

**North Wales Cave Rescue Organisation
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Annual Report for the Cambrian Caving Council's AGM.

2014 has been a busier than usual year for NWCC with the primary incident being a mine diving fatality at Cambrian Mine / Aber Las Mine. This was a multi-agency incident with assistance being provided by CDG cave divers from across the UK – primarily from CRO, UWFRA and DCRO with attendance by further divers from SMWCRT and Mendip CRO. A total of 18 NWCRO team members attended and the body was recovered about 10 hours following the initial call-out.

NWCRO also assisted with 2 animal recovery incidents (1 sheep and 2 cows) during 2014 and were called to assist in recovering some goods from a quarry. Team members also attended incidents at Bounce Below at the Llechwedd complex (unconscious male) and at Cyneiniog Mine (male mine explorer unable to exit mine) but were ultimately not required to go underground.

As usual we will run a mix of mid-week evening training events and full-day events. Full day training events are planned for:

Sunday 19th April – cave in northeast Wales

Sunday 17th May – surface day at Plas y Brenin (concentrating on aspects such as communications, first aid and stretcher hauling) followed by AGM

Sunday 9th August – water session; floating stretcher

Sunday 15th November – mine in west

For more information please contact our Training Officer on training@northwalescro.org.uk or look at the website.

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