



EXMOOR SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

AN INTRODUCTION TO SUPPORT MEMBERS

Exmoor Search and Rescue Team (ESRT) is a voluntary organisation funded through the hard work of team members and current supporters. The team members need help with its vital background activities which allow the team to fulfil its role as a police and community resource.

This help could include:

- Letter writing to grant giving bodies/equipment companies.
- Shaking a tin during street collections.
- Distributing and collecting static collection boxes.
- Giving publicity talks.
- Providing professional advice e.g. re accounts or legal advice.
- Running skills courses e.g. First Aid/Boat qualifications.
- Setting up a 'Friends of....' scheme.
- Writing newsletters.
- Maintaining the team's web site.
- Helping out at the team open days.

Supporters could also help with the operational side of the team's activities through:

- Helping with the telephone cascade callout and stand-down procedures.
- Supporting the team during it's callouts with transport/refreshments etc.
- Undertaking an administration role e.g. minutes secretary.

Becoming a supporter of ESRT would give you the opportunity to meet like-minded people who enjoy Exmoor, the outdoors and helping others. It would give you the satisfaction of helping maintain a vital community and police resource. In addition to this there is a great social life to be had with our summer BBQ's, Christmas quiz, Christmas dinner weekend and Scotland winter training trips.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. To receive an application form either down load one from the website or contact the membership secretary;
'Huish', Myrtle Lane, Holywell Lake, Wellington, Somerset TA21 0EJ
2. On receiving your completed application form we may invite you to attend an admin. meeting at our unit in South Molton or an induction evening at our HQ. If you are unable to attend you will be invited to the next monthly admin meeting. This is an opportunity for you to meet the Team and other supporters. It is a chance for us to assess your ability to become a supporter and for you to assess whether you wish to continue with your interest in joining the Team.

BASIC COMMITMENT

The first Thursday of the month is an indoor training session followed by an administrative meeting. These are presently held at our Unit IN South Molton. These are usually attended by supporters to keep in touch with team members, catch up with what's been happening and find out about future events.

There are other events throughout the year which supporters may become involved in. These are outlined on a quarterly diary. These may include collection days, team socials and publicity occasions. The amount of commitment is entirely up to you. Any help, from four hours a year to four hours a week will be gratefully received.

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