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CAVRA – Report for 2020.

CAVRA – The Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association, based in Sully had another eventful year in 2020.

Despite the trauma surrounding COVID-19, the Team managed to perform 9789 hours of Voluntary Service estimated to be worth £127257.00 to the local community.

A total of 4 persons were Rescued, with another 161 being assisted, during 16 separate incidents.

2020, has been a very difficult year with 99% of our income being lost due to most of the events we were scheduled to attend being cancelled due to coronavirus.

There were a number of notable incidents, particularly the flooding in Nantgarw In February, where we assisted South Wales Fire & Rescue Service in evacuating Numerous residents, whose, homes had been flooded.

We offered our services a number of times to the emergency services for missing person searches, including a Police dog who had been swept away in the River Taff at Pontypridd, luckily, he was found safe and well by a member of the Public. Assistance was also offered when flooding occurred in the Pentre/Maerdy areas, but, we were not tasked.

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On March 23 the Country went into a national lockdown, this continued for many months.

CAVRA again, offered assistance on several occasions during the COVID Pandemic, but, were not tasked.

Civil Aid Patrols were also carried out, covering a total of 435 miles.

An incident was observed at Barry Harbour, Coastguard, Police and Local Authorities informed, with a total of 30 persons being assisted to safety.

More recently, (23rd December) CAVRA assisted in the flooding that affected the Vale of Glamorgan, attending incidents in Conybeare Rd, Sully, Wenvoe, Culverhouse Cross, and the Alps. Whilst returning home the crew came across another 3 vehicles trapped in floodwater on Sully Moors Rd, providing assistance To the motorists concerned.

The following day attempts were made to locate sandbags for the residents of Sully.

These events prove the need for an organisation such as CAVRA, to provide assistance at times when the emergency services at overstretched.

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