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The British Mountaineering Council (BMC) exists to promote the interests and protect the freedoms of climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers, including ski mountaineers. The BMC was formed in 1944 and is a democratic representative body controlled by a National Council made up of locally elected Area Representatives and nationally elected Officers. It is a company limited by guarantee (no. 2874177) without a share capital, and has over 78,000 members. The BMC is recognised by Government as a National Governing Body of sport and is grant supported by Sport England.



Elected Officers

Scott Titt	President
Ed Douglas	Vice-President (to 26 April 2014)
Kate Phillips	Vice-President (to 26 April 2014)
Mike Watson	Vice-President
Rupert Davies	Vice-President (from 26 April 2014)
Mina Leslie-Wujastyk	Vice-President (from 26 April 2014)
John Simpson	Honorary Treasurer
Brian Smith	Independent Director (from 26 April 2014)

Executive Committee

All Elected Officers plus:

Dave Turnbull	BMC CEO
Neil Foster	National Council Rep
Beverley Jowett	National Council Rep (to 24 April 2014)
Deirdre Collier	National Council Rep (from 14 June 2014)

Patrons

Sir Chris Bonington CBE
 Lord Chorley
 Mick Fowler (from August 2014)
 Lord Greaves
 Pat Littlejohn OBE (from August 2014)
 Ian McNaught-Davis (sadly passed away in February 2014)
 Doug Scott CBE

Honorary Members

Gordon Adshead	Neville McMillan
Les Ainsworth	Geoff Milburn
Malcolm Baxter	Bob Moulton
Dave Bishop	Robert Pettigrew
Henry Folkard	Mike Ratty
Dave Gregory	George Steele
Brian Griffith	John Willson
Eric Jones	Ken Wilson
Vin Machin	

Auditors

DonnellyBentley Chartered Accountants

Honorary Legal Advisors

Paul Debney
 Stephen Porteus
 Martin Wragg

Honorary Medical Advisors

Dr Charles Clarke
 Dr David Hillebrandt
 Dr Jim Milledge

Mission Statement

The BMC promotes the interests of climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers and the freedom to enjoy their activities. Through a democratic structure the BMC will:

- Negotiate access improvements and promote cliff and mountain conservation.
- Promote and advise on good practice, facilities, training and equipment.
- Support events and specialist programmes including youth and excellence.
- Provide services and information for members.

Participation Statement

The BMC recognises that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

Equal Opportunities Statement

The BMC encourages its members to adopt a positive approach to equal opportunities and the elimination of discrimination. The BMC values the support of all sections of the mountaineering community and welcomes the opportunity to assist all groups in its work to promote the interests of climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers.

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President's Message

The big news for 2014 was hill walking. We have taken positive steps to embed hill walking into the strategic planning of the BMC. A Hill Walking Working Group will help us refine our strategic approach to hill walking in the coming year. We have already seen a steady stream of quality walking and scrambling articles in Summit and on our website, and on BMCTV we now have lots of specially commissioned content.

Hill walking will have a stronger focus at area meetings with Hill Walking reps and a standing item on agendas. A pilot programme will see BMC officers attend area meetings to lead discussion on our hill walking work.

A strong walking story from 2014 is the government commitment of time and money to roll out the England Coast Path, a new National Trail around all of England's coast, with its accompanying access benefits; I am sure that strong BMC lobbying has helped to accelerate this project. Portland and Brean Down are in the pipeline, ensuring access to these important climbing spots as well as enhancing the walking on offer.

BMCTV has really moved forward; it now has lots of really engaging content, both entertaining

and informative. 500 films and 20,000 hits on some release days are testimony to the success of this project. There is much more to come, keep watching and spread the word.

Much of my time as President has been involved in making sure that the governance of the BMC is up to date and of the best quality available. We welcomed Brian Smith as a new independent director. Brian is a keen hill walker with a strong commercial background and has invested his new role with much vigour and enthusiasm. Our attempt to recruit a further independent director has led to us bringing all three of the shortlisted candidates into the BMC fold; we will continue the search for the right candidate to fit the skills set we need.

All of our directors (members of the Executive committee) have attended a two-day directors' training course; this was well received and means we have a well-trained and focused board.

After a difficult time for the BMC insurance scheme we now have a new scheme with new insurers in place. Improved rescue wording, and reduced loadings for over 65's, and for snowboarders in Europe are good news. North American insurance continues to be difficult,

out-of-control medical costs make this a costly market to cover. Our new insurers have put new cost controls in place to try to make North American insurance sustainable. We hope that BMC insurance will be the "go to" option for our members in the future.

BMC membership has continued its steady rise, thank you to you all for joining and renewing. It is a challenge for us to know what each of you want from us, please come along to your area meeting and let us know. Area meetings are no longer the committee talking shops they were, guest speakers and free food feature these days.

There is much more to report from 2014, fortunately others have done it further on, leaving me space to thank all of the volunteers (over 700 of you), and BMC staff who have made my three years as President such a pleasure. I have had an amazing time, and am so grateful that you chose me for the job three years ago.



**Scott Titt
President**

BMC President Scott Titt "on trend" and enjoying a wintery hill walk in the Lake District.



Staff Team & Responsibilities

Officers

Dave Turnbull	CEO
Nick Colton	Deputy CEO; Child Protection & International
Rob Adie	Competitions & Climbing Walls Officer
Carey Davies	Hill Walking Development Officer; Equity
Rob Dyer	Access & Conservation Officer (England Regions)
Cath Flitcroft	Access & Conservation Officer (Policy)
Tina Gardner	Press & PR Officer
Jon Garside	Training Officer (BMC / MTE); Youth;
Niall Grimes	Guidebook Officer
Will Harris	Regional Development (England East)
Elizabeth Holley	Regional Development Officer (London)
Elfyn Jones	Access & Conservation Officer (Wales)
Dan Middleton (PT)	Technical Officer; Huts
Jane Thompson	Regional Development Officer (England West); Clubs

Managers

Alan Brown	Financial Controller
Alvin Foy	IT & Database
Andy Gowland	Marketing Manager
Alex Messenger	Digital Communications Manager

Co-ordinators

Kate Anwyl (PT)	HR & Office Co-ordinator
Suzanne Jones	Project Co-ordinator
Becky McGovern (PT)	Events Co-ordinator
Tony Ryan	Publications Co-ordinator

Assistants

Yas Prabakaran	Finance Assistant
Tim Waterhouse (PT)	IT & Web Support Assistant
Amii Wilkes	Office Assistant

Membership Services Team

Lynda Buckley	MST & Office Manager
Clonagh Delderfield (PT)	Administrator
Jim Krawiecki	Administrator (Insurance)
Arun Patel	Senior Administrator
Ray Perry (PT)	Administrator (Insurance)
Hannah Skeldon	Administrator

Breakdown of 31 staff: 25 full-time staff; 6 part-time (PT) staff.

National Council

National Council is the BMC's main policy making body. It is made up of BMC officials and representatives from each of the BMC Areas.

In 2014 National Council meetings were held in the Peak District, the Lake District, north Wales and Manchester.

The following substantive issues were debated and / or agreed during the course of the year:

- Agreement of position statements on Drilled Equipment and Dry Tooling.
- A draft position statement on the use of pegs in British climbing.
- A review of the 2013-17 BMC Strategic Plan, focusing in particular on the

BMC's work for hill walkers and young people.

- Development and implementation of a BMC hill walking strategy to meet the needs of walkers.
- Membership subscriptions: after holding subscriptions level since 2009, it was agreed at the 2014 AGM to increase subscriptions in 2015.
- Specialist Committee review: reviewed the Terms of Reference and membership of all BMC Specialist Committees.

National Council Voting Members

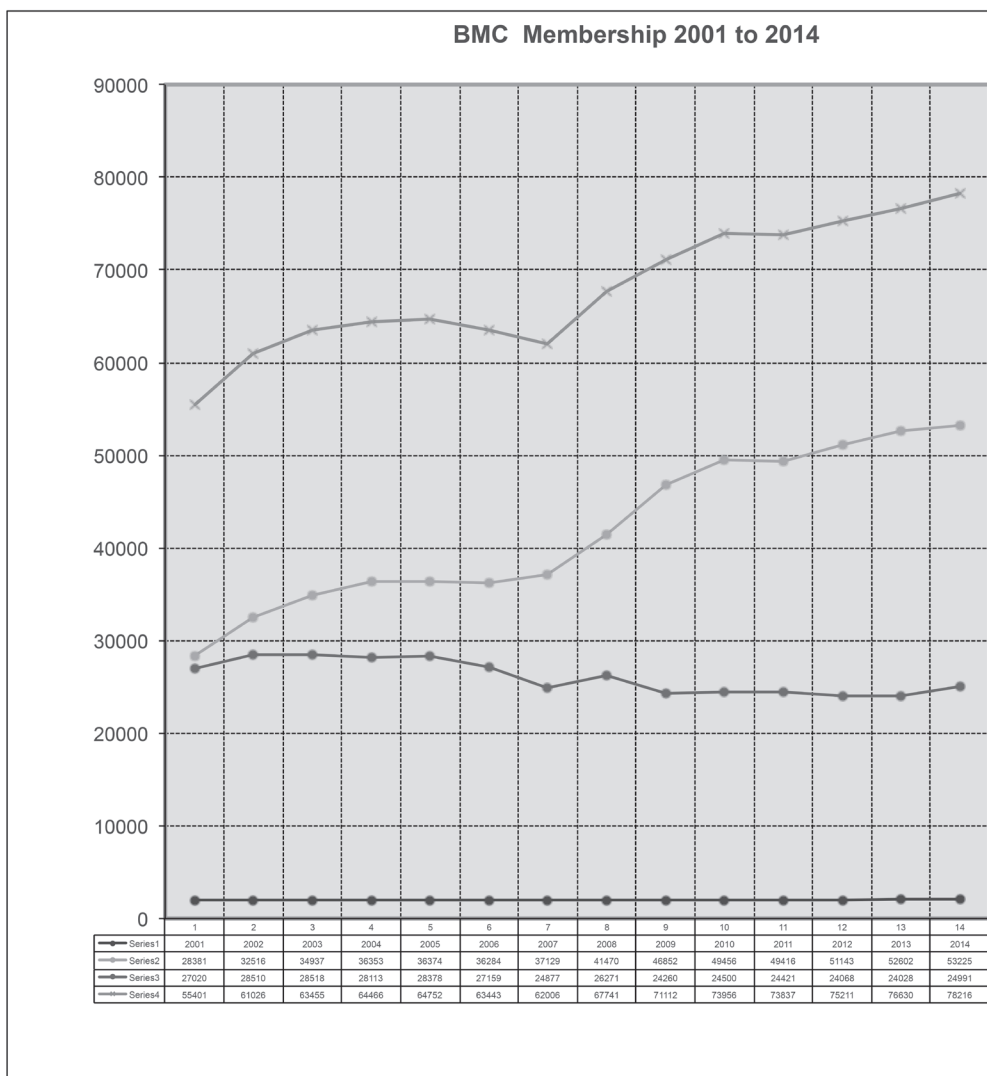
President	Scott Titt
Vice-President	Ed Douglas (to April 2014)
Vice-President	Kate Phillips (to April 2014)
Vice-President	Mike Watson
Vice-President	Rupert Davies (from April 2014)
Vice-President	Mina Leslie-Wujastyk (from April 2014)
Honorary Treasurer	John Simpson
Chief Executive	Dave Turnbull
Cymru Wales	Tom Hutton, Will Kilner, Ray Wood
Lakes Area	Ted Rogers, Steve Scott
London & South East Area	Rupert Fleming, Ralph Ranford
Midlands Area	Charles Gameson, Claudia Sarnar
North East Area	Alan Hinkes
North West Area	Nick Bond, Tim Greenhalgh
Peak Area	Neil Foster, Simon Lee
South West Area	Colin Knowles, Gareth Palmer
Yorkshire Area	Beverley Jowett (to April 2014), Deirdre Collier (from June 2014), James Rowe

Observers

Independent Director	Brian Smith
Mountain Training England	Andy Say
Mountain Training Wales	Andy Boorman
Mountain Rescue England & Wales	David Allan
Plas y Brenin	Martin Doyle
Access Management Group	Nick Kurth
Climbing Walls Committee	Tom Bond
Clubs Committee	Fiona Sanders
Competitions Committee	Ian Walton
Equity Steering Group	Kamala Sen
Finance Committee	Graham Richmond
Guidebook Committee	Ian Carr
Huts Group	Craig Harwood
International Committee	Dave Wilkinson
Land Management Group	Bill Renshaw
Technical Committee	Philip Tootill
Training & Youth Committee	Andy Newton

Membership Information

We finished the year with a combined total of 78,216 members, an increase of 1,586. The breakdown of this is 53,225 individual members (an increase of 623) and 24,991 club members (an increase of 963). The number of clubs affiliated decreased by 18 to a total of 252, which included 25 student clubs. The number of club upgrade members was by down by 29 and totalled 1,482.



BMC Service Charter

The BMC is a busy organisation with a large workload and a focussed staff team. This team provides membership services, specialist work and co-ordination with volunteers on the various development programmes. The BMC staff team is committed to working to the highest standards and efficiency and welcomes comments on the service provided.

The BMC staff undertakes to:

- Respond to all orders for services on the day received and dispatch within two working days.
- Answer the telephone within three (and no more than five) rings and where the relevant member of staff is not available offer assistance or voice mail.
- Respond to all other correspondence – using plain English – as promptly as possible. If a lengthy or complex reply is required this will be acknowledged within five working days if it is not possible to respond in full within ten working days.
- Support the BMC's policy of encouraging a positive approach to equal opportunities and ensure that all visitors to the BMC office are greeted promptly and dealt with politely and efficiently.
- Treat all database information in strict accordance with the Data Protection Act.
- Meet payments and issue invoices promptly in accordance with agreed payment terms with a target to pay within 30 days.

Finance Report

John Simpson, Honorary Treasurer

Having set an original budget to produce a deficit of £70k, the 2014 accounts show an actual deficit of £45k. There were several reasons for the difference: Insurance revenue fell more than was budgeted for (£16k) and a quantity of old guide books were written down in value in the books due to slow movement.

Salaries were not increased in line with the RPI due to the downturn in insurance sales. Also, because 5% of the Sport England grant was clawed back due to poor participation statistics, an officer responsible to the South West was not taken on, and overall expenditure on salaries was £31k lower than budget.

There were savings on marketing expenditure of £18k to reduce the deficit.

There was an adverse variance on programmes of £30k, most of this being made up of spending on three FUNdamentals of Climbing workshops and two Physical Training for Climbing workshops without the expected revenues. There will only be one workshop developed in 2015 and this variance will not occur again.

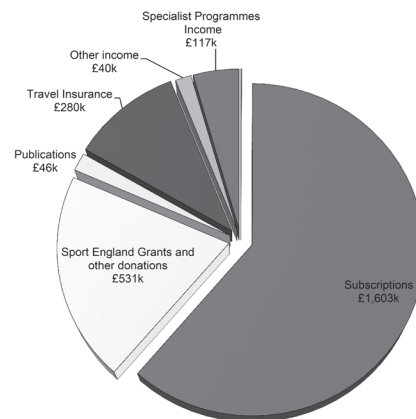
Personal Accident and Civil Liability insurance expenditure was £41k less than budget due to an overall reduction in price and a refund that we received after the year end, which arose due to the low level of claims.

At the 2014 AGM it was agreed to increase subscriptions by £1.50 for most members with effect from 1 January 2015. The impact of this increase will only show on the accounts in 2015. The £20k increase in revenue from subscriptions over 2013 is due to an increase in membership. The half price direct debit offer continues to attract new members; 85% of individual members now pay by direct debit.

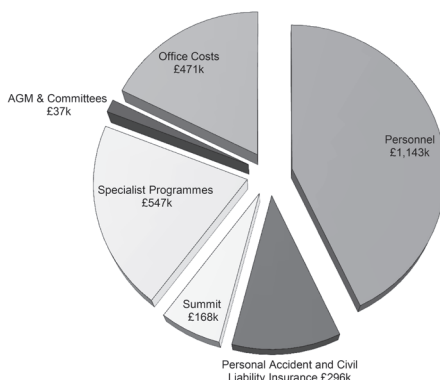
The bumper edition of Summit to mark the 70th anniversary of the BMC resulted in costs being £20k greater than the previous year, mostly due to increased postage costs.

Cash reserves are slightly lower than the previous year due to the deficit and timing differences. As always the security of these reserves is continually monitored and we have spread funds across a number of UK government backed financial institutions. Income from interest has declined due to falling interest rates available for deposits.

Summary of income 2014 (£2,617k)

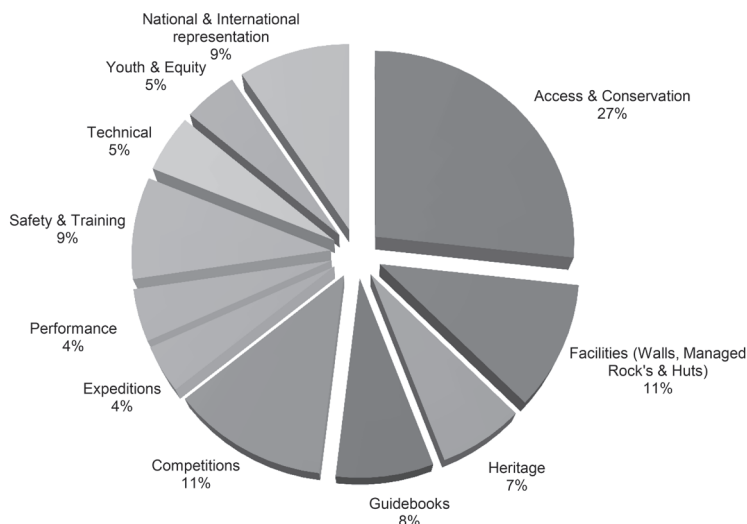


Summary of Expenditure 2014 (£2,662k)



Net cost of Specialist Programmes after allocation of overheads, grant income and other income

2014 (£778k)



Finance Committee at 31/12/14

Graham Richmond (Chair)
 John Simpson (Honorary Treasurer)
 David Lanceley
 Tim Raffle
 Iain Dickinson
 Deidre Collier
 Charles Gameson
 Jen Turner
 Naomi Cockell

Dave Turnbull (CEO)
 Alan Brown (FC)
 Andy Say (MTE)
 Scott Titt President (paper member)
 Mike Watson Vice-President (paper member)
 Mina Leslie-Wujastyk Vice-President (paper member)
 Rupert Davies Vice-President (paper member)
 Colin Knowles Director (paper member)
 Brian Smith Director (paper member)

How staff and overhead costs are spread

	Person Year	Staff %	Alloc Overhead %
Membership Services	3.0	11%	17%
Trading Activities	3.4	12%	22%
Headquarters	8.0	27%	0%
External Recovery	0.2	1%	2%
Specialist Programmes	14.2	49%	59%
Total	28.8	100%	100%

Specialist Committees

Access Management Group

The Access Management Group (AMG) monitors the work of the BMC access officers, offering advice, support and guidance on issues of national and/or significant importance (in particular, BMC consultation responses, campaign and policy work, and access and conservation publications) and on our relationship/communication with external organisations.

In 2014, it also oversaw the work of four sub-groups: Landscape; Group Use; Climbing & Conservation; and Quarries; and provides a steer on government and legislative proposals as and when these arise.

The access team had some notable achievements during the year on a national strategic level.

These included:

- Organising a parliamentary event at Westminster which enabled ten leading outdoor organisations to brief MPs and peers about the social, health and economic benefits of outdoor recreation, and jointly present six key proposals for government action on the outdoors.
- Organising the annual walk of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Mountaineering (Mountaineering APPG) in Snowdonia in September.
- Organising a conference, 'Challenge events in the uplands: managing the way ahead' at Rheged in Cumbria in October, which was attended by over 70 delegates and explored the benefits, complexities and issues of charity and challenge events.
- Arranging & finalising BMC position statements on various landscape issues – Energy & Infrastructure / Minerals & Quarrying / Recreational Developments – as set out in BMC Landscape Charter.

At a regional level, in England, key achievements included:

- The successful implementation of a nesting restriction climbing trial at Ravensdale. This was the first time such a trial has been permitted in England and Wales, and resulted in a dramatically reduced restriction area.
- Planning and helping to run the Bristol Climbing Festival, which promoted the value of Avon Gorge as a nationally important climbing site as well as celebrating the BMC's 70th birthday.
- Publishing the Lake District White Guide, a free booklet providing comprehensive advice on how to minimise impact on sensitive mountain habitats when winter climbing in the Lakes.
- Producing best practice films for climbing on Southern Sandstone for BMCTV.
- Liaising with Natural England to provide essential information on England Coastal Path work for new stretches of path in Somerset, Dorset and Durham.

And in Wales, key achievements included:

- Contributing to the Wales Access Legislation Review, by arranging a site meeting (at Gogarth) with the Welsh Sports Minister and team, lobbying AMs and chairing meetings of other recreational groups to agree a common approach. We also helped to raise awareness of the review through our 'Open Wales' campaign.
- Addressing site-based issues (including on North Wales Limestone, at Pembroke, Gogarth and in Mid-Wales) and working with landowners and conservation bodies to ensure minimal restrictions.
- Working with the national park authority to address management and footpath issues on Snowdon.
- Contributing to the decadal review and re-mapping of CROW access land, which involved attending public inquiries and submitting applications to have areas included as 'open access'; many climbing areas are now considered as such as a consequence.

The work of the sub-groups

The Landscape sub-group produced three pieces of draft guidance on energy & infrastructure, minerals and quarrying, and recreational developments (e.g. zip wires); final versions of these will be published in 2015. The Group Use sub-group developed three pieces of draft guidance covering challenge events, climbing groups and walking groups, which it aims to publish in 2015. The Conservation sub-group developed the Cwm Idwal Winter Climbing Information Project, which provides live ground and air temperature readings on the BMC website. The aforementioned Lake District White Guide was also produced. Through research and collaboration with the quarrying industry, the Quarries sub-group produced a toolkit of resources promoting the recreational use of former quarries.

Access Management Group

Nick Kurth Chair
Dave Musgrove Vice-Chair
Ruth Chambers
Andy Tickle
Ray Wood

Landscape sub-group

Tom Hutton Chair
Cath Flitcroft Secretary/BMC staff
Mark Aitken
Ruth Chambers
Alan Dougherty
John Deakin
Henry Folkard
Dan Harris

Neil Hewertson
Dan Matthewman
Dave Unwin
Sophie Wynne-Jones

Group Use sub-group

Dick Peart Chair
Rob Dyer Secretary/BMC staff
Jon Garside
Steven Higgins
Charlie Kelly
Andy Newton
Tom Parkin
Mark Quest
Mike Raine

Climbing & Conservation sub-group

Barbara Jones Chair
Elfyn Jones Secretary/BMC staff
Stephen Bladwell
Mathew Croney
Mark Courtiour
Andy Godber
Libby Houston
Peter Latimer
Adam Long
Dave Musgrove
Ray Roberts
Simon Webb
Roy Thomas
Rob Dyer BMC staff
Cath Flitcroft BMC staff
Dave Turnbull BMC CEO

Quarries sub-group

Miles Hillmann Chair
Neil Hewertson Secretary
Les Ainsworth
Shirley Everett
Henry Folkard
Tony Greaves
Geoff Mason
Dave Musgrove
John Peate
Bill Renshaw
David Walker

Land Management Group

The BMC's Land Management Group consists of legal and land management specialists and individuals who advise the BMC on the management and care of its owned and managed sites, of which currently there are seven crags directly owned by the BMC and another four where the BMC has management responsibilities.

The Group also advises the BMC on the implications of any potential acquisitions. It remains the BMC's position that buying land or acquiring leases of crags is seen as a "last resort"

in order to secure access to nationally important venues and that currently all other options will be explored before the BMC considers taking on direct ownership or management of a crag. Ownership or leases of land can place considerable long term obligations on the BMC with associated demand on resources and funds.

The group normally meets formally twice a year but also regularly gives expert advice to the BMC's officers and local volunteers on both technical and day to day management issues.

Key tasks achieved by the group in 2014 included:

- Overview of and advice on upkeep of BMC owned/managed crags.
- Very successful climbing festivals and events held at both Wilton and Tremadog (both filmed for BMCTV).
- Ensured that property records and documentation exist for all aspects of site management at the BMC owned/managed sites, including risk assessments, contractor records, site inspection records and other legal compliance issues.
- Dealt with rockfall issues at both Aldery cliff and Bwlch y Moch.
- Advised BMC executive and staff on options and implications for future management of Harrison's Rocks toilet block, car park and campsite.
- Provided guidance and advice to local crag management groups.
- Advised BMC on implications of changes to land management to BMC insurance underwriters.
- Horseshoe Quarry -The SSSI maintained its formal status as being in "defined favourable condition" with Natural England, which is down to the huge efforts of Henry Folkard.
- Worked with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to enable a badger vaccination programme at Horseshoe Quarry.
- Professional advice given on issues involving rock- fall, liability bolting and access to Isolated Buttress at Harrison's.
- Advice given on safe and legal disposal of illegal waste dumped at some BMC sites.
- Reviewed role of LMG in advising BMC on potential crag acquisitions – and currently in process of reviewing the BMC Crag Acquisition policy paper.
- Advised BMC on implications of liability (financial, resource and legal) issues surrounding potential future use of quarries as climbing venues.
- Initiated documented inspections process for fixed anchors at Upper Pen Trwyn.
- Established system for inspection of fixed abseil stations at Bwlch y Moch (in conjunction with Plas y Brenin).
- Assisted North Wales Police and coroner with investigations into fatal climbing accident (abseiling incident) at Bwlch y Moch.

The group had hoped to complete the dedication of Harrison's Rocks and Bwlch y Moch as open access land in 2014, but due to time constraints and changes in procedure by the Welsh Government, this was not possible. The group also wishes to acknowledge the contribution of founder member Henry Folkard, who retired from the group in November 2014.

Land Management Group

Bill Renshaw	(Chair)
Elfyn Jones	(Secretary/BMC staff)
Rupert Davies	
Henry Folkard	
Bob Moulton	
Ian Nettleton	
Martin Wragg	
Dave Turnbull	(BMC CEO)
Rob Dyer	(BMC staff)

Climbing Walls

The Climbing Wall Committee offers advice and support for the management and sustainable development of new and existing climbing walls through a network of area representatives.

Key achievements & outputs for 2014

- New Climbing Wall Directory (published Oct 2014).
- Rob Adie advised on numerous wall projects, ranging from school traversing walls to major dedicated centres including Milnsbridge Boulder Project, Keele University, Stretford Sports Village, and several others with advice and letters of support.
- National Performance Centre awarded to The Climbing Works in Sheffield as the first bouldering centre, and scoring system put in place to assess future candidates.
- Climbing Walls section of BMC website continually updated.
- Updated BMC wall database with new walls and more accurate contact details.
- Continued collaboration with the ABC Training Trust on the development of the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme and the National Indoor Bouldering Award Scheme.
- Continued progressing with the five-year review process of the European Standard for climbing walls – EN 12572 Parts 1, 2 & 3. All three parts of EN 12572 are now under review and five meetings have taken place in discussion of the changes to be made to the standards.
- Significant collaboration with the Association of British Climbing Walls (ABC) and their new development officer with regards to their new website and their taking over the running of the accident database.
- Attended both of the ABC southern and northern seminars.
- Presented at the ABC AGM at Plas y Brenin in September.

The committee did not meet in 2014, and for 2015, the committee is to be changed into the Climbing Wall Advisory Panel, which will be a sub-group of the Training & Youth Committee. The panel will be made up of paper-only members, who will get involved on a case by case basis when requested by the BMC officer and the convenor of the panel (the current chair). Additionally, the panel members will get together at least once a year, to discuss the issues of the day.

Climbing Wall Committee

Tom Bond	Chair
Rob Adie	Secretary/BMC staff
Damon Clark	London & South East
Claudia Sarnier	Midlands
Mark Goodings	North East
Mark Hounstlea	North West
Steve Taylor	South West
Jon Ratcliffe	Wales (North)
Gary Lewis	Wales (South)
Jonathan Richardson	Yorkshire
Ian Dunn	Individual Member
Kate Phillips	Executive Committee Observers
Guy Jarvis	ABC Training Trust
Steve Mayers	Association of British Climbing Walls
Andy Reid	Association of British Climbing Walls
Kelvyn James	Climbing Wall Manufacturers' Association

Paper Members

Kev Howett	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Calvin Torrans	Mountaineering Ireland
Andy Say	Mountain Training England
John Hartley	Bendcrete
Don Robinson	DR Climbing Walls
Colin Boothroyd	Entre-Prises UK
Paul Myers	Rockworks

Clubs

The committee aims to provide a forum for member clubs to raise specific issues that affect them and their members. It also has at its heart the desire to encourage ideas and initiatives that boost club membership and involvement. The committee met four times in 2014.

Key achievements during the year included:

- Completion of a clubs survey to identify why people do / don't join clubs.
- Production of a marketing plan for promoting clubs: 'Join our Club'.
- Analysis of disaffiliated clubs data and club membership data, and the development of an action plan with the regional development officer team to retain membership.
- Production of a welcome pack for clubs to provide to new club members.
- Production of a website template for clubs to use.

- Review of the 'BMC Loan Scheme for Clubs' for huts infrastructure.
- Appointment of an Executive Committee member with oversight of clubs.

In January, we held an informal 'drop-in' session for club members at the BMC Office in Manchester, which provided an opportunity to meet BMC staff and volunteers and participate in a discussion about the issues facing clubs and the BMC's work and services for clubs.

And in May, we organised another successful Training Novice Club Members weekend at Plas y Brenin, aimed at affiliated clubs which accept novices and wish to support these members whilst they gain experience, develop skills, and become competent climbers, walkers and mountaineers in their own right.

In autumn, in partnership with Sherpa Adventure Gear, we ran lecture series and masterclasses by Kenton Cool and Neil Gresham through BMC clubs.

We increased the number of Club Member Training Courses to 12; all 2014 courses were fully booked, with 115 attendees in total. The BMC Club Grants scheme was again well subscribed. The full £21,000 available was allocated to BMC clubs for them to support the training of novice members, purchase club equipment, and to improve their club websites, journals or newsletters.

We continue to build an effective relationship with the regional development officers, who have as part of their remit the development of club membership, and who play an important role in helping the Clubs Committee achieve its objectives. The committee's chair attends RDO meetings to improve the link between the committee and work of the RDOs.

Clubs Committee

Fiona Sanders	Chair, and National Clubs
JaneThompson	Secretary/ BMC staff
David Brown	Peak
Deirdre Collier	Executive Committee
Paul Exley	Yorkshire
John Farrow	National Clubs
Toby Forrester	Midlands
Kelvyn James	Lake District
Mike Jimenez	Student Clubs
Alan MacDonald	Co-opted
Trevor Smith	Co-opted
Richard Toon	North West
Dave Turnbull	BMC CEO
Tony Williams	London & South East

Paper Members

David Gibson	MCoF CEO
Michelle Sweeney	MCoF Director for Clubs
Huts Group Chair	
All BMC affiliated clubs	

Competition Climbing

In 2014, British climbers continued where they left off in 2013, with an impressive series of results in international competitions. Domestically, the popularity of competition climbing continues to grow, with more competitions and yet more competitors.

The GB Climbing Team (Senior Boulder, Senior Lead, Junior Boulder, Junior Lead, Paraclimbing) goes from strength to strength. Special mention must go to the Junior Bouldering Team and the Paraclimbing Team. Having grown to full-size teams in 2013, they confirmed their potential with a series of excellent results during 2014. In addition, our two best performers came from the Senior Bouldering Team and the Junior Lead Team.

As well as running successful national championships in lead climbing, speed climbing, bouldering, paraclimbing and youth, we also hosted a round of the IFSC European Youth Cup Lead & Speed, as well as an IFSC Paraclimbing Cup event.

The Climbing Works in Sheffield became the second climbing wall, and the first dedicated bouldering centre in England and Wales to be designated a National Performance Centre, meeting the criteria to provide elite training facilities and host major climbing competitions.

There were a number of changes during the year to management personnel amongst the five GB climbing teams: Dave Mason replaced Gaz Parry as Boulder Team manager; Mark Glennie replaced Tom Sugden as Boulder Team assistant manager; and Jon Allsop joined as Junior Team assistant manager.

The committee met four times in 2014 with an average attendance of ten.

Key Achievements & Outputs for 2014

- 16 members of the GB Climbing Team (30% of the team) recorded top ten world rankings in their respective categories.
- Molly Thompson-Smith and Shauna Coxsey finished highest, ranked 1st and 2nd respectively in their categories. Several members of the Paraclimbing Team also finished the season ranked 1st in the world in their categories, which is the culmination of a fantastic season for all the teams.
- Successfully ran the British Lead Climbing Championships, British Speed Climbing Championships, British Bouldering Championships, BMC Leading Ladder, IFSC European Youth Championship in Lead & Speed at EICA Ratho, IFSC Paraclimbing Cup at Awesome Walls Sheffield, two Open Youth Events, two rounds of the Junior British Bouldering Championships and the BMC Paraclimbing Series.
- Ran the BMC Youth Climbing Series (now following IFSC age categories), with 330 competitors in the national final and large increases in numbers in regional rounds across

all areas. The London & South East Area was split into separate north and south regions, due to the increase in popularity.

- Ran a full Paraclimbing Series with events in Manchester, Newcastle and London, crowning champions in five different categories with an increase in numbers on 2013.
- Ran numerous training days for Junior Lead Team, Junior Bouldering Team and Paraclimbing Team (national and regional training trips).
- Ran numerous training days for Senior Bouldering Team.
- Trialled BMC Elite ladder – high level routes set for teams to train on at various walls around UK.
- Increased interest in the Senior Lead Team with increase in budget and better communication between team management with new talent coming through from junior ranks.
- Administered team travel and entry to international events.
- Maintained GB Climbing Team website.
- Organised significant new sponsorship clothing deal for all teams.
- Produced professional looking marketing material for the team, to help attract sponsors.
- Maintained the use of the online application process for entering competitions online on the BMC website.
- Continued collaboration with the Mountaineering Council of Scotland on organisation of the GB Climbing Team and running of British Junior Boulder Cup and the new Junior Lead Cup. Both disciplines now comprise a three-event series with the final round being the national championships in each discipline.
- Development of ice climbing team with a selection process to be incorporated into the new British Tooling Series.
- Development of a speed climbing team with several climbers achieving qualifying times and competing at IFSC Speed World Cups.
- British climbers and officials were involved in helping to run IFSC events overseas: Percy Bishton and Jamie Cassidy were involved as route setters; Graeme Alderson as IFSC Technical Delegate; and Tim Hatch as Jury President.
- Andy Coltart continued his duties as President of the IFSC Paraclimbing Commission and was present at all the IFSC Paraclimbing Cups including the World Championships in Gijon, Spain.

Competitions Committee

Ian Walton	Chair
Percy Bishton	Vice-Chair, and Routesettors' Rep
Rob Adie	Secretary/BMC staff
Mike Watson	BMC Vice-President
Nick Colton	BMC Deputy CEO
Dave Mason	Bouldering Team Manager
Tom Greenall	Junior Bouldering Team Manager

Ellie Howard Senior Lead Team Manager
 Ian Dunn Junior Lead Team Manager
 Ruth Dunne Junior Lead Team Deputy Manager
 Graeme Hill Paraclimbing Team Manager
 Dave Barrans Competitors' Rep
 Graeme Alderson IFSC Rep
 Tom Randall

Paper Members

Ian Alderson Legal Advisor
 Jon Allsop Junior Lead Team Assistant Manager
 Nick Clement
 Andy Coltart Paraclimbing Team
 Lucy Creamer
 Mark Glennie Bouldering Team Assistant Manager
 Kevin Howett Mountaineering Council of Scotland
 Ali Mabon Junior Parental Rep
 Pamela Millar Mountaineering Council of Scotland
 Clive Phillips Junior Bouldering Team
 Robbie Phillips MCofS Junior Lead Team
 Tony Smith Junior Parental Rep
 Andy Turner Ice Climbing Team Rep
 Lucinda Whittaker Junior Bouldering Team

2014 GB Climbing Team

Senior Boulder

David Barrans
 Orrin Coley
 Matthew Cousins
 Shauna Coxsey
 Charlotte Garden
 Mina Leslie-Wujastyk
 Diane Merrick
 Tom Newman
 Jonathan Partridge
 Nathan Phillips
 Michaela Tracey
 Jennifer Wood

Senior Lead

David Barrans
 Connor Byrne
 Molly Thompson-Smith
 Jennifer Wood

Junior Boulder

Max Ayrton
 Alexia Basch
 William Bosi
 Rachel Carr
 Sidonie Graham
 Tara Hayes
 Sylvia Koeck
 Eugene Lee
 Ed Mabon
 Tommy Matthews
 George Morris
 Luke Murphy

Hamish Potokar
 Jack Ramsden
 Joe Swales
 Molly Thompson-Smith
 Dominic Vincent
 Alex Waterhouse

Junior Lead

Emily Allen
 William Bosi
 Rory Cargill
 Angus Davidson
 Aiden Dunne
 Rebecca Kinghorn
 Cameron McLoughlin
 Sarah Pashley
 Jim Pope
 Catrin Rose
 David Taylor
 Molly Thompson-Smith
 Alex Waterhouse

Paraclimbing

Dave Bowes
 Fran Brown
 John Churcher
 Sianagh Gallagher
 Esme Hart
 Adam Hoolahan
 Nick Middleton
 Phillip Mitchell
 Reanee Racktoo
 Alex Taylor

Equity

"The BMC aims to ensure that all people, irrespective of their gender, religious belief, marital status, age, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or disability, have a genuine and equal opportunity to participate in climbing, hill walking and mountaineering at all levels and in all roles."

The Equity Steering Group (ESG) is the committee with specific responsibility to ensure that the BMC lives up to the above statement, and in 2014 it had a large complement of experienced members, boosted by some enthusiastic new members, with which to carry out its responsibilities. The issues considered were as usual related to three main groups: ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, and women.

In March 2014, we delivered a very successful symposium in partnership with Mountain Training and the MOSAIC network for people from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds (BME) in Haworth, with 60 people taking part in a full weekend of talks, debates and activities. We plan to hold another equity symposium in 2015, this time focusing more on follow-up and 'training the trainers', rather than the more open approach of the 2014 event.

24 people from BME backgrounds were given financial support to undertake Mountain / Moorland Leader training or Hills Skills courses,

with a similar number again expected to benefit from assistance in early 2015.

On the subject of disability, we supported Disability Awareness Training and wrote a Disability Action Plan for 2014. In addition, the committee was able to provide a pool of specialist equipment, such as parapente harnesses, for the use of climbers with disabilities.

Once again we supported the Women's Climbing Symposium, organised by BMC ambassador Shauna Coxsey and others, which was held in Glasgow in September.

The ESG continues to investigate possible barriers to participation in an effort to identify and remove them for under-represented groups.

Equity Steering Group

Kamala Sen	Chair
Carey Davies	Secretary/BMC staff
Andy Coltart	
John Crosbie	
Graeme Hill	
Stuart Holmes	
Fida Hussain	
Nick Liley	
Mahroof Malik	
Bob Moulton	
Yassar Mustafa	
Andy Say	Mountain Training England
Susan Shyllon	
Claire Turner	
Nicola Underdown	

Paper Members

Jamie Andrew
 Kabeer Bostan
 Karen Darke
 Marcus Drummond
 Elizabeth Holley BMC staff
 Tim Marshall
 Trevor Massiah
 Farah Rehman
 Bill Renshaw
 Rehan Siddiqui
 Dalvinder Sohdi
 Ken Wilson
 Fredelina Yong
 Adnan Zaman
 Mohammed Ziarat

Guidebooks

The Guidebook Committee produces definitive rock climbing guidebooks for the Peak District and surrounding areas, and also assists other groups to publish guidebooks.

The committee met formally on four occasions in 2014. Informal meetings and crag events were also held, to forward the research and production of the books within the guidebook programme.

No new guidebooks were produced in 2014. However, there has been significant progress on guidebooks in preparation.

Peak District Limestone North: The guide is

now in the final straits. Virtually the whole book is now laid out in final format. It looks fantastic, is superbly accurate and documents lots of never-before-recorded climbing. Publication is expected in spring 2015.

Lancashire Rock: Work has been steadily ongoing on the guidebook. All the script is written. Most of the crag shots are taken. Fifteen sections, out of roughly forty, are laid out in book format. The project is looking good for appearing in 2015.

The Leicestershire guidebook has received renewed interest and enthusiasm. Volunteers have been active and a project manager has volunteered to oversee the project.

In an effort to foster greater collaboration between guidebook producing clubs, the BMC organised a get-together of producers this year. A very successful meeting was held. This has led to some significant projects getting off the ground.

The committee also gave technical, printing and financial assistance to locally produced guidebooks to North Wales Limestone and Lancashire Bouldering.

Guidebook Committee

Ian Carr	Chair
Niall Grimes	Secretary/BMC staff
Les Ainsworth	
Nick Bond	
Neil Foster	
Lynn Robinson	
Dave Turnbull	BMC CEO
Richard Wheeldon	

Huts

The Huts Group co-ordinates the BMC's support for the national huts, and also offers advice and guidance where it is sought by affiliated clubs and users.

During the year, we advised clubs and their members on a number of matters including: the generation of electricity using PV solar panels for a hut in the Snowdonia National Park not connected to the National Grid system; digital locking systems for huts; and employment legislation with regard to job security for a part-time employee.

We liaised with Perkins Slade regarding amendments to the wording of the BMC's Civil Liability policy, to ensure that BMC members are covered when managing or acting as trustees of national huts.

The group published a new guideline: G15 – Employers' Liability Insurance. We also reviewed and updated the Guidelines for Hut Managers in conjunction with the Mountaineering Council of Scotland's Huts Advisory Group.

The group's chair attended meetings of two of the national hut committees: the Don Whillans Memorial Hut (DWMH) and the Alex MacIntyre Memorial Hut (AMMH). We also provided advice and made recommendations regarding

improvements to the AMMH and to the other national hut, the Glen Brittle Memorial Hut.

In September, Craig Harwood, the group's chair, was tragically killed in rock climbing accident in Cornwall. Iain McCallum became the group's acting chair, and the group decided to postpone the BMC Huts Seminar, planned for November 2014 and re-arrange it for March 2015.

Huts Group

Craig Harwood	Chair
Iain McCallum	Acting Chair
Dan Middleton	Secretary/BMC staff
Mike Battye	
Ken Jackson	
John Leftley	
Fiona Sanders	
John Scarborough	
Chris Thickett	

International

The International Committee provides logistical and financial support, information, and guidance for British mountaineers travelling overseas, and strives to protect the interests and freedom of all mountaineers at an international level.

Highlights of 2014

- Grant aid and support to 16 overseas expeditions, and approval of three others.
- Giving Julie Tullis Memorial Awards to two expeditions.
- Holding a successful international winter climbing meet in Scotland.
- Close liaison with the Mount Everest Foundation (MEF) and other grant giving bodies on the distribution of overseas expedition awards.
- Continuing to update the electronic database of expedition reports.
- Publicising international meets on the BMC website.
- Publicising British expeditions on the BMC website.
- Working with the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation (UIAA) on international/expedition policy. We also liaised with the Alpine Club.

In 2014 the committee was able to award a total of £13,650 of BMC money in grants to 16 expeditions planning first ascents in the world's mountain ranges. Another grant we awarded was returned, as the expedition had to be cancelled. In addition we were able to offer approval to three more teams, and awarded two Julie Tullis Memorial Awards totalling £750.

Expedition objectives lay in South America, Greenland and various regions in Asia. There were a number of ambitious projects, with some of our most talented climbers attempting objectives that could rightly be called "cutting edge" in current alpinism. But in general the usual factors of

weather and conditions prevented them achieving their goals. In fact, compared to recent years, 2014 saw very few outstanding climbs accomplished in the world's mountains. Reports of BMC and MEF supported expeditions provide a valuable source of information for future trips, and can be downloaded from the searchable database on the BMC website.

Another key role is the organisation of international mountaineering meets in the UK. The annual BMC International Meet, which alternates between a summer and a winter meet, is a week-long gathering of climbers from around the world. The 2014 meet took place at Glenmore Lodge in Scotland. 44 international guests from 26 countries teamed up with a similar number of UK hosts to experience Scottish winter action. The meets promote international friendships and increase communication between National federations, and give overseas guests an opportunity to experience the full diversity of either Scottish winter climbing or British cragging in the company of experienced British hosts. They also give an insight into British ethics and traditions, and provide a platform for international debate and discussion on current topics of concern in climbing and mountaineering worldwide. The 2015 meet will be a summer climbing meet in North Wales, based at Ynys Ettws, the Climbers' Club hut in Llanberis Pass.

The International Committee includes some of the leading figures on the world mountaineering scene, and liaises closely with other grant giving bodies. It has two representatives on both the MEF's Screening and Management Committees. It also has a representative on the WSA Overseas Expedition Panel, which administers Sports Council for Wales funding. A representative from the MCofS, which awards mountaineering and climbing bursaries, also attends International Committee meetings, as does a representative from the AC, which awards expedition grants through its Climbing Fund. In addition, the committee provides three representatives on the UIAA, located on different bodies within this large organisation, and liaises with the AC as a fellow UIAA member.

In 2014, the committee held two meetings at the BMC offices in Manchester, one in March and one in November, and dealt with other business throughout the year by email, for matters where that form of discussion was thought appropriate.

International Committee

Dave Wilkinson	Chair
Lindsay Griffin	Vice-Chair
Nick Colton	Secretary/BMC staff
Rab Anderson	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Anne Arran	UIAA Management Committee
Paul Braithwaite	UIAA General Assembly
Andy Cave	Alpine Club
Ed Douglas	

Pat Littlejohn
 Andy MacNae
 Calum Muskett
 Ian Parnell
 Adele Pennington
 Doug Scott UIAA Adventure Climbing Working Group
 Stephen Sustad
 Dave Turnbull BMC Executive Committee

Paper Members

Kevin Howett Mountaineering Council of Scotland
 Bill Ruthven Mount Everest Foundation
 Mike Turner

Technical

The BMC Technical Committee provides an informed source of technical knowledge and advice to climbers and walkers on safety related mountaineering equipment and its use. The committee met five times in 2014 with an average attendance of seven.

In 2014, three equipment incident reports were published: two severely worn screwgate karabiners; a harness contaminated by acid; and a broken helmet. Website news items and features were published regularly throughout the year, and a series of video shorts were shot for BMCTV, covering various aspects of equipment care and usage. A recall and safety alert register was kept updated on the website, and we published three Summit magazine Tech Skills articles.

We published a new online guide to ropes, covering the different types of rope, what to use them for, how to look after them. The guide also includes advice on maintenance and when to retire a rope, and background info on standards and fall factors.

In June, the BMC successfully hosted the UIAA Safety Commission meeting in Bristol; this was the first time the commission had met in the UK since 1996.

In October, we held an equipment seminar at the BMC Student Seminar at Plas y Brenin in North Wales.

A bolt workshop was held for climbers in the Peak District area, to provide training for 13 volunteers involved in the replacement of old, decaying fixed equipment.

Steve Long moved from a paper to a full member; Ben Lyon moved from a full to a paper member; Dave Ellis of Lyon Equipment joined as a full member; and Chloe Burton, Dan Robinson, Mark Taylor and Richard Terrell left the committee. The committee continues to nominate and brief delegates to other appropriate bodies. Rob Foster is the UK representative on the UIAA Safety Commission, leading the work on Via Ferrata EAS (UIAA 128). Rob also represented BSI Technical Committee SW136/5 at CENTC136/WG5 Mountaineering Equipment; Ben Lyon is the Chairman of SW136/5; Fred Hall attends CENTC136/WG5 as a manufacturer.

Technical Committee

Phillip Tootill	Chair
Dan Middleton	Secretary/BMC staff
Chloe Burton	Independent Expert
Dave Ellis	Manufacturer
Rob Foster	UIAA/CEN
Jamie Grieg	Independent Expert
Isabel Hadley	Independent Expert
Alan Huyton	Independent Expert
Paul Knowles	Independent Expert
Steve Long	Mountain Training UK
Kunal Masania	Independent Expert
Stu McAleese	Independent Expert
Oliver Milling	Independent Expert
John Parish	Mountain Rescue England & Wales
Dan Robinson	Association of Mountaineering Instructors
Virgil Scott	Independent Expert
Bill Stronge	Independent Expert
Scott Titt	BMC Executive Committee

Paper Members

Jane Blackford	Independent Expert
Fred Hall	Manufacturer
Ben Lyon	Manufacturer
Mike Margeson	Mountain Rescue England & Wales
Heather Morning	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Paul Seddon	Independent Expert
Mark Taylor	Independent Expert
Richard Terrell	Mountain Rescue England & Wales
Jim Titt	Independent Expert
Nick Williams	British Caving Association

Training & Youth

The Training & Youth Committee (TYC) had another productive year. The Fundamentals of Climbing workshops were more popular than ever, and we delivered a busy programme of academies, masterclasses, symposiums, workshops and lectures.

Regional and National Academies

35 regional academies were held for 175 young climbers who had performed well in the BMC Youth Climbing Series. Additionally, four national academies were run for the most talented young climbers. Funding from Sport England supports the academy programme, and the purpose of these days is to support and develop talented young climbers. Parents were invited too, and provided with information on appropriate and inappropriate climbing training for children.
www.thebmc.co.uk/regionalacademies
www.thebmc.co.uk/nationalacademies

FUNDamentals of Climbing and Physical Training Workshops

Over 800 places were provided on these coach education workshops. We also added a third

FUNDamentals workshop in 2014, developed by Katherine Schirrmacher and Tom Randall and designed for coaches working with intermediate and advanced climbers. The Physical Training workshop addresses how to create performance adaptation through physical training.
www.thebmc.co.uk/fundamentals

Student Safety and Good Practice Seminar

The annual seminar, which has now been running for 20 years, gives university club members the opportunity to improve their club practices and ensure safer enjoyment of our cliffs and mountains. The weekend comprises a mixture of lectures, discussions and practical workshops. 95 student representatives attended the 2014 seminar.
www.thebmc.co.uk/studentseminar

Alpine and Winter Lectures

The BMC Alpine Lectures, sponsored by Berghaus, were delivered by BMG Guide Tim Neill and seasoned alpinist Rob Greenwood in May; over 300 people attended the six lectures. In November and December, BMG Guides Neil Johnson and James Thacker once again delivered the series of six Winter Lectures, sponsored by Lowe Alpine, which were attended by 750 knowledge-hungry winter mountaineers.
www.thebmc.co.uk/alpinelectures
www.thebmc.co.uk/winterlectures

Rock Climbing Masterclasses

Naomi Buys delivered 14 Cotswold Outdoor-sponsored workshops to 66 climbers, covering skills such as footwork precision, economy of movement and the utilisation of existing strengths.
www.thebmc.co.uk/masterclasses

Coaching Symposium

The many different facets of talent development were explored at this year's Coaching Symposium, held in September in North Wales. Over 70 coaches benefitted from a weekend of talks and practicals and learned how they as coaches can feed into talent development work being undertaken by the BMC.

Climbing Injury Symposium

In November, 85 delegates gathered in Manchester for the third BMC Climbing Injury Symposium, to share knowledge of the latest developments in injury prevention and treatment.

Good Practice Information

We produced good practice films for BMCTV, and revised and re-printed the Hill Skills, Warm Up and Check or Deck posters.

Other work

TYC discussed a range of other issues at its four meetings including development of Coaching Children and Advanced Physical Training Workshops, and further work on climber profiling

to support coaching awards and the talent pathway. We also delivered a pilot route setting workshop, as well as instructional training to BMC clubs which had requested it. In November, we hosted a meeting of the UIAA Youth Commission. TYC also oversees the BMC Child Safeguarding Group.

Training & Youth Committee

Andy Newton	Chair
Jon Garside	Secretary/BMC staff
Ed Allaway	
Nick Colton	
Dawn Dennison	
Mark Dennison	
Rupert Davies	
Ian Dunn	
Ian Fenton	
Stephanie Heeley	
Tim Hogan	
Michael Jimenez	
Wil Kilner	
Freddie Naish	
Mike Rosser	
Claudia Sarner	
John Simpson	

Paper Members

Anne Arran
 Juan Avendano
 Dave Binney
 Iain Blanche
 Martin Chester
 Aaron Cox
 Mark Dicken
 David Farrell
 Chris Forrest
 Samantha Forrest
 Tina Heselden
 Stuart Holmes
 Kevin Howett
 Steve Long
 Mike Margeson
 Heather Morning
 Simon Rawlinson
 Paul Russell
 Tanya Sage
 Andy Say
 Paul Smith
 Tom Vaessen
 Mark Walker
 Ian Walton
 Jim Watkin
 Jon Wilson

Safeguarding Policy; a paper on social media was also completed as part of this process. We also updated the BMC Child Safeguarding Plan. An audit of the BMC's work on child safeguarding was undertaken by the NSPCC / CPSU, for which we received a Green RAG rating.

Four child safeguarding training events were delivered; another event was held at the AGM of the Association of British Climbing Walls. Safeguarding training was also included in Mountain Training's Coaching Award Scheme.

The group provided advice and support to clubs on child safeguarding issues and involving children in club events, and also on transporting children. We consulted with the GB Junior Climbing Team members and their parents about child safeguarding issues and the use of social networking websites and communicating with young people; team chaperones were updated on safeguarding issues.

Child Safeguarding Group

Christine Scarborough Chair	
Nick Colton	Secretary/BMC staff
Ian Dunn	Junior Climbing Team manager
Tom Greenall	Junior Bouldering Team manager
David Allen	Parent
Emily Allen	Junior (under 18)
Iain McCallum	
Penny Roberts	Paraclimbing rep

Paper Members

Mark Alderson	
Dave Binney	
Matthew Brown	
Dick Green	
Ali Mabon	Junior Bouldering Team parent's rep
Fiona Sanders	Clubs Committee chair

Child Safeguarding

The Child Safeguarding Group is a sub-group of the Training & Youth Committee, and oversees the implementation of the BMC Child Protection Policy and the provision of advice and support to BMC Affiliated Clubs and BMC staff on child safeguarding issues.

The group met four times in 2014, and completed a review and update of BMC Child

Areas

Cymru Wales

2014 once again gave us an almost endless amount of things to discuss, as well as one or two really big subjects to get our teeth into too. The real biggie: the proposal for an extension and simplification of access in Wales; was stalled by organisations way bigger than our own, and has sadly been put on hold for the time being. But we have plans in place to try and rekindle things as we go into an election year. And we've already had contact with the new minister now in charge of this.

The other hot potato has been Snowdon and the Snowdon massif in general. We've been drawn into everything from false paths to hydro schemes to Land Rover adverts to safety in general. Members have been quick to criticise the Park Authority and our relationship with it, yet through diplomacy and decorum, we are now a trusted ally and our opinions are sought on most matters.

Following concerns about the impact of new route development on the features of the SSSI on the Great Orme, we are working with the Country Park and Natural Resources Wales staff to produce a "Green Guide" to climbing at the Ormes, which will explain the relationship between climbing and conservation and provide advice on how developments can proceed without climbers inadvertently breaking the law or creating a conservation issue.

The Tremadog and Gower Climbing Festivals, now well established as annual events, were once again popular; over 60 climbers carried out essential maintenance and improvement work at Tremadog in May, and about 100 campers and daytrippers enjoyed a weekend of climbing on the Gower peninsula in September.

A recommendation to use resin bolts for belays on popular routes in the Llanberis slate quarries was made, following the discovery that frequent weighting and unweighting of expansion bolts on some popular routes was causing the soft slate around the bolt to wear.

The Cwm Idwal Winter Climbing Information Project, a partnership between National Resources Wales and the BMC, was launched to enable winter climbers to view live up to date temperature readings directly from the cliffs of the Devils' s Kitchen.

2014 saw a massive increase in number of climbers attending Range West briefings; over 250 were briefed and so permitted to climb on these special Pembrokeshire cliffs.

The Mid Wales outreach meetings continue to bridge the gap between North and South, addressing local issues such as access to some great little sea-cliff crags between Aberystwyth and Cardigan, which have seen over 200 new routes established in the past couple of years.

In South Wales, a fixed gear policy for Llangatock was hammered out (or should that be in?!). It was agreed that that drilled equipment lower-offs be allowed, where necessary to mitigate an unreasonable degree of risk, and subject to landowner and first ascensionist permission. Otherwise, no new drilled equipment to be permitted on routes, and pegs to be replaced with pegs on a case by case basis.

The BMC Cymru Wales Newsletter, compiled by Calum Muskett, continues to be a useful tool for bringing together and publicising Welsh access & conservation issues, events and activities; four issues were produced in 2014. Overall, the picture in Cymru Wales is an incredibly positive one

Cymru Wales Area Notes

North – 4 meetings, average attendance: 33

Mid – 2 meetings, average attendance: 14

South – 4 meetings, average attendance: 22

Chair: Tom Hutton; Tim Sparrow (Mid);

Gareth Tucker (South)

Secretary: Calum Muskett; Dan Harris (Mid);

Will Kilner (South)

National Council: Tom Hutton; Will Kilner; Ray Wood

Access & Conservation: John Norman;

Steve Quinton, Matt Woodfield

Climbing Walls: Jon Ratcliffe

Youth: Mark Dicken; Simon Rawlinson; Ifan Richards

Mountain Training Wales: Kate and Ross

Worthington

Mountain Training UK: Andy Boorman

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	16	14
With club membership of	1,137	1,236
Share of national clubs	607	714
Individual members	3,143	3,218
Total members in area	4,887	5,168

Lake District

Following the controversial year of 2013, 2014 was relatively uneventful, but nonetheless a busy year. We held four meetings: in Kendal (January), Langdale (June), Penrith (September) and Staveley (November). Pressure on Wasdale caused by the popularity of Scafell Pike, including its ascent by numerous charity challenge walkers, was discussed. In October, the BMC hosted a conference in Penrith, attended by over 60 delegates, which explored the benefits, complexities and issues of charity and challenge events. Good practice guidance will be published in 2015.

Work by area volunteers on a Lake District White Guide progressed through the year. This free booklet provides advice for winter climbers, with information on when and where to find good winter climbing conditions, and how to conserve turf and rare plants. The guide was published in January 2015.

The spread of bracken on the fells was raised; it is making access to some crags difficult, and

appears to be a national problem. National Council agreed to take the matter forward.

The continually widening crack at Castle Rock of Triermain continues to be monitored.

The Central Buttress centenary edition of the Scafell & Wasdale guidebook was published by the FRCC. Future FRCC guidebooks will clearly state that pegs cannot be trusted.

The need for an area hill walking rep was acknowledged, but an appointment has yet to be made.

The area did not host a climbing and walking festival in 2014, but a representative from the University of Cumbria, Andy Eccles has volunteered to explore opportunities for 2015, possibly in conjunction with a pre-existing annual event in the area.

At the January meeting, we were entertained by BMC CEO Dave Turnbull, talking about his climbing trip to Patagonia; and in November, John Porter gave a talk about the life and times of his climbing partner Alex MacIntyre, which is the subject of John's book, One Day as a Tiger.

At the November Area AGM, Mike Parsons was elected as the new area chair.

Lakes District Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 23

Chair: Ewen Turner

Secretary: Polly Sullivan

Treasurer: James Brumby

National Council: Ted Rogers; Steve Scott

Access & Conservation: Max Biden;

John Burrows; James Brumby; Mike Hornby;

Ron Kenyon; Peter Latimer; Jim Loxham;

Al Phizacklea; Ben Whiteley

Clubs: Kelvyn James

Youth: Ian Walton

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	10	8
With club membership of	715	613
Share of national clubs	382	354
Individual members	1,492	1,572
Total members in area	2,589	2,539

London & South East

The area met five times in 2013: in January at The Reach Climbing Wall; in April and September at the Mile End Wall; in June at the Alpine Club; and in November at Ye Olde Cock Tavern in Holborn. BMC ambassador and paraclimbing world champion Fran Brown was our inspirational guest speaker in January, and in June BMC CEO Dave Turnbull thrilled us with tales of climbing in Patagonia.

The major issue discussed at meetings during the course of the year was the toilet block, campsite and car park at Harrison's Rocks. With Sport England's lease and funding to maintain the facilities due to expire in November 2014, there was a real risk that the toilets and campsite would

have to close. Local climbers were instrumental in raising awareness of the importance of the facilities for all visitors, not just climbers. An online discussion was held to look at options to keep the toilet block open, and feedback indicated that the introduction of more regulated fees for the use of the car park and campsite was acceptable, in order to sustain the management and maintenance of the facilities. A pay and display machine will be installed in spring of 2015, and the Forestry Commission will manage the facilities.

The Sandstone Volunteers Group (SVG) is instrumental in conserving the rock and environment of the sandstone crags in the region, and regularly organises work days, including a weekend in November 2014 at Harrison's Rocks. SVG also organises meetings in May and October, to discuss Southern Sandstone issues.

The Telegraph Outdoor Adventure & Travel Show, held at ExCel, London in February 2014 was a great opportunity to spread the word about the work of the BMC from our exhibition stand, and to distribute copies of the London & South East Mountaineer, a free BMC mini-guide for climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers based in the area.

Holding the 2014 BMC AGM in Portland boosted attendance by members from the area, who didn't have to travel quite so far compared to recent AGM locations. Having said that, many members do travel regularly to hills and crags outside the area as a necessity of being based in an area with relatively little rock climbing and hill walking. As such, we are just as interested in issues affecting other BMC areas and national issues as we are with local ones.

London & South East Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 21

Chair: Rupert Fleming

Secretary: Ralph Ranford

National Council: Rupert Fleming; Ralph Ranford

Access & Conservation: Graham Adcock; Rob

Gibson; Robin Mazinke; Bob Moulton; Tim Skinner

Climbing Walls: Damon Clark

Clubs: Tony Williams

Youth: Juan Avendano; Robin O'Leary;

Freddie Naish

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	84	81
With club membership of	4,785	4,470
Share of national clubs	2,556	2,582
Individual members	16,155	16,809
Total members in area	23,496	23,861

Midlands

The area met four times in 2014. All of the meetings were held in Solihull as a trial after a highly successful, postponed, AGM took place there in January.

By the beginning of 2014 issues involved with the Restoration of Hard Rock Quarries had become the remit of the Quarries Sub Group of the BMC Access Management Group - involving key personnel involved with the Leicestershire Quarries Project - and as a result had ceased to be a focus of area meetings.

The two main initiatives within the Midlands Area in 2014 have been:

- Leading the argument for a renewed emphasis on hill walking within the BMC; and subsequently, sponsoring the establishment of a BMC Hill Walking Working Group (HWWG) - a proposal supported by the Executive and by the South West & Yorkshire areas.
- Renewed activity that we intend to lead to an updated Leicester Quarries Climbing Guide. A project manager is now co-ordinating work on the guide; and with this support the lead author has regained his energy and enthusiasm. The BMC's objectives for 2015 now formally include support for the Leicester Quarries guide

The area welcomed the appointment in early 2014 of the first of the BMC's new Independent Directors: Brian Smith who is attached to the Midlands Area; whose support has been most helpful in the sponsorship of efforts to support the hill walking agenda; and who is now chairing the newly established HWWG.

Finally, the area was treated to a series of riveting presentations during the year from:

- Dave Turnbull on his mountaineering exploits in Patagonia.
- George Cave on first ascents on the Kyrgyzstan/China border.
- Nick Colton on the ascent of the route on Les Grandes Jorasses bearing his & Alex MacIntyre's names
- Matt Stygall on his ascents of the Nose of El Cap and in Patagonia.

Midland Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 42

Chair: Phil Simister

Secretary: Claudia Sarner

National Council: Charles Gameson; Claudia Sarner

Access & Conservation: Jo Goodson; Richard Law

Climbing Walls: John Churcher

Clubs: Toby Forrester

Youth: Iain Blanch

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	34	35
With club membership of	2,007	2,014
Share of national clubs	1,072	1,163
Individual members	5,040	5,233
Total members in area	8,119	8,410

North East

Four area meetings were held during the course of the year: in Durham in February and September; and in Newcastle in (June and November).

Early in the year the proposed wind farm at Bowden was discussed at length, and an objection submitted to Northumberland County Council planning department on behalf of the area.

A lack of clarity about access restrictions imposed due to ground nesting birds at Simonside crags caused some concern. This related mainly to temporary closures permitted under the CRoW Act, which were not well publicised. The area agreed to contact the Land Manager to request that future closure dates be communicated to the BMC sufficiently in advance to enable the BMC Regional Access Database to be updated.

For 2014, The North East Climbing & Walking Festival relocated from its 2013 base in Belford to a new base in Wooler, and over 50 climbers and walkers gathered over a weekend in July to enjoy England's most tranquil place. The festival will return to Wooler in 2015, and will coincide with Wooler Outdoor Week and the Chevy Chase fell race, providing visitors with even more things to do.

The annual Crag Lough Clean-up Festival was held in September, continuing the sterling work of the previous two years. With so much achieved at Crag Lough in recent years it is anticipated that the focus will shift to nearby Peel Crag in 2015.

In April 2015, the Pennine Way will be 50 years old, and we are considering how we might celebrate this occasion, perhaps by walking some of the route in the region.

Two new access representatives were elected: John Vaughan replaced Tom Parkin as the area's northern rep, and in the south Mike Conlon replaced Peter Hay, who stepped down after 30 years in the role. The area expresses its gratitude and admiration for his enormous contribution. Thanks also to Mark Anstiss for acting as temporary secretary during a period when John Herron was unavailable.

North East Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 14

Chair: Jon Punshon

Secretary: John Herron; Mark Anstiss

National Council: Alan Hinkes

Access & Conservation: Mike Conlon;

John Vaughan

Climbing Walls: Mark Goodings

Hill Walking: Paul Mitchinson

Youth: Ian Walton

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	9	7
With club membership of	907	566
Share of national clubs	485	327
Individual members	1,794	1,868
Total members in area	3,186	2,761

North West

Three meetings were held in 2014, in January, June and November, all at The Black Dog in Belmont, plus one in January 2015 at the same venue. Attendance has improved significantly since 2013.

Developing a policy for fixed gear and lower-offs was a recurring theme at the meetings. In January, it was agreed that bolt lower-offs could be added in appropriate places to some routes in Wilton 1, typically at the top of good routes with dangerously loose top-outs which would otherwise be neglected. Some routes were also identified that could benefit from the top-out being cleaned up, as an alternative to the placement of lower-offs. A programme of bolt replacement at Lester Mill and Anglezarke was agreed at the June meeting, and the January 2015 meeting discussed policy guidelines for fixed gear and lower-offs, which would be incorporated into the new edition of the Lancashire Rock guidebook.

In May, Lancashire got its very first dedicated bouldering guidebook, authored by local obsessive Robin Müller and published with financial assistance from the BMC. Lancashire Bouldering provides unparalleled coverage to the bouldering in Lancashire and Greater Manchester. We eagerly look forward to publication of the aforementioned new edition of Lancashire Rock, which should be published before the end of 2015.

On the ground, the Ousel's Nest Clean-up Day was repeated in May, following a successful debut in 2013; a date for 2015 (Saturday 4 July) has already been set. WiltonFest was also repeated in 2014, and although the weather goods put a dampener on the climbing, those who gathered at Wilton 1 in September enjoyed the burgers, beer and black pudding. Following discussion with owners of Wilton 4 (Bolton Rifle & Pistol Club) a Clean-up Day was organised in early January 2015, and over 30 volunteers helped to clear top-outs, level off bottoms and clean routes.

At the November area AGM, Carl Spencer was elected as the new Area Chair, his second stint in this role. Thanks to outgoing chair Nick Bond. The area also appointed Dave Robinson as its first Hill Walking Rep.

North West Area Notes

3 meetings, average attendance: 36

Chair: Nick Bond

Secretary: Harold Walmsley

National Council: Nick Bond; Tim Greenhalgh

Access & Conservation: Les Ainsworth; Dom Hartin;

Paul Horan; Mark Hounslea

Climbing Walls: Mark Hounslea

Clubs: Richard Toon

Hill Walking: Dave Robinson

Youth: Stuart Holmes

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	30	29
With club membership of	2,201	2,051
Share of national clubs	1,176	1,185
Individual members	5,556	5,856
Total members in area	8,933	9,092

Peak District

2014 followed a now familiar pattern, mixing three meetings in the Eastern Peak at our current spiritual home, The Maynard in Grindleford, with the now traditional trips to Ramshaw and Glossop.

We are lucky to have a very active local area in the Peak. Turnout at the meetings is consistently high and the standard of discussion and debate reflects the passion members feel about their area. It is certainly the case that the recent recession and the age of austerity which followed, threatened the very landscape we hold so dear. In particular the Peak District National Park Authority has embarked on some drastic changes to land management at a number of our most treasured, publicly-owned outdoor spaces as they wrestled with a significant reduction in Government grant. I am proud at the way the Peak Area of the BMC has held the Authority to account, and managed to influence and successfully resist some of its more wayward plans.

We are indeed fortunate to have Stanage Edge in our constituency, which happens to be the most popular UK crag, and woe betide any organisation which hints that the profit motive might be seeping into its plans for Stanage! If they were in any doubt that climbers cared deeply for Stanage, our successful and widely publicised Stand up for Stanage campaign, along with the 93 people who turned up on a particularly bleak February evening to quiz the PDNPA's newly appointed Assistant Director with responsibility for the North Lees Estate, Mary Baggley, would have soon dispelled such thoughts. The fact the electricity failed and that meeting took place in eerie shadows only added to the occasion, and Mary left that meeting impressed by the commitment on display. Indeed we have enjoyed a more positive dialogue with some members on the Stanage issue since that night.

As well as the PDNPA putting up representatives to attend our meetings, we have had ongoing visits from the Eastern Moors Partnership, which has made tremendous progress since taking over the management of Froggatt, Curbar, Birchens and the surrounding moorland; The National Trust; The Edale Mountain Rescue Team and The Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

Our Access Reps, led by the redoubtable Mr Folkard, continue to do sterling work throughout the area. They keep the meeting well informed as to the latest potential threats to the access we treasure, but which recent events have shown we certainly cannot take for granted. Our reps are so well connected and well informed that we sometimes manage to spot, tackle and head off danger before many climbers and walkers have even realised such a threat existed, but such demonstrations of fleet footedness bely the tremendous amount of hard work which takes place behind the scenes. The Access Reps really are the backbone of the Peak Area, and much of our reputation derives from their good work.

In addition, we have continued to produce a Newsletter which is published a few days before each meeting, thanks to the considerable efforts of Editor/compiler Martin Wass, as well as the many contributors. We are also pleased to support the BMC Guidebook Committee as it presses forward with its successful programme of high quality guidebooks to rock climbing in The Peak, and we are all looking forward to getting our hands on the new Northern Limestone edition later this spring.

Finally, we have two BMC-owned crags on our patch, and the Buxton Mountaineering Club do a sterling job looking after Alderly Cliff. Hopefully another local club will volunteer to do similar work at Horseshoe, which would certainly be much appreciated by local climbers.

Peak District Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 61

Chair: Neil Foster

Secretary: Lynn Robinson

National Council: Neil Foster; Simon Lee

Access & Conservation: Dave Bishop;

Henry Folkard; Jon Fullwood; Rick Gibbon;

Louise Hawson; Adam Long; Ian Milward;

Andi Turner

Clubs: David Brown

Newsletter Editor: Martin Wass

Youth: Mark Dennison; Jim Watkin

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	21	22
With club membership of	1,274	1,253
Share of national clubs	681	724
Individual members	3,566	3,765
Total members in area	5,521	5,742

South West

Five area meetings were held in 2014: in Exeter in January; Bristol in March and November; Zelah in May; and Welcome in August. A special single-issue meeting was also held at Swanage in September.

One of the main issues discussed during the year was a fixed gear policy for Devon and Cornwall. A detailed proposal was presented and discussed, and when a final version is ratified it will define what practices are acceptable at specific crags and cliffs in the area.

On the North Culm coast, a number of abseil chains made from marine grade stainless steel were installed, to replace the huge amounts of unsafe and unsightly 'tat' currently being used.

Funding was agreed for a six-month extension to the Avon Gorge Climbing Regeneration Project, to enable further winter scrub clearing, which cannot be done in summer; see the Other Reports section on page 20 for a report on the project.

A number of instances of climbers infringing agreed access arrangements in Cheddar threatened to jeopardise future access to the South Side crags for everything other than the winter season. Reminders were issued

on the BMC website and via the monthly email newsletter.

The five-year Cheddar bolting moratorium expired towards the end of 2014, although it continues at the request of the landowners until an area response can be formulated and presented.

A special meeting was held in Swanage in September, to discuss a proposal to bolt the route 'Fuel My Fire' in the Unknown Ledge sector, a bolt-free zone in the Cattle Troughs area of Swanage.

The area was pleased to host the BMC AGM in April during the organisation's 70th anniversary year; the Isle of Portland providing a great location for climbing, walking and socialising. Later in the year, we hosted the annual meeting of the UIAA Safety Commission in Bristol, the first time the commission has met in the UK since 1996.

The Bristol Climbing Festival aimed to promote the value of Avon Gorge as a nationally important climbing site and celebrate the BMC's 70th birthday. It was a stunning success on both counts, with over 250 festival-goers enjoying a range of activities on a gloriously sunny day in July.

Also in July, the Cornish Climbing Festival, organised by local BMC volunteers, showcased the best of West Penwith, and was based at the Climbers' Club hut at Bosigran.

Other events organised by local volunteers during the year included a Swanage stake clearance and scrub-bashing day in January, and the annual Avon Gorge clean-up in February.

South West Area Notes

6 meetings, average attendance: 22

Chair: Matt Goater

Secretary: Philip Wilson

National Council: Colin Knowles; Gareth Palmer

Access & Conservation: Rick Abbott;

Ian Butterworth; Martin Crocker; Jeremy Dyke;

Simon Fletcher; Marti Hallett; Neal Heanes;

Dave Henderson; Rick Sowards

Climbing Walls: Steve Taylor

Youth: Tina Hesleden; Paul Russell

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	23	25
With club membership of	1,691	1,705
Share of national clubs	903	985
Individual members	6,369	6,431
Total members in area	8,963	9,121

Yorkshire

Moving the area meetings to a new venue, one that would permit us to have speakers and slide shows, has proved an enormous success; this year the average attendance has improved considerably with many 'new faces'.

This is perhaps the most significant event during the year as access issues have thankfully been minor, although the proposed development of Threshfield Quarry as a climbing venue (mentioned in the 2013 report) has unfortunately stalled.

Our young competition climbers had a successful year, with two new climbers making it into the British Team and the Area achieving a second place finish in the BMC Youth Climbing Series, which is the best ever finish for a Yorkshire team.

Overall there has been very good engagement and discussion with the new larger meetings, notably with regard to the proposed hill walking strategy, and positive feedback about the meetings in general.

The Area has had a renewed focus on hill walking with Carey Davies doing a talk at the June meeting & the election of a new hill walking rep at the AGM in December. Presumably as a result of this there has been a significant increase in people attending the meetings who describe themselves as hill walkers rather than climbers

Yorkshire Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 30

Chair: James Rowe

Secretary: Deirdre Collier

National Council: James Rowe; Beverley Jowett

(to April 2014); Deirdre Collier (from June 2014)

Access & Conservation: Mick Johnson;

Dave Musgrove

Clubs: Paul Exley

Youth: Dave Farrell

Area Membership	2014	2013
No. of clubs in the area	22	20
With club membership of	1,232	1,168
Share of national clubs	658	675
Individual members	3,348	3,534
Total members in area	5,238	5,377

Trusts

BMC Access and Conservation Trust

The BMC's Access and Conservation Trust (ACT) funds projects to protect our cliffs and mountains. ACT has helped fund worthwhile projects in the mountains for over 15 years, yet it is not widely recognised as the BMC's charity.

Eight projects were supported in 2014. These included a donation to the Avon Gorge Regeneration Project to help promote the value of climbing in Avon Gorge and the wider Bristol area, and a donation to the Eridge Rocks Land Appeal (Sussex Wildlife Trust) to help purchase five acres of land adjoining Eridge Rocks Nature Reserve. ACT has also helped establish the Three Peaks Partnership website which will aim to promote responsible behaviour on three peaks challenge events, minimising the negative impacts of the challenge (which is now estimated to attract up to 30,000 people a year) and maximising the benefits to local communities and the environment. For more information on all of the latest ACT supported projects, please visit www.thebmc.co.uk/action-update-recent-bmc-access-conservation-trust-projects.

The Trust is a registered charity, which enables supporters to make tax efficient donations using Gift Aid. An online donation facility makes it easy for people to support ACT's valuable work. ACT is extremely grateful to all its supporters without whom none of its work would be possible. In December 2014, ACT gratefully received a significant donation from a generous benefactor and member of Midland Association of Mountaineers. This legacy will mean that we can continue to help protect and repair the places we love to visit. Information on the BMC website explains how members can let the conservation of our uplands be their legacy.

The Trust very much welcomes corporate donations and would like to acknowledge those from Colchester Climbing Club, EAH Recycling, UK Climbing Ltd and the Yorkshire Mountaineering Club. Many thanks also to everyone who has made an individual contribution; these are vital for the work of the Trust. Please visit the website for further information – www.thebmc.co.uk/act

Mountain Heritage Trust

by Jeff Ford, MHT Chair

The key role of the Mountain Heritage Trust (MHT) is to ensure that British mountaineering's fascinating heritage is preserved. Under our remit, artefacts, history and traditions are conserved, documented, made accessible and communicated to as wide an audience as possible.

MHT has continued to raise its profile during 2014 and encourage the public, as well as the mountaineering community, to understand the value of the work we do. Most significantly,

work on Keswick Museum and Art Gallery was completed and our first exhibition focused on the first ascent of Central Buttress by Siegfried Herford and the subsequent effect of the First World War on the climbing community. The second exhibition marking the 60th anniversary of the first ascent of Kangchenjunga and the first lightweight ascent in 1979, opens on 14 May 2015.

Our relationship with the National Trust continues to develop and MHT was involved in the 'On the Edge' Festival which was held at Sticklebarn, Langdale over a fabulous sunny weekend in July. Of particular relevance was the Raven's Pit event which saw Dave Birkett, Adam Hocking and James McHaffie swapping anecdotes and tall tales with Andy Kirkpatrick acting as Master of Ceremonies.

The Chorley Hopkinson Mountaineering Library, available to view in the Coleridge Room of Allan Bank, a National Trust property in Grasmere is proving popular with visitors. This significant mountaineering library is in a beautiful setting and the National Trust has employed Library Interns to help provide access to the collection when the house is open to the public.

In September, MHT hosted its fourth Longlands Lecture, a biopic of Sandy Irvine, given by his great-niece, Julie Summers, which raised £1,300 to add to our funds.

In October, MHT held a successful dinner at the Law Society in London which saw Leo Houlding and Rebecca Stephens talking about their Everest experiences, raising £18,600 to help us continue the valuable work we do and employ a part-time administrator.

Once again, MHT presented our 'Show us Your Nuts' event at Kendal Mountain Festival in November, which provided an opportunity to show off material from the collections. As ever, our archivist, Maxine Willett was on hand to answer questions and discuss issues.

On an archival level, Maxine continues to liaise with and advise archivists and librarians from climbing clubs such as the Alpine Club, Climbers' Club, Fell & Rock Climbing Club, Pinnacle Club, Polaris Club and Rucksack Club. If any clubs require advice and guidance on capturing their history, either orally or in archive form, impartial advice is available from MHT Collections Manager and Archivist, Maxine Willett who has wide-ranging experience in all aspects of archive material, including oral history.

MHT welcomed new trustee Terry Tasker in March, whilst long term trustee Jim Lowther stepped down in September and Anna Van Oordt, in November. We thank them both for their valued contributions. Finally, an enormous thanks goes to former Chair Julie Summers who has worked tirelessly to further our aims and was replaced in this capacity by former Trustee Jeff Ford. However, Julie will remain in touch by assisting with fund raising events and curatorial support. Other Trustees joining us in 2015 include former BMC President, Dr Charles Clarke.

Plas y Brenin & Mountain Training Trust

by Martin Doyle, Chief Executive

In 2014 Plas y Brenin worked closely with the BMC contributing to the work of the National Council, Training and Youth Committee, Technical Committee, Coaching Scheme, FUNDamentals and NICAS workshops.

The BMC, Mountain Training UK and Mountain Training England set up the Mountain Training Trust in 1997. Since then the trust has operated Plas y Brenin on behalf of Sport England, run by mountaineers to serve the mountaineering community.

A series of summer and winter hill and mountain courses in Snowdonia are specifically offered for BMC members and are very popular. The BMC website features offers at Plas y Brenin for members on a regular basis. Climbing and walking club members receive preferential rates in the two self-catered cottages at Plas y Brenin for club meets. Other benefits include discount on last-minute accommodation.

As part of the BMC Whole Sport Plan initiative to increase participation Plas y Brenin co-ordinated with the BMC Regional Development Officers to create a series of training weekends subsidised by Sport England. Now in their second year the Ready to Rock courses, Winter Skills courses and Scrambling Courses were considerably oversubscribed and many additional places were laid on. Student mountaineering club training events were also successful.

BMC events hosted by Plas y Brenin included the Student Seminar, the Annual Coaching Seminar in September as well as a National Council meeting. The Association of British Climbing Walls held its AGM and annual conference at Plas y Brenin and the Mountain Training Association held its annual conference.

30% of all the mountain qualification courses (MTUK) in the UK were delivered at Plas y Brenin as well as a lot of informal training for club members and event organisers. MTT continues to administer the 180 Jonathan Conville Memorial Trust training places in alpine and winter climbing skills which take place in Snowdonia, the Cairngorms and Chamonix. The BMC also support these courses with a £4k annual contribution.

In early 2015 Plas y Brenin again hosted the Pinnacle Club dinner. The BMC Expedition Planning Seminar took place in January, bringing together recipients of BMC grants to describe their experiences and mountaineering trips as well as experienced mountaineers to provide guidance for newcomers. Calum Muskett and Mick Fowler were fine keynote speakers. In February the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme held a busy and successful conference at Plas y Brenin, and in April the BMC will hold its AGM & gathering. Later in the year the British Mountain Guides and the British Association of International Mountain Leaders will hold their AGM dinners at Plas y Brenin, the natural venue for mountaineering gatherings.

Other Reports

British Mountain Guides

By Hannah Burrows-Smith, Secretary

The British Association of Mountain Guides (BMG) is the national association that trains and assesses mountain guides in all forms of climbing, mountaineering and ski mountaineering.

BMG has 196 members spread between Scotland, the Lake District, North Wales, the Peak District and the Alps. Members are involved in climbing, mountaineering and skiing activities world-wide, both guiding and for personal adventure, so have a broad collective experience of mountain conditions and activities which they are always happy to share.

Our association is healthy and growing with a yearly input of young talented mountaineers. At present we have 17 candidates going through the various stages of our training and assessment scheme, which is the benchmark for many other guiding associations and is constantly evolving. We are very grateful to our sponsors Gore and Arc'teryx who help fund the training courses.

The BMG is a member of, and enjoys good relations with the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations, which ensures parity of standards, best practice and good relations between all the 24 member countries. Traditionally the IFMGA has been managed and run by a board of committee members coming from the five main Alpine countries: Switzerland, France, Austria, Italy and Germany. However, this year it invited nominations from all member countries and we are proud to announce that BMG's Mark Diggins was elected on to the Technical Commission.

Our annual gathering was held in December in Chamonix, the second time it has been held outside of the UK. Members welcomed Paul Moores as the new BMG president, taking over from Tim Walker who had served in the role over the past four years. As a newly qualified guide, Ben Bradford was presented with his diploma. The dinner which followed the meeting was a sociable affair and a very pleasant evening was had by all. The Association was delighted to welcome guests from our valued partners: Tim Hill from Arc'teryx and Chris Blackwood from Gore. We also enjoyed the company of fellow guides from France and Switzerland; Alexis Mallon of ENSA, Christian Trommsdorf formerly of the SNGM and Peter Kimmig of the Swiss Guides Association.

In the March of this year the book *A Passion for Mountains* was published, which is a collection of climbing and mountaineering stories all written by BMG members. This had been a great project to encourage the writing talents of as many of our members as possible and created an interesting collection of diverse tales of adventure, across the ages and across the mountainous regions of the world.

The BMG will be commemorating its 40th anniversary in 2015 and plan to celebrate this occasion with a special dinner at Plas y Brenin in November.

The British Mountain Guides recognise the excellent work undertaken by the BMC and are fully committed to supporting the Council where we can.

ClimbBristol (Avon Gorge Climbing Regeneration) Project

by Martin Crocker, Project Officer

2014 saw a steady rise in the momentum in ClimbBristol's campaign to raise the profile of climbing in Avon Gorge and improve conditions for access there. Additional funding from the BMC's Access & Conservation Trust enabled a six-month extension of the Project and the capacity to grasp many of ClimbBristol's goals. The volunteer ClimbBristol Steering Group led by a part-time Project Officer continued to spearhead the project with back-up by a large pool of well-wishers (1,300 on Facebook).

The pinnacle of ClimbBristol's achievements in 2014 was Bristol's first ever outdoor climbing festival, held in Avon Gorge. The adjacent busy A4 Portway and complex licence procedures meant the need for a significant lead-in period and detailed planning and teamwork, with a range of expert partners coming aboard. It all paid off: on a scorching summer's day over 350 people turned up to celebrate Avon Gorge climbing and to mingle with pioneers from the 50s to the present day. Amongst the dignitaries were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol who sprung to the rock in a display of synchronised climbing, stating: "It is bringing up the awareness of climbing and getting people involved. Climbing is good for health and fitness, and a great outdoor sport" (Councillor Alastair Watson, The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of Bristol, 2014). Local TV and radio covered the event, and the local authorities lauded its success and management.

The ClimbBristol team continued to clear scrub and loose rock from selected cliffs in accordance with statutory consents issued by Natural England; the consents ensure methods are in place to protect the SSSI and SAC interest, including the gorge's rare botany. Operations were undertaken to resurrect the North Wall of Suspension Bridge Buttress, an important area that will help ease pressure on the neighbouring main face. Elsewhere in the gorge skilled volunteers continued with replacing fixed gear; quite a task, there are almost 900 pegs in situ.

Work continued on www.climbbristol.com which hosts topos, climbing history, and a range of articles. Further development of the website is in hand.

ClimbBristol took a seat on an informal Avon Gorge stakeholders group which is to be formalised by Bristol City Council in 2015. Round-the-table dialogue will enable climbers' input to key issues like the Avon Gorge (Bristol Side) Management Plan, proposals for the redevelopment of the derelict base of The Great Quarry (Main Area), and a programme of geotechnical assessments of the rock faces. ClimbBristol secured as a political champion an Assistant Mayor in Bristol City Council's Cabinet, and applied for a major grant for pedestrian safety access improvements in Avon Gorge, to tie in with city-wide plans to mark Bristol's status as European Green Capital in 2015.

A fitting culmination to the ClimbBristol Project was the formal endorsement of its efforts to date and its proposals for the future by The Downs Committee, the chief decision-making body for Avon Gorge.

Volunteer involvement remains the cornerstone of the ClimbBristol project. As 2015 approached it became clear that new recruits were needed to sustain ClimbBristol beyond the funded term and to build on its work for safe and sustainable access in the Avon Gorge. Check into www.climbbristol.com to lend a hand.

Mountaineering Council of Scotland

by David Gibson, Chief Officer

A memorable year with many notable successes, yet there remain significant challenges relating to government policy and inaction by local authorities.

Wind farms are changing Scotland's landscape: our role is to protect the mountains in the face of government policy and subsidies. National Parks and Scenic Areas are protected by policy, but there is no real protection for adjacent areas recognised as 'wild land'. We object to about one in five wind farms and at a strategic level campaign with other NGOs to achieve public and political recognition for stronger planning policy and independent oversight of planning decisions.

Scotland's access legislation works when it is implemented but we have acted where local authorities do not take intransigent land owners to court, and by working against the Loch Lomond National Park Authority's proposals to introduce draconian byelaws which could penalise innocent wild campers.

The continued financial and policy support of the BMC for our access and landscape work is particularly important and much appreciated.

Membership of the MCofS continues to grow and development activity with young people is bringing rewards with 19 new clubs now in various stages of development. This success provided the confidence for us to develop Climb Scotland as the future face of the MCofS as the governing body for indoor climbing for under 25's. It will be supported with its own website, mobile App and online magazine, and launched in June 2015.

Young people are a vibrant part of Scotland's climbing scene and we are proud of the five Scottish children selected to the Lead and Boulder GB teams. Rachel Carr was appointed as Captain of the Boulder Team and William Bosi continues to dominate the Lead Team results.

Our work to promote mountain safety and the freedoms of mountaineers achieved excellent mainstream and social media coverage: we saw increased attendance on our safety courses and lectures with a total audience of 1,500.

Mountain Rescue England and Wales

by Mike France, Chairman

Being a totally voluntary organisation is very important to everybody involved in Mountain Rescue and they work hard to protect and continue this. Each member joins to get out on the hill and help fellow walkers and climbers if they get into difficulties.

Over the years, as the organisation changes, at team level as much time can be spent doing administration and training to run the team and maintain skills, as out on the hill. At national level many of the management team and specialist officers spend huge chunks of the week doing administration, driving around the country to meetings with government, statutory services and potential funders, just to keep the organisation running. It is becoming clear that, certainly at national level, volunteers are needed for their specific business skills and this could mean that in the future some roles may be undertaken by people without a Mountain Rescue background. At present the organisation is going through a lot of change to satisfy current governance stipulations but the main role of search and rescue remains the same.

One of the big changes to be aware of when out and about in the mountains and moorlands will be the red and white helicopters of Bristow's. The excellent service provided by both the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy is coming to an end and as from April 2015 the Search and Rescue helicopters for the United Kingdom will be provided by Bristow. Mountain Rescue has spent hundreds of hours with an intensive training programme getting up to speed with the new aircraft.

As recognition of the work carried out by Mountain Rescue, the government is offering VAT relief; this will be a great help to many teams. The support for training through Libor funding (bankers' fines) enables the continuation of training to the high standard expected. To provide the service expected of Mountain Rescue costs both teams and the national body more money than can be raised from "can rattling". These offers of support have to be welcomed, even by a voluntary organisation.

Outdoors has become easier to access with better clothing, electronic mapping and applications on mobile phones. However, it is important not to lose sight of the fact that some personal skills are also needed because no matter how well planned, it can still go wrong. Despite all today's challenges of running a totally voluntary but professional organisation, the free insurance for all is that a Mountain Rescue Team is never far away to come to your assistance.

Mountain Training England

by Mark Walker, Mountain Training England Development Officer

It's been an extremely busy year for Mountain Training England, maximising on opportunity and supporting our talented providers delivering high quality courses for Mountain Training's 150,000 candidates.

Mountain Training launched the Lowland Leader and Hill & Mountain Skills awards in April 2014. Early

2014 was devoted to robustly inducting our course directors and tutors, ensuring those individuals had a solid, standardised platform to work off. Mountain Training England has seen a huge amount of interest in the Lowland Leader award scheme as its scope fits much of England perfectly. In due course it will be great to see our award holders giving superb days to their groups in England's stunning countryside. Inducting our Hill & Mountain Skills tutors has been an inspiration for all, giving us a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and develop good practice. It's clearly evident we have highly gifted and experienced tutors out there helping people to acquire skills in diverse and adventurous environments.

Quality assurance has been a major focus area for Mountain Training England in 2014. By actively supporting course providers and updating Mountain Training's Candidate Management System we have seen hugely improved course reporting. This has highlighted opportunities we have embraced by running an extensive programme of update workshops all over the country. Key lessons learned are shared with course staff and candidates using social media. The improved communication has been widely appreciated and has prompted further initiatives. Watch this space!

Mountain Training England now has a solid moderation team who work with our technical officers supporting course delivery. Our Quality Assurance Review has been ongoing throughout 2014. The outcome of the review will be updated documentation and provider resources assisting course providers in the future. The review has involved the collaboration of other home nation boards and its web-based format will ensure it is accessible and easily updated. We look forward to using it in 2015.

Mountain Training England has also been heavily involved in grant funding schemes in 2014, supporting participation for all (e.g. black and minority ethnic communities). It's been fantastic to hear of newly trained individuals using their skills and leadership experience in diverse ways.

Cath Luke now heads up our Customer Service Team co-ordinating the talented individuals who make it all work behind the scenes. We unfortunately lost our long-serving technical officer Mal Creasey but welcomed a new development officer, Mark Walker this year. Having worked as an MIC, teacher and IFMGA guide he has plenty to draw from and is enthusiastically embracing the role. The commitment of our Board members and voluntary working parties is humbling. We truly appreciate your endless support.

Mountain Training UK

by John Cousins, Chief Executive Officer

As the UK co-ordinating body for mountaineering qualifications we've seen a number of significant developments in 2014.

For the first three months of 2014 we worked closely with the BMC to promote the range of mountain training courses on the BMC website, and in its social media and magazine. This was a great boost in helping us celebrate our fiftieth anniversary

and also prepared the ground for the spring launch of a range of new walking schemes.

In October 2013 we had launched the initial two levels of our Coaching Scheme, Foundation Coach and Development Coach, so 2014 was our first full year of delivery. Our 19 providers have run training and assessment courses across the country, collaborating with one another very effectively and supported by Martin Chester and also Jon Garside from the BMC. We're also grateful to the BMC's Nick Colton for his help overseeing this project. Drawing on the expertise of BMC staff and volunteers including Dave Binney, Steve McClure, Lucinda Whittaker, Tom Greenall and Ian Dunn we also developed the syllabus and delivery model for our Performance Coach, which we expect to pilot during 2015.

Reaching out beyond the mountains we launched our Lowland Leader Scheme at the start of April. We also revised and renamed our Walking Group Leader, which is now known as the Hill and Moorland Leader and we also launched skills courses for walkers at two levels; Hill and Mountain Skills. Mountain Training UK has co-ordinated all of this work with the delivery, candidate support, provider induction, approval and quality assurance carried out by the Home Nation Training Boards including Mountain Training Cymru and Mountain Training England

In support of all these new schemes we have upgraded our very successful Candidate Management System so that it included an on-line logbook, known as DLOG. This has enabled candidates to store all their records and experience logs in one secure place and allows greater interaction between candidate, mentors, providers, managers and Mountain Training. Alongside this development we now issue all our scheme information in digital form – see www.mountain-training.org.

The website is also home to our Mountain Training Association (MTA) as well as providing links to the other membership associations who collectively worked very closely together throughout the year. A joint quarterly magazine, The Professional Mountaineer, has been produced throughout the year by MTA, Association of Mountaineering Instructors, British Mountain Guides and the British Association of International Mountain Leaders and continues to be a very tangible piece of further collaboration between these organisations.

MTUK's range of textbooks continues to flourish with a third edition of the most popular of our five titles, 'Hill Walking' being launched during the year (all are available from the BMC online shop).

The management board of Mountain Training UK has met three times during the year: in winter at Glenmore Lodge; a spring visit to Tollymore Mountain Centre in Northern Ireland; and an autumn meeting at Plas y Brenin. Board membership includes BMC representatives and the other Councils, plus all the training boards, national centres and the leader, instructor and guide associations. Finally we've had excellent support from everyone at the BMC, but in particular, Jon Garside, Dave Turnbull, Nick Colton and Mick Johnson.

Club & Associate Members 2014

BMC Affiliated Clubs & Organisations

Club Name No. of Members

2 Degrees Climbing Club.....	29	Ciwb Mynydda Mon.....	20	Ipswich Mountaineering Club.....	112
Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club.....	171	Ciwyd Mountaineering Club.....	107	Jersey Rock Climbing Club.....	72
Adventure and Expedition Society.....	203	Colchester Climbing Club.....	104	Junior Mountaineering Club of Scotland.....	42
Aldermaston Mountaineering Club.....	21	Congleton Mountaineering Club.....	27	K Fellfarers.....	125
Alpine Club.....	1191	COPA.....	23	Karabiner Mountaineering Club.....	143
Alton Mountaineering Club.....	27	Cornwall Climbing Club.....	33	Keele University Mountaineering Club.....	67
AMI (England and Wales).....	701	Coventry Mountaineering Club.....	79	Kendal Mountaineering Club.....	102
Anabasis Mountaineering Club.....	43	Coventry University Mountaineering Society.....	20	Keswick Mountaineering Club.....	75
Army Mountaineering Association.....	51	Cragrats Mountaineering Club.....	24	Kings College London Mountaineering Club.....	70
Avon Mountaineering Club.....	154	Craven Mountaineering Club.....	62	Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club.....	197
Aylesbury Climbing Club.....	79	Cromlech Club.....	65	Lancashire Mountaineering Club.....	187
Barnsley Mountaineering Club.....	54	Croydon Mountaineering Club.....	63	Lanchester Mountaineering Club.....	45
Barrow Mountaineering & Ski Club.....	79	CUC Climbing Club.....	20	Leeds Mountaineering Club.....	123
Basingstoke Climbing Club.....	32	Dacorum Adventure Group.....	45	Leeds University Mountaineering Club.....	56
Bassetlaw Hill & Mountain Club.....	31	Derby Mountaineering Club.....	25	Leicester University Mountaineering Club.....	75
Bath University Mountaineering Club.....	93	Derbyshire Pennine Club.....	43	Lichfield Mountaineering Club.....	22
Bedford Mountaineering Club.....	33	Derwent Mountaineering Club.....	81	Lincoln Mountaineering Club.....	76
Beeston Hill & Mountain Club.....	32	Dockyard Venturers.....	25	Lindsey Climbing Club.....	20
Bewdley & District Mountaineering Club.....	27	Dorset Youth Climbing Academy.....	27	Liverpool University Mountaineering Club.....	20
Bowlina Climbing Club.....	116	Durham Mountain Sports.....	112	Lloyds TSB Outdoor Sports Club.....	20
Brecon Beacons Climbing & MC.....	20	Durham University Mountaineering Club.....	41	London Mountaineering Club.....	390
Bremex Mountaineering & Climbing Club.....	37	East Grinstead Climbing Club.....	31	London Rockhoppers MC.....	209
Brighton University Mountaineering Club.....	20	East Pennine Outdoor Club.....	51	Loughborough Student Mountaineering Club.....	97
British Airways Mountain Walking & Trekking Club.....	36	East Yorkshire Climbing & Mountaineering Club.....	35	Loughton Mountaineering Club.....	30
Bromsgrove & Redditch Mt Club.....	55	Eden Valley Mountaineering Club.....	64	Maidstone Mountaineering Club.....	34
Burghley Mountaineering Club.....	20	Edge Outdoor Club.....	29	Malvern Mountaineering Club.....	20
Burnmoor Lodge Club.....	43	ELC Hill Walking Club.....	35	Manchester University Mountaineering Club.....	151
Buxton Mountaineering Club.....	72	Exeter University Climbing Club.....	221	Marylebone Mountaineering Club.....	65
C.A.M.S (ClubAZ Mountaineering Section).....	25	Exploration Group of North Somerset.....	82	MBDA Sports & Social Club - Climbing Section.....	20
Calderdale Mountaineering Club.....	25	Extreme Sports Central.....	24	Mercian Mountaineering Club.....	55
Cambridge Climbing & Caving Club.....	78	Forest of Dean Hillwalkers.....	21	Merseyside Mountaineering Club.....	193
Cambridge University Hillwalking Club.....	87	Frayednotts Mountaineering Club.....	34	Midland Association of Mountaineers.....	554
Cambridge University Mountaineering Club.....	48	Fylde Mountaineering Club.....	171	Milton Keynes Mountaineering Club.....	71
Cardiff University Mountaineering Club.....	20	G S Exiles Mountaineering Club.....	25	Mountaineering Club of Bury.....	50
Carlisle Mountaineering Club.....	105	Gentian Mountaineering Club.....	52	Mountaineering Club of North Wales.....	58
Castle Mountaineering Club.....	56	Gloucestershire Mountaineering Club.....	150	MPMC LTD.....	27
Cave & Crag Club - Climbers Section.....	41	Gorphwysfa Club.....	60	Mynydd Climbing Club.....	191
Cerberus Spelaeological Society.....	20	Gritstone Club.....	126	Newbury Mountain Club.....	41
Ceunant Mountaineering Club.....	170	Guernsey Mountaineering Club.....	52	Newcastle University Mountaineering Club.....	40
Chelmsford Mountaineering Club.....	70	Guildford Mountaineering Club.....	96	Nimrod Mountaineering Club.....	20
Cheshire Amateur Ramblers Club.....	20	Gwent Mountaineering Club.....	97	Nor' West Sgurr Ramblers.....	20
Chester Great Outdoors Club.....	90	Gwydyr Mountain Club.....	112	Norfolk Hillwalking Club.....	30
Chester Mountaineering Club.....	217	Hampshire Mountaineering Association.....	34	North East Wales Mountaineering Club.....	29
Christian Rock & Mountain Club.....	63	Harpden Expedition Club.....	42	North Kingston Hillwalking Club.....	46
Clare Rats (Rock & Trek Society).....	20	Hastings Rock & Fell Club.....	50	North Leicestershire Mountain Club.....	33
Cleveland Mountaineering Club.....	188	Hereford Climbing Club.....	20	North London Mountaineering Club.....	235
Cliffhangers Climbing Club.....	28	Hereford Mountain Club.....	43	North Wales Youth Climbing Academy.....	38
Climbers' Club.....	1705	Heron Outdoor Pursuits.....	32	North Yorkshire Fell Club.....	45
Clingons Climbing Club.....	20	Hertfordshire Mountaineering Club.....	84	Northumbrian Mountaineering Club.....	139
Clitheroe Mountaineering Club.....	83	Herts and Essex Climbing Club.....	59	Norwich Climbing & Mountaineering Club.....	37
Clogwyn Mountaineering Club.....	83	Highdown Hillwalking & Mountaineering Club.....	41	Not So Trad - Southern LGBT climbers.....	21
Ciwb Antur Dwyfor.....	28	Hill & Mountain Walking Club.....	104	NotThe MLC Mountaineering Club.....	20
Ciwb Mynydda Cymru.....	289	Hillingdon Mountaineering Club.....	21	Nottingham Trent University Climbing Club.....	20
		Hinckley Mountaineering Club.....	64	Nuneaton Mountaineering Club.....	29
		Ibex.....	137	Ohjac Club.....	20
		ICAS Climbing Club.....	62	Open University Mountaineering Society.....	39
		Imperial College Union Outdoors Club.....	20	Oread Mountaineering Club.....	174
		Ingleton Climbing Academy.....	25	OutThere.....	41
		Innominata Mountain Club.....	69	Oxford Mountaineering Club.....	80

Oxford University Mountaineering Club.....	157	University of Birmingham Mountaineering Club...	97	The Warehouse
Oxford University Walking Club	78	University of Bristol Explorers Club.....	82	West View Climbing and Leisure Centre
Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association	32	University of Cumbria Mountaineering Club	29	Westway Sports Centre
Peak Climbing Club	83	University of East Anglia Fell & MC	20	Local Authority:
Pembrokeshire Climbing Club	38	University of Glamorgan Climbing & MC	20	Exmouth Leisure Centre
Peterborough Hospitals Walking Club	20	University of Huddersfield MC	20	Wirksworth Leisure Centre
Peterborough Mountaineering Club	71	University of Kent at Canterbury MC.....	65	Mountain Rescue:
Phoenix Mountaineering Club	33	University of London Graduate MC.....	166	Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team
Pinnacle Club.....	167	University of Nottingham Climbing Club.....	49	Lake District Mountain Rescue Association
Polaris Mountaineering Club	39	University of Sussex Mountaineering Club.....	24	Multi Activity Groups:
Powers Mountaineering Club	37	University of Chester Mountaineering Club	32	Eldon Leisure Centre
Preston Mountaineering Club.....	63	University of Hertfordshire Mountaineering Club....	20	LiveThe Adventure Ltd
Reading Mountaineering Club.....	59	University of Manchester Hiking Club	137	The Bendrigg Trust
Reaseheath Walking Club	20	University of Surrey Mountaineering Club.....	75	National Body:
Red Rope Walking & Climbing Club.....	243	University Sport Nottingham MC.....	20	British Association of Mountain Guides
Rock & Heather Club	21	UWFRA Outdoors Club.....	28	Fire Service Sport & Athletics Association
Romsey Climbers	38	Vagabond Mountaineering Club.....	85	Girlguiding
Royal Air Force Mountaineering Association.....	613	Vertigirls.....	44	Scout Association
Royal Navy & Royal Marines MC	735	Vibram Mountaineering Club	39	The Reach
Royal Veterinary College Mountaineering Club.....	41	W.T.F.A.I. Club	20	Other:
Rucksack Club.....	463	Walking & Adventure Group (WAG)	25	Barclays Bank Rambling & Climbing Club
Rugby Mountaineering Club.....	61	Wanneys Climbing Club	51	HF Holidays Limited
Salford University Mountaineering Society.....	48	Warwick Climbing Club.....	98	Swaledale Outdoor Club
Saltley Hillwalking Group	20	Wayfarers.....	204	The Gateway Academy
Scunthorpe Mountaineering Club.....	21	Wellingborough Mountaineering Club.....	32	Outdoor Training/Expeditions:
Sheffield Hallam Fellwalking & Mountaineering....	20	Wessex Mountaineering Club.....	155	Calshot Activities Centre
Sheffield Hallam University Climbing Club	24	West Bromwich Mountaineering Club.....	166	Consett YMCA Ltd
Shrewsbury Mountaineering Club.....	102	West Cumbria Mountaineering Club	61	Hagg Farm Outdoor Education Centre
Skyline Mountaineering Club	61	West Lancashire County Scouts		ICICLE Mountaineering Ski & Adventure
Slough Mountaineering Group	36	Mountaineering Group	20	Lake District Calvert Trust
Solihull Mountaineering Club.....	68	Wirral Outdoor Education Association	20	Manor Adventure
South Cheshire Climbing Club	21	Wok and Rice Club.....	20	Nantmor Mountain Centre Association
South Devon Mountaineering Club	163	Wolverhampton Mountaineering Club.....	93	Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs
South Wales Mountaineering Club.....	108	Worcester Mountaineering Club	50	Open Mountaineering Ltd
Southampton Climbing Club	78	Wrekin Mountaineering Club.....	89	Outdoor Lads
Southampton Rats Climbing Club.....	25	Yeovil Mountaineering Club.....	37	Portsmouth Youth Activities Committee
Southampton University Mountaineering Club...	170	Yeti Club.....	28	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Southfields Mountain Sports Club.....	26	York Alpine Club.....	48	YHA Edale
Sphinx Mountaineering Club.....	27	York Mountaineering Club.....	50	Trader:
St Bartholomews & Royal London Alpine Club.....	46	York St John Climbing Club	58	Buffera Ltd
St Helens Mountaineering Club.....	65	Yorkshire Mountaineering Club.....	181	D R International Climbing Walls Ltd
Stoke Damerel Climbing Club.....	70	Yorkshire Ramblers Club	160	Entre-Prises (UK) Ltd
Sunderland Mountaineering Club.....	37	Yorkshire Walkers & Climbers Club.....	20	Lyon Equipment Ltd
Super Drooper Mountaineering & Caving	37	Yr Hafod Scout Activity Centre	25	Mountain Equipment
Surbiton & Kingston Mountaineering Club	75			Warners Group Publications
Swindon Mountaineering Club	37			Youth/Schools/Groups:
Team Solent Climbing.....	42			Air Training Corps
Thames Valley Climbing Club	30			Blue Coat School
The Barcap Climbing Club.....	20			Clacton County High School
The Chamois Club Ltd.....	218			Harrow Way Community School
The Chapel Mountaineering Club	37			Highgate School D O E Scheme
The Fell and Rock Climbing Club.....	1133			JFS School
The Heights Climbing Club	20			Millfield School
The LMC Mountaineering Club	26			Oakham School
The Mill Climbing Club	20			Romford Young Men's Christian Association
The Mountain Club.....	74			Simonside Outdoor Adventure
The Outcasts.....	20			St Albans School
The Warminster Adventure Sports Club.....	20			St Vincent College
Tuesday Climbing Club.....	43			
Tunbridge Wells Mountaineering Club	41			
Tyne Valley Mountaineers.....	23			
Unemployed Climbers Club (Craggers)	29			

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Climbing Walls:

Arethusa Climbing Wall
Awesome Walls Climbing Centres Ltd
Bourne End Junior Sports Club
Climbing Centre Group Ltd
Harlech & Arduwy Leisure
Kirklees Active Leisure
Llangorse Multi Activity Centre
Mile End Climbing Wall
Redpoint Climbing Centre
Rock Solid
ROKT Limited
Sherborne Sports & Leisure Ltd
The Castle Climbing Centre
The Quay Climbing Centre Ltd
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