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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE & BOLTS WORKING GROUP 2007 REPORT & FORWARD PLAN 2008

Summary of Key Achievements & Outputs for 2007

Technical Committee

- 5 New & 6 Ongoing Technical Reports
- 5 Technical Reports concluded
- Summit articles: Tech Skills
- Website features and news items
- Equipment section for Climbing Wall Manual written
- Equipment seminar at Student Safety & Good Practice Seminar, PyB
- Head injury survey launched
- Care & Maintenance Booklet turned into a free download
- Pembroke belay stakes sourced and advice to local activists given.
- UIAA Safety Commission: Neville McMillan is the UK National Delegate, and also the Vice President. Rob Allen is the UK Corresponding Member of the Safety Commission.
- CEN TC136/WG5 Mountaineering Equipment: Neville McMillan is the Principal UK Expert, appointed by BSI Technical Committee SW136/5. Neville McMillan is the BMC representative on SW136/5, and Ben Lyon is the Chairman.

Bolts Working Group

- Users Guide to Bolts – download published
- Installers Guide to Bolting – download published
- Better Bolts Campaign launched
- Bolt Fund page on website
- Anchor testing frame manufactured
- Anchor testing program at Horseshoe Quarry established and first tests made.
- LMG given guidance on anchor testing procedures and anchor standards. New procedure adopted as a result.

Forward Plan for 2008

Technical Committee

- To publish key Technical Committee reports on the BMC website.
- To run a Technical & Training Conference at PyB in Sept/Oct 2008
- To produce Tech Skills features for Summit magazine
- To produce features, videos and downloads for the BMC website
- Equipment seminar at Student Safety & Good Practice Seminar, PyB

Bolts Working Group

- Research: testing of bolts to build up knowledge base for advice and guidance.
- Better Bolts Campaign, continuing to raise profile of Bolt funds

Completed by the Technical Committee