



## Borders Search and Rescue Unit



### Crystal Maze

On the North side of the Lammermuirs between Spartleton Edge and Monynut Edge is Crystal Rig, a windfarm of 91 wind generators. It was here on a foggy night this June that 3 senior ladies out for a walk found themselves lost in the welter of vehicle tracks and called Police Scotland. BSARU was asked to assist.

Their location was established using mobile phone technology and they were advised to stay put. Two team vehicles were sent from the South and 4 team members operating in pairs started a walk in from the North. Later the ladies sent a message that they were beside a wind turbine and gave the number. Had they moved? Fortunately, they had not changed position and a team vehicle and the police were able to find them.

A nice card of thanks with a donation to the team was received from the ladies.

### Teams go Digital



Some time ago Scottish Mountain Rescue initiated a programme to replace all teams' VHF radios with up to date digital radios. These new radios were issued to teams last Autumn. New features included GPS location, a text messaging facility, ability

of control to keep track of members using digital mapping software, and by means of a number of repeater stations, wide coverage over the South of Scotland.

On the last Sunday of June the team had their first training exercise since February. Team members were located individually on a range of hills from Edinburgh to Berwick and across the border hills to test the capabilities of the new radios over a wide range. Radio coverage was very good and messages from team members of Moffat MRT and Galloway MRT were heard as far afield as North Berwick.

### **Visors**

Andrew Foggin of Earlston High School and Kris McEwan from Haddington Community Council have provided the team with visors to use as PPE on call outs. The visors will be less likely to steam up compared to the helicopter goggles mentioned last month.

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