



St John

Mountain Rescue Scotland





St John



A large part of our country is made up of hills and mountains.

People enjoy walking, climbing, cycling, skiing and other activities in our Highlands. Most of the time they have fun and then go home.

BUT... Sometimes things go wrong and it is too far for the police or ambulance to get to them. That is when the Mountain Rescue Teams are needed.



St John

One of the ways the Order of St John helps is by providing specialised vehicles for the teams.

Loch Lomond Mountain Rescue



Arrochar Mountain Rescue

The Order has provided vehicles for 24 teams so far.

Aberdeen, Arran, Arrochar, Assynt, Border, Braemar, Cairngorm, Dundonnell, Galloway, Glencoe, Glenelg, Glenmore Lodge, Killin, Kintail, Lochaber, Lomond, Moffat, Oban, Ochils, Skye, Torridon & Kinlochewe, Tayside, Tayside Police Search and Rescue, Tweed Valley and Grampian Police Mountain Rescue Team

(Source: <http://www.stjohnscotland.org.uk/nationalprojects.htm> July 2010)



St John

As well as rescue vehicles, it is important that the teams have bases to store their equipment and operate out of.

Loch Lomond Mountain Rescue



Arran Mountain Rescue

The Order has built bases for Mountain Rescue in Aberdeenshire, Skye, Arrochar, Dundonnell, Lomond and Moffat. They have also purchased a building for the Oban Rescue Team.



St John

Training and equipment is also important. It can cost around £35,000 per year to run and equip a mountain rescue team. Unlike the police, ambulance or fire service there is little government funding available to help run Mountain Rescue Teams. That is why the work of St John is so important.



Aberdeen Mountain Rescue

All members of the Mountain Rescue Teams are volunteers – they do not get paid for giving up their time and risking their lives, often in terrible weather and conditions, to save others.



St John

Sometimes the Order will support other rescue organisations, for example the Search and Rescue Dog Association as the Rescue Teams rely on their dogs to help them.

The Order provided a rescue boat for Loch Lomond which is manned by volunteers and is on-call all year round.



St John Loch Lomond Rescue Boat



Search and Rescue Dog Association



St John

Extension Task:

Now that you have learned a lot about mountain rescue from these slides and the St John workbook it is time to use your **imagination!**

Use the picture here →
to make up a story.

- What is happening?
- What has happened?
- Who has it happened to?
- How will the story end?

Your teacher will tell you how long your story needs to be.





St John

NEXT:

To learn about
Order of St John
Malawi Healthcare Project.

