

BHCLRC HEROES

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YOU NEVER know how good the people around you are till something

Land Rover being instantly swept away. The situation was

goes wrong, as BHCLRC members Bryan and Graeme

discovered on the club's winter trip to the Massif Central region of France. One of those simple mistakes that we could all

make, a potentially disastrous wrong turn while crossing a fast flowing river resulted in their

two club members, Pete Newman and Mike Philpot. Pete runs a quarry and Mike is a



dire, it was March, the river was in full flood with freezing melt water off of the mountains. It appeared that the vehicle, and more importantly its occupants, could be lost forever.

The day was saved by the quick thinking and leadership of

two club members, Pete Newman and Mike Philpot. Pete runs a quarry and Mike is a



servicing USAF officer, so both are used to having to think on their feet and manage difficult and dangerous situations. Their skills withstanding both put their lives on the line rescuing Bryan and Graeme and also recovering their vehicle. (Which has been renamed 'Bob' after the manner it went down the river) The rescue took a total of five

hours to complete, with both our heroes spending far too much time in the freezing water. As recognition of their bravery and leadership Mike and Pete have been the first recipients of BHCLRC bravery awards and have both received honorary life membership to the club.

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