
GALLOWAY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM PRESS RELEASE

Fundraising Effort by Ayrshire Hill walkers supports Galloway MRT

A group of 17 hill walking work mates from Ayrshire, recently participated in a sponsored walk up the munro, Beinn Ime, to raise funds for Galloway Mountain Rescue Team. On Saturday 13th June, they presented the cheque to Galloway MRT Team Leader Eric Johns at a Families Day hosted by HMS Gannet – the home of Search and Rescue Squadron 177.

Gary Morton, who presented the cheque on behalf of the walkers said,
“We are regular walkers, some more than others, but we often visit the Galloway Hills and we were keen to support the work of the Galloway Mountain Rescue Team. We had a great day up Beinn Ime and raised a total of £450 in reward for our efforts.”

Team Leader Eric Johns said,
“It’s often forgotten that the Galloway Hills extend into South Ayrshire and we are delighted to be receiving the cheque from Gary and his colleagues. We also appreciate our search and rescue colleagues at HMS Gannet allowing them to visit the Families Day at HMS Gannet and present the money to us.”

“Coincidentally, the aircraft and winch man, Rob Steall, shown in the photograph, were in action less than two hours after the presentation near the town centre of Newton Stewart. Rescue 177 were called to assist Galloway MRT and other emergency services to air lift a 76 year old woman from Wishaw who had failed down a 12 feet vertical river embankment onto rocks. She had sustained a suspected spinal injury and a broken leg”

Galloway MRT is an entirely voluntary charitable organisation based in Newton Stewart with a sub base in Castle Douglas. They rely heavily on public support to finance their annual £28,000 running costs.

Find out about the activities of Galloway MRT; callouts, weather forecasts, walk routes, training and much more, on our website at <http://www.gallowaymrt.org.uk>.

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Notes to Editor –

1. A photograph of the cheque handover can be downloaded from –
http://www.gallowaymrt.org.uk/public/pressfile/pics/Ayr_ChqPresent09-06-13.jpg
The photograph, taken in front of Rescue 177, shows Eric Johns and Ken McCubbin receiving the cheque from Gary Morton with fellow walkers Hugh Scott and Chris Howie. Winch man Rob Steall is also in the photograph.
2. A munro is a mountain of over 3000 feet in height. There are 284 munros in Scotland.
3. Eric Johns, Galloway MRT team Leader lives in Ayr