

# C.A.V.R.A.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **CAVRA PRESS RELEASE:**

### **CAVRA Rescue 3 People from car in deep snowdrifts.**

Three people were rescued by the CAVRA team from a car that was stuck in deep snowdrifts on Friday.

The Team, who are all volunteers, were tasked by South Wales Police Control, after the Police and South Wales Fire & Rescue Service were unable to get to scene due to the weather conditions.

Three 4x4 vehicles with seven Team Members, plus one other member from Cardiff & District RAYNET proceeded to the scene battling through horrendous snow conditions. These drifts varied between 2 and 15 feet.

When they arrived in the area, a local farmer was trying to get along a narrow lane, but, had encountered the same difficulties. Following a discussion with the lady tractor driver, it was decided to try and go "Cross-Country", she spoke to the farmer who owned the land and agreed that we could cross his land to effect a search.

A chain was attached from the tractor to the rescue vehicles, thus giving both tractor and vehicles traction on the land and deep snow.

On arrival at the "distant" end of the lane, the CAVRA search team were deployed, and found a vehicle in a snowdrift which, was empty, and after checking the registration, It was confirmed that this was not the vehicle that we were looking

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for, and continued to search along the deep snowdrifts. After searching for a further 300 yards a vehicle was located, and it was confirmed that this was the vehicle we were looking for. Dialogue was established with the occupants, who had been there for over 12 hours in well below freezing conditions. It was estimated that the drifts in the area were some 12-14 feet deep. The team extricated the three people via the boot of the car, with one being stretchered over the hedge, and the other two carried over the shoulders of team members. A female was only wearing pyjamas, and was very cold, as were they all.

They were then placed in the CAVRA Land Rover, where, they were given Warmth, Blankets, Food and Warm Drinks.

Subsequently, they were taken to Cowbridge Fire Station, where, they were given further drinks and allowed to warm up.

Two were then taken to their home address in the Cardiff, and the other was taken to Accident & Emergency at the University Hospital of Wales for medical attention.

We wish to thank our colleague from RAYNET and the local farmers for their assistance during this rescue.

The CAVRA and RAYNET Teams were fully stood down at 1430 and then went on to continue to provide assistance to other people in the area, finishing at about 2140.

CAVRA is a Voluntary organisation, which aims to provide assistance during severe weather events such as Storms, Floods, Snow, Drought, etc. Searches for Missing Persons and other civil Contingencies, it relies totally on charitable donations from members of the Public, local Businesses and other Organisations.

For further information, contact the Chairman Ivor Davies on 029 2053 1834, or via our website [www.cavra.org](http://www.cavra.org)

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