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CAVRA PRESS RELEASE:

CAVRA Team Rescue 3 People and Assist a further 76 during Snow event.

CAVRA – The Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association, a local Voluntary Search & Rescue Team had a busy time during the recent snow event.

They rescued 3 people from a car that was trapped in a deep snowdrift for over 12 hours, in a lane near The Herbert's, St-Mary Church, Cowbridge.

After being removed from the car they were taken to the CAVRA Land Rover, where, they were given Warmth, Blankets, Drinks and Food, and were subsequently taken to Cowbridge Fire Station and afterwards on to their home address in Cardiff, whilst one other person was taken to the University Hospital of Wales (UHW) for medical attention.

Earlier on Thursday evening the Team was tasked by South Wales Police to assist in the transportation of essential Police Staff in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

This was the start of a very busy period for them.

3 Calls came from the Police, with 1 from the Ambulance/NHS, 23 from Cardiff City Council and 49 other requests for assistance, which, ranged from transporting essential personnel to and from work,

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This included many Nurses to and from UHW, taking carers to their clients, where other vehicles could not traverse the roads in the poor conditions, as well as helping to assist numerous vehicles from snowdrifts, and escorting them to safety.

CAVRA is a registered Charity, and relies on donations for all its running costs etc., It is estimated that these are in the region of £8000 per annum, covering Insurance for Staff and Vehicles, as well as Maintenance, Licence Fees and Fuel.

All the Team are Volunteers, there are no paid staff.

CAVRA is available to assist in searches for missing persons, both on land and sea, provide assistance during adverse weather conditions such a Snow, Storms, Floods, as well as being available to assist during civil contingencies.

It has three boats, and is a DEFRA approved Flood Rescue Team (B122).

For further information, visit the CAVRA website at www.cavra.org.uk,

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