](http://www.dartmoor-rescue.org)

All donations are gratefully accepted and will be split equally between all four Teams. You can donate to my funding page: <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/paul-vachon>