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WORKING FOR CLIMBERS, HILL WALKERS AND MOUNTAINEERS

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BMC 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.



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



Elected Officers

- President Rab Carrington
- Vice President Audrey Seguy
- Vice President Pat Littlejohn OBE (to 17 Apr 10)
Scott Titt (from 17 Apr 10)
- Vice President Rehan Siddiqui
- Hon Treasurer David Lanceley

Executive Committee

All Elected Officers plus

- Dave Turnbull (BMC CEO)
- Lyndon Gill
(National Council Rep to 17 Apr 10)
- Scott Titt
(National Council Rep to 17 Apr 10)
- Mick Johnson
(National Council Rep from 17 Apr 10)
- Christian Lund
(National Council Rep from 17 Apr 10)

Patrons

- Alan Blackshaw OBE
- Sir Chris Bonington CBE
- Lord Chorley
- Ian McNaught-Davis

Honorary Members

- Gordon Adshead
- Les Ainsworth
- Dave Bishop
- Henry Folkard
- Dave Gregory
- Vin Machin
- Neville McMillan
- Geoff Milburn
- Bob Moulton
- Robert Pettigrew
- Mike Ratty
- George Steele
- John Willson
- Ken Wilson

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- Bentley & Co.

Honorary Legal Advisors

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- Martin Wragg

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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.

The British Mountaineering Council (BMC) has almost 74,000 members and exists to promote the interests and protect the freedoms of climbers, hill walkers, and mountaineers, including ski mountaineers. It is a company limited by guarantee (no 2874177) without a share capital. 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. The BMC is recognised by Government as a National Governing Body of sport and is grant supported by Sport England.



President's Message

The Numbers Game

In all of the long 45 years that I have indulged myself in the Outdoors; whether as a hill walker, climber, alpinist or manufacturer of equipment, nobody, but nobody, has ever been able to tell me how many people take part in these activities.

Different surveys provide us with vastly varying results. From sportscotland's The Potential of Sport (2008) we discover that 5% of the Scottish adult population took part in hill walking/climbing/mountaineering during the busiest month. In contrast, Sport England's Active People Survey 4 considers the participation to be 0.26% of the adult population in England or a mere 111,300. Obviously the parameters used for coming to these results are wildly different.

Using my own, back of a fag packet, formula I believe the sales of rock boots in the UK is 50,000 pairs every year. Guessing that the average climber replaces their rock boots every 4 years would put the number of climbers in the UK in the region of 200,000. Assuming that there are twice as many hill walkers as climbers, that would put the number of walkers at 400,000. From my very rough calculations that means that 600,000 or 1% of the population take part in mountaineering.

The BMC now has a membership of in excess of 70,000. That means that at least one in every 10 people you meet on the hill or at the crag or climbing wall is a member of the BMC. So how can such a small organisation as the BMC hope to look after the interests of 600,000 to ensure that footpaths remain open, that there is access to crags and that safety issues are addressed at indoor walls? The answer is volunteers. Without volunteers, the BMC would not be able to function as effectively as it does.

Continuing with the numbers theme, how many volunteers are there out there ensuring that each and every mountaineer can pursue their favourite hobby? Volunteers begin at grass roots level; every person who attends an Area Meeting has volunteered his/her time to discuss the well being of mountaineering on their patch. With nine areas and four meetings a year this will easily give rise to some 600 individuals giving up something of their time to help the BMC.

The BMC is made up of various committees and sub groups which oversee the safe running of that aspect of mountaineering. Though the BMC will have a salaried officer connected to that committee, the direction and enthusiasm will come from the group of volunteers who sit on and make those committees work. And so it goes on; Access Group, Finance, Executive, Vice Presidents, President – all these are peopled by

volunteers giving up their time freely so that we all can go mountaineering. All in all, I would suggest there might be a further 400 volunteers helping the committees and specialist programmes run smoothly.

So coming back to the numbers game: 28 BMC staff are helped by 1,000 volunteers to look after the interests of almost 74,000 BMC members, the results of which are enjoyed by 600,000 people out there walking the hills, climbing the crags, or pulling on plastic indoors.

For the BMC to be able to acknowledge all of this hard work is very difficult. Much of the hard work is done behind the scenes and rarely sees the light of day. Their work is much appreciated by those working alongside them but unnoticed by the casual BMC member and mountaineer.

In the past, the BMC has recognised this dedication by putting people forward for National Awards. The Queen's Honours list is an area which is available to us. There is a procedure in place for such recommendations but tends to be reserved for very outstanding achievements. During my climbing career I can only recall a few occasions when climbers have received such recognition: Everest SW Face Team; Alan Hinkes climbing all the 14 peaks over 8,000m; Pat Littlejohn in recent years and most recently Joe Brown has well deservedly been awarded a CBE.

The Torch Trophy Award is another national award; set up at the 1948 London Olympics this award is specifically awarded to volunteers. The BMC feels that this is a very suitable award for our volunteers and in recent years Henry Folkard and Les Ainsworth have been honoured at this Royal ceremony.

Closer to home, at the BMC we have our own way of thanking our exemplary volunteers; in the past we have been able to elevate such volunteers to Honorary Members of the BMC. This year, the George Band Award has been inaugurated. George Band was part of the successful 1953 ascent of Everest; he has been a great supporter of the BMC and was President from 1996-1999. This new award will allow the BMC to officially recognise volunteers' dedication to mountaineering and the BMC.

In 2011, for the first time ever the BMC will recognise the great work done by, and the longevity of their service, of two members of the Technical Committee. The George Band Award will be presented to Neville McMillan and George Steele. George has been on the Technical Committee since 1973 and Neville a relative newcomer from 1987. Between them they have aggregated 62 years of service to the Technical Committee; a truly remarkable achievement. In the course of their residency, they have been at the forefront of all safety



aspects of climbing hardware; they presided over the developments of ropes and karabiners; run tests on pegs and camming devices; have sat on all UIAA standards committees ensuring that the new CEN standards have been of the required standard and more importantly fit for purpose. All mountaineers are deeply indebted to these great characters and it is a pleasure to honour them in this way.

So how did I become involved with the BMC? I had known about the BMC for many years; been recipient of MEF grants in my expedition days; been a regular attendee of the infamous Buxton Conferences, but generally was too tied up in my own affairs to offer anything to the BMC. In 2003, a chance meeting with Henry Folkard enticed me to Area Meetings in Derbyshire. I have now completed two years as President and I am most grateful that I can give something back to mountaineering which has given me so much for the past 45 years.

I am sure that there are some of you out there in a similar position. The BMC needs its volunteers as do the 600,000 mountaineers. Give us a call on 0161 445 6111 or visit the BMC website at www.thebmc.co.uk to offer your expertise.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rab Carrington'.

**Rab Carrington
President**

Staff Team

CEO – Dave Turnbull
 Deputy CEO – Nick Colton
 Financial Controller – Alan Brown
 Web & Summit – Alex Messenger
 Marketing Manager – Andy Gowland
 Publications Co-ordinator – Tony Ryan
 Press & PR / Marketing Co-ordinator – Tina Gardner (FT from Sep 10)
 Access & Conservation – Cath Flitcroft, Elfyn Jones (Wales),
 Guy Keating (to May 10), Rob Dyer (from Jul 10)
 Competitions & Climbing Walls – Rob Adie
 Guidebooks – Niall Grimes
 Technical – Dan Middleton (PT)
 Training (BMC/MLTE) – Jon Garside
 Volunteers, Huts & Clubs – Martin Kocsis
 HR & Office Co-ordinator – Kate Anwyl (PT)
 Events Co-ordinator – Becky McGovern
 Project Co-ordinator – Rebecca Ellwood (to Sep 10), Suzanne Jones (from Sep 10)
 IT & Database – Paul D'Ambra, Chris Ashton (PT)
 Finance Assistant – Yas Prabakaran



Membership Services Team

Lynda Buckley (Manager)
 Arun Patel Jim Krawiecki Simon Manns
 Ray Perry (PT) Hannah Skeldon Clonagh Delafield (PT)

Breakdown of 28 staff

Full time (FT) staff 23
Part time (PT) staff 5

National Council & Office

by Dave Turnbull, CEO

2010 was a busy and active year for both National Council and the BMC office. National Council continued its policy of moving the meeting venues around the country; throughout the year the five meetings were held at **Plas y Brenin (North Wales), the Gower (South Wales), Malham (Yorkshire), Croyde (Devon) and Hayfield (Peak)**.

Major items of National Council business over the year included:

- The agreement of Specialist Committee Reports and Forward Plans for 2011.
- The development of a loan scheme to support club hut maintenance and improvement works.
- The establishment of a new annual award to recognise volunteer efforts within the BMC.
- An agreement to set up the Mountain Safety Forum for England and Wales.
- The production of a new guidance document for Area officials and post holders.

The BMC welcomed some new Area Reps to National Council during the year and said goodbye to several others who had served their time or retired from the Committee. In particular, thanks should go to Mike Raine (Chair BMC Cymru/Wales) who made an important contribution to the work of National Council during his five year tenure. Special thanks also go to Iain McCallum, Ian Fenton, Lindsay Griffin and Bill Renshaw all of whom completed their terms as Specialist Committee chairs at the end of the year.

Meanwhile life in the BMC office was dominated by efforts to improve our services to members and in the complex dealings that were necessary to change our Travel Insurance underwriter. Following (literally) months of effort, the new scheme 'went live' on schedule on 17 January 2011.

The BMC continues to offer cover to all mountainous areas across the globe and we are confident that once bedded in – the new scheme (now underwritten by ACE) will continue to serve members well and provide the BMC with a much needed income stream to support our access, environmental and safety related work for climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers.

National Council Voting Members

President	Rab Carrington
Vice President	Audrey Seguy
Vice President	Rehan Siddiqui
Vice President	Pat Littlejohn (to Apr 10), Scott Titt (from Apr 10)
Treasurer	David Lanceley
Chief Executive	Dave Turnbull
Lakes	Polly Sullivan, Steve Scott
London & South East	Christian Lund, Vic Odell
Midlands	Fiona Devine, Charles Gameson
North East	Alan Hinkes OBE
North West	Conor Doherty, Lyndon Gill (to Apr 10), Tom Bond (from Apr 10)
Peak District	Chris Moor, Neil Foster
South West	Rich Mayfield, Scott Titt (to Apr 10), Sam Mayfield (from Apr 10)
Yorkshire	Deirdre Collier, Mick Johnson
Wales/Cymru	Mike Raine, Ray Wood, Stuart Llewellyn (South)

Observers

Mountain Leader Training England	Andy Say
Mountain Leader Training Wales	Bryn Williams
Mountain Rescue England & Wales	David Allan
Plas y Brenin	Martin Doyle
Access, Conservation & Environment Group	Bill Renshaw
Climbing Walls Committee	Nick Bond
Clubs Committee	John Farrow
Competitions Committee	Iain McKenzie
Finance Committee	Graham Richmond
Guidebook Committee	Ian Carr
Huts Group	Iain McCallum
International Committee	Lindsay Griffin
Technical Committee	Oliver Milling
Training & Youth Committee	Ian Fenton

Membership Information

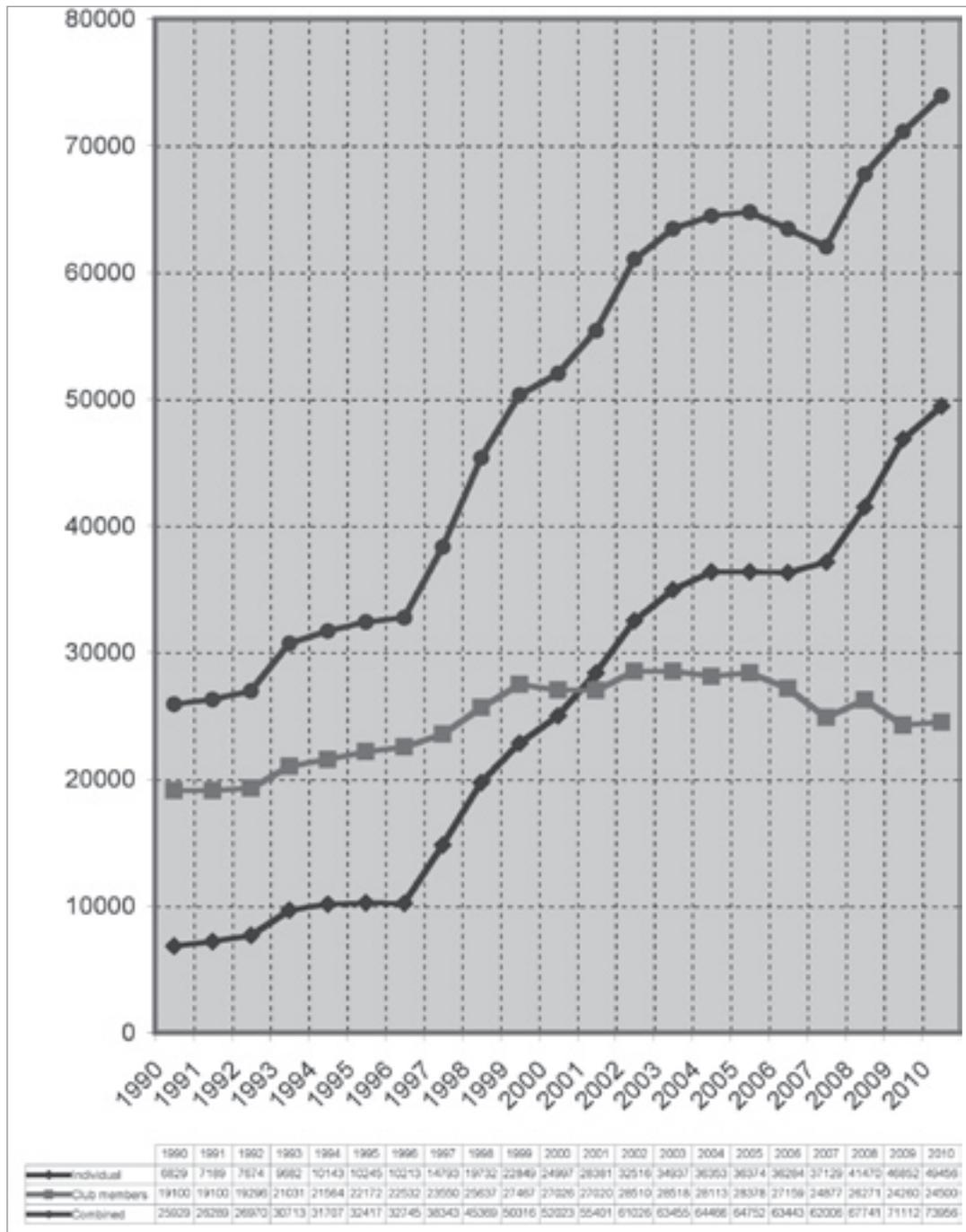
There was good growth again this year in individual membership which meant we finished the year with a combined total of 73,956 members, an increase of 2,844. The breakdown of this is 49,456 individual members (an increase of 2,604) and 24,500 club members (an increase of 240). The number of affiliated clubs dropped by 9 to 288, of which 48 were student clubs. The number of club

upgrade members was down slightly to 1,578. Insurance turnover reduced for several reasons combined with external factors including the recent downturn in the economy, exchange rates and the general decrease in volume of international travel exacerbated by problems of volcanic ash. We had a price increase at the start of the year and also, due to high claims experience, we were forced to make

restrictions on age categories and impose high surcharges in several areas. All of which resulted in 8.1% less policies being sold, a loss in insurance turnover of 3.56%.

A BMC Membership Survey was distributed with the Spring 2010 edition of Summit magazine and was completed by 6,500 members, giving the BMC valuable insight.

BMC Membership 1990 to 2010



BMC Service Charter

The BMC is a busy organisation with a large workload and a focused 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 team 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 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

David Lanceley, Honorary Treasurer

2010 was another successful financial year for the BMC. Although we didn't reach the six-figure surpluses of the last couple of years a more modest £36K was achieved, very close to our original budget. Subscription income increased by around 17%, partly due to an overall increase in membership numbers but mainly due to the effect of the half-price direct debit offer. New members who took advantage of this offer and have remained members are now of course paying the full subscription. Forecasting travel insurance income is always a challenge as sales are directly affected by a number of factors outside our control and we saw a year-on-year reduction of some £38K. The apparent reduction in grant and donation income is as a result of the timing of Sport England payments and some re-structuring of how they're allocated. Publications had a good year with an increased contribution of 42%.

Careful control and monitoring of expenditure continues but always with a view to not allowing services to members to suffer. Staff costs have increased by around 6% in the year, mainly due to index-related salary increases, maternity cover and some additional IT support. Overall staff numbers remain the same. Most other expenditure items have increased such that the overall expenditure has increased by around 8%, (£163K) compared to the previous year. Summit costs increased due to higher membership numbers and a "bumper" Spring issue. Personal Accident and Civil Liability insurance costs also increased due to increased membership numbers. This year's office expenditure includes some additional repair, maintenance and decoration costs. Any increased spending is obviously a concern currently being addressed by a review of all our costs and careful and critical consideration of any new proposals that come our way.

The overall cost of our specialist programmes, to many members the most important aspect of our work, has increased significantly year-on-year although the spread across the programmes remains broadly similar. The main reason for the increase is a higher level of overhead allocation (see above) and agreed additional spending on Competitions, Expeditions and an equipment testing machine. Access and Conservation rightly remains the largest single programme.

Another year of surplus has meant that our cash reserves have also increased. The security of these reserves is an ongoing concern that we have addressed by spreading them across a number of generally UK Government-backed financial institutions. Income from cash reserves is obviously much reduced compared to previous years in this period of low interest rates.

The Finance Committee continues to provide outstanding support and advice on all financial matters and has been heavily involved in the formulation of the Club Loan Scheme that we hope to roll out shortly. Also my thanks to Alan and Yas for another year of effort.

Looking forward we are forecasting small deficits for both 2011 and 2012 to be financed out of our reserves. The deficits are mainly due to uncertainties over income from insurance sales in a changing and competitive market but assume that there will be no subscription increase for 2012. We are however hopeful that these deficits can be reversed by better-than-forecast insurance sales and our usual careful management of costs.

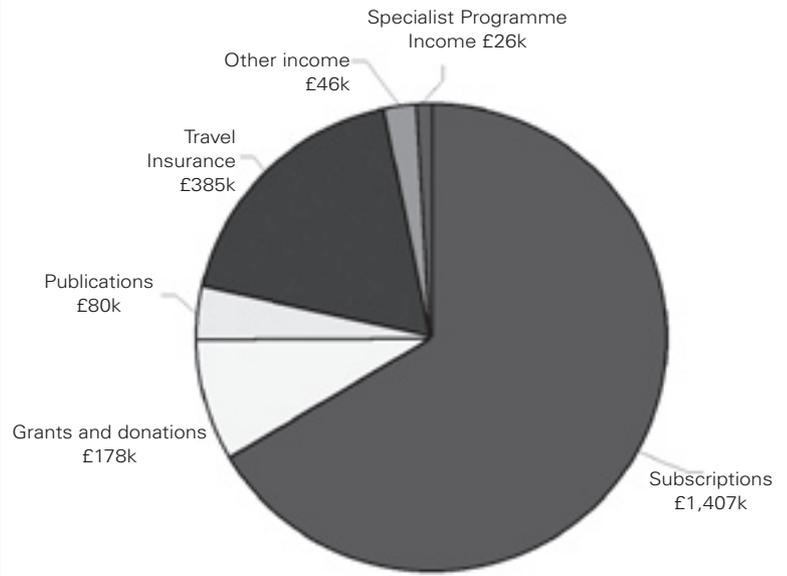
Finance Committee at 31/12/10

- Graham Richmond (Chair)
- David Lanceley (Hon. Treasurer)
- Gordon Adshead
- Vic Odell
- Tim Raffle
- Iain Dickinson
- Andy Say
- Deidre Collier
- Polly Sullivan
- Rab Carrington (President) - Paper member
- Rehan Siddiqui (Vice-President) - Paper member
- Audrey Seguy (Vice President) - Paper member
- Dave Turnbull (CEO)
- Alan Brown (FC)

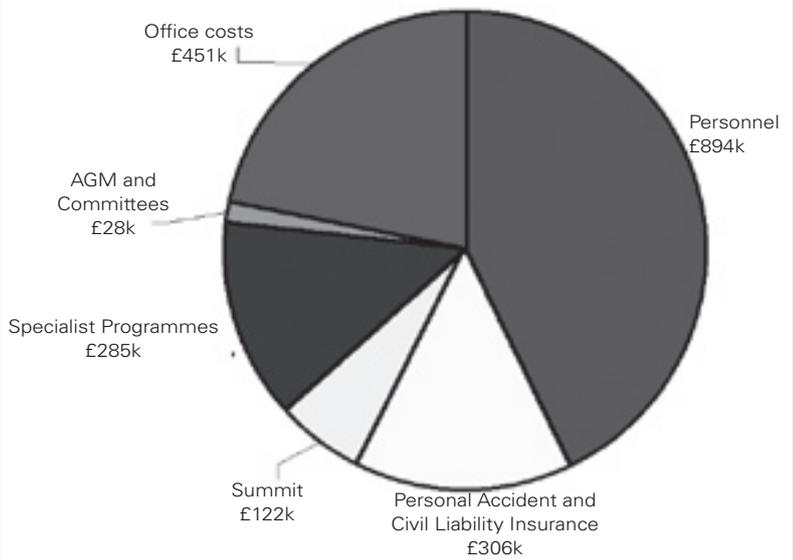
How staff and overhead costs are spread

	Person Year	Staff %	Alloc %
Membership services	3.7	14%	22%
Trading activities	3.5	14%	28%
Headquarters	7.0	27%	0%
External Recovery	0.2	1%	2%
Specialist Programmes	11.6	44%	48%
Total	26.0	100%	100%

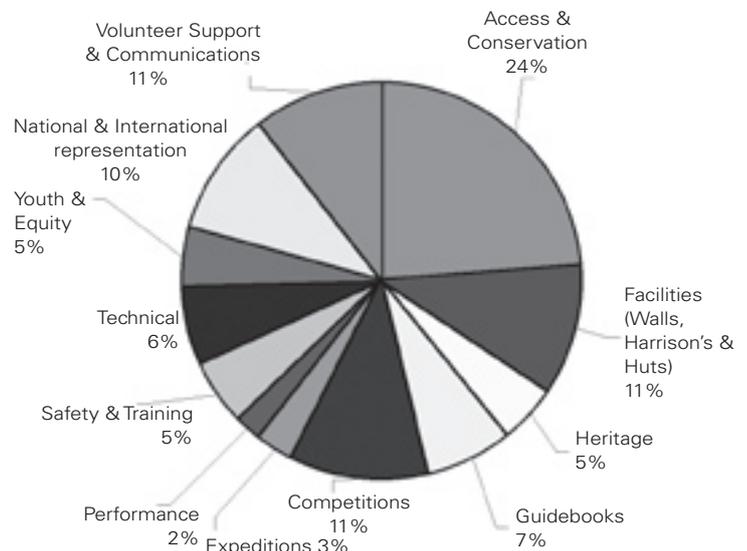
Summary of Income 2010 (£2,122k)



Summary of Expenditure 2010 (£2,086k)



Net cost of Specialist Programmes after allocation of overheads, grant income and other income 2010 (£776.5k)



Specialist Committees

Access, Conservation & Environment Group

Improving access and conserving the cliff and mountain environment.

The BMC access team had a busy year, with a change in Government and subsequent changes in national policy, alongside continued work with local volunteers and access authorities to help manage access to our mountains, fells and crags.

The BMC's Access, Conservation and Environment work is now co-ordinated by 3 full time BMC officers, including the post of BMC Access Officer for Wales which had its first full year in 2010.

Over the year, the BMC access team carefully followed the actions of the new coalition Government and the subsequent comprehensive spending review – regularly reporting on changes which may affect the governance of the outdoors. We have been responding to numerous public consultations and Parliamentary Bills as the Government unveils its agenda for the countryside and recreation. For example, the BMC responded to the Government White Paper on the Natural Environment, designed to guide future political decisions and policy. The BMC expressed concern over the lack of recognition throughout the paper of the importance of recreation and access to the natural environment.

The BMC is now urging the new Coalition, in light of Government expenditure cuts, to recognise the importance of recreation and access to our countryside, and will be working with many MPs and Peers in 2011 to ensure this remains on the political agenda. Similarly, we are pressing the Coalition to continue the roll-out of Natural England's coastal access scheme in England.

In Wales, the BMC continues to be an active participant in coastal access stakeholder meetings. We are lobbying the Welsh Assembly Government to develop framework powers and a statutory approach to wider coastal access as soon as possible, so they can be delivered alongside the scheme in England.

The key to the BMC's success is, as ever, being able to develop and sustain partnerships with many other interested organisations. In 2010, we had several strategic meetings with Natural England, land-owning bodies, conservation organisations and other recreational bodies to discuss the issues surrounding coastal access and bird nesting restrictions. We also held a successful BMC conference in March 2010 entitled 'Understanding the Uplands; Shaping the Future for Recreation and Conservation'. Over 80 delegates attended the conference which was aimed at countryside

managers and policy makers. In Wales, we held a reception for Assembly Members and Welsh colleagues at the Welsh Assembly, Cardiff in

celebration of Welsh mountaineering.

The BMC held a Volunteers Training Day looking at the 'Practicalities and Legalities of Crag Restoration' in Llanymynech, Wales. We also sat on the Facilities Inquiry Panel of the Sport and Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR), looking at the quality, affordability and sustainability of sporting facilities.

Seasonal Nesting Restrictions were agreed once again in 2010. We produced publicity posters and publicised the restrictions in Summit and on the BMC website. The BMC continues to work closely with conservation interests across England and Wales to set up and manage seasonal access restrictions and is extremely grateful for the goodwill and co-operation of all involved.

Numerous local and regional projects were undertaken during the year including:

- Development of the Harrison's Rocks woodland management plan.
- Ongoing negotiations in the Lake District for access to White Scar, The Hoff and Scratchmere Scar.
- Attended a meeting of access volunteers and specialists to discuss the Midlands quarries as potential climbing venues.
- Monitored the Peak District National Park asset review, in particular the management of the Roaches Estate; attended the Eastern Moors Stakeholder workshops to discuss the management of the Eastern Moors by the new National Trust/RSPB partnership; and access to Shooter's Nab was restored.
- Various access and conservation works at Wilton.
- Access to Fairy Cave Quarry restored thanks to negotiations by our local access representative.
- Attended the Vixen Tor public inquiry into the creation of several new paths around the Tor.
- Finalised the BMC's response to the coastal access proposals between Weymouth and Lulworth Cove.
- Developed a formal access agreement with the landowners at Llanymynech, and along the south Gower coast, including at Minchin Hole.
- Successful access liaison work has also been achieved at: Dinas Rock, Swansea; Carreg Alltrem, Snowdonia; Castle Inn, North Wales limestone; Moel y Gest Quarry, Tremadog; Pant y Mwyn (Devil's Gorge), Clwyd limestone; and Cilan Head, Llyn Peninsula.
- Problems with access to abandoned quarries is a recurring issue, with liability concerns by many landowners, and will be a major area of work in 2011.

ACEG Committee

- Bill Renshaw (Chair)
- Cath Flitcroft (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Les Ainsworth
- Roger Bennion
- Dave Bishop

- Mel Brown
- Hebe Carus (MCofS Representative)
- Mike Dagley
- Steve Evison
- Henry Folkard
- Charles Gameson
- Barbara Jones
- Steve Marriott
- Zara Maung
- Ian McMorrin
- Dick Peart
- Mike Raine
- Joe Roberts
- Rob Dyer (BMC staff)
- Elfyn Jones (BMC staff)

The President and CEO of the BMC are *ex officio* members of the ACEG.

Paper members and specialist advisors

- Alan Blackshaw
- Susan Francis Gray
- Tony Greaves
- Bob Lowe
- Clare Bond
- Kevin Gray
- Peter Latimer
- Ken Taylor

BMC Access reps

The national list of access reps. and contact details can be viewed on the BMC website.

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Rob Dyer robd@thebmc.co.uk

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Land Management Group

The BMC's Land Management Group is the body that advises and oversees the BMC's management and care of its owned and managed land, which now includes over ten separate sites.

Highlights of 2010 include the securing of a lease to Pothole Quarry in North East Wales, securing access to Holmfirth Edge in West Yorkshire and producing a long term woodland management plan for Harrison's Rocks in the south east. The legal ownership of many of the sites was also simplified, as previously most of the sites were legally owned by various outdated and historic subsidiaries of the BMC.

The Upper Pen Trwyn bolt belay inspections were completed and the next three years of inspections were initiated. At Harrison's Rocks, substantial work has



been undertaken by volunteers to both produce an excellent long term woodland management plan, but also in undertaking practical works to open up parts of the crag that were previously obscured by vegetation.

The group's work includes not only work to protect and manage access to the sites but also advises the BMC on how to best manage the sites from conservation and land management perspective. Conservation works such as mowing to protect the ground flora at Horseshoe Quarry (an SSSI), removing sycamore from Bwlch y Moch in Wales and rhododendron from Wilton in the North West are all examples of conservation work currently underway on BMC sites.

Other work has focussed on producing a more formal and professional approach to the BMC's management of its sites, introducing a land management system, documenting and recording all work being undertaken, ensuring that all legal and other liabilities are considered.

As the BMC's land holdings have increased over many years the need to manage these properties in a professional and transparent manner has become more apparent, and balancing the needs of local climbers, legal obligations and the protection of these sites (including nature conservation) is an increasing necessity.

Land Management Group members

- Bill Renshaw (Chair)
- Elfyn Jones (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Henry Folkard
- Bob Moulton
- 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 Regional representatives.

The committee met three times in 2010, with an average attendance of four. Many local issues were also discussed by email.

Key Achievements and Outputs for 2010

- New Climbing Wall Directory (published Oct 2010).
- Rob Adie advised on numerous wall projects, ranging from school traversing walls to major dedicated centres including Plymouth Life Centre, Portway Lifestyle Centre, Civic Centre Stoke on Trent, Rock Over Climbing etc.
- Undertook the BMC Climbing Wall Users Survey – over 3,000 respondents with reports provided to BMC members and ABC.
- Work progressing on BMC Climbing Walls Essentials DVD – production company appointed,

actors selected, scripts written – filming to commence early in 2011.

- Climbing Walls section of BMC website continually updated.
- Rob Adie completed another Q&A day on climbing walls on UKClimbing.
- Produced a new set of wall signs at the request of the ABC – Holds May Spin and CheckYour Partner's Knot.

Forward Plan 2011

- BMC Climbing Wall Directory 2012.
- Rob Adie to continue advising on potential wall projects.
- Continued collaboration with ABC and ABCTT on National Indoor Climbing Achievement Scheme (NICAS)
- Continue development of Climbing Wall DVD – filming in early 2011 and release by early summer.
- Develop BMC climbing accident reporting database, including the production of data analysis reports.
- Develop website content for climbing walls section.
- Bi-annual Climbing Wall Managers Seminar – to coincide with launch of DVD and NICAS GSCE launch.
- Development of interactive online climbing wall database using the new database and new BMC website when they arrive.
- Develop BMC membership in climbing walls.
- Continue development of English National Training Centre idea, exploring possible avenues that present themselves.

These are the major points of the Committee, however, it will continue to advise on all types of climbing wall development.

Climbing Wall Committee

- Nick Bond (Chair)
- Robert Adie (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Damon Clark
- Ian Dunn
- Peter Dyson
- Mark Hounslea
- Gary Lewis
- Gary Morgan
- Jonathan Richardson
- Claudia Sarner
- Audrey Seguy (Exec Rep)
- Steve Taylor

Observers

- Guy Jarvis
- Steve Mayers
- Tom O'Rourke
- Andy Reid

Paper Members

- Colin Boothroyd
- Kev Howett
- Don Robinson
- Calvin Torrans
- John Hartley
- Paul Myers
- Andy Say

Clubs

by John Farrow, Chair

2010 was the first year of existence of the Clubs' Committee. The Committee was formed to give Clubs a formal voice within the BMC and to provide a mechanism for the BMC to identify and develop new projects and initiatives directly relevant to clubs. The agreed Terms of Reference of the Committee are to:

- Inform the BMC National Council, Executive Committee and BMC Areas about matters of concern to clubs.
- Facilitate consultation by BMC with clubs on all matters relating to clubs, including, but not limited to, subscriptions.
- Facilitate communication by BMC with clubs on matters of interest to clubs including, but not limited to, the benefits of membership.
- Facilitate BMC assistance and support for clubs.
- Liaise with other relevant BMC groups and committees in particular the Huts Group.

The BMC AGM 2006 agreed a series of changes in the organisation's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the most significant of which was the introduction of a 'one member one vote' system. The justification for this was that 60% of BMC members are 'individuals' and only 40% from affiliated Clubs. One view of the Clubs' Committee is that it seeks to redress that deficit by providing a vehicle for a Club perspective and a means of co-operation and support.

There were those who felt that the Clubs' Committee should simply be a sounding board. We have, however, consciously decided to pursue an active rather than a passive role, seeking to promote projects which will enhance Clubs' scope and their members' experiences. The Committee is drawing on the collective skills and experience of Clubs and the organisational capacity of the BMC. What has been noticeable in this process is the way a number of individual members of the Committee have emerged as 'project leaders' putting time and effort into researching ways forward. Much of what is happening involves considerable planning in terms of programme, costs, participants, location and so on so that it hasn't yet "hit the streets" but that will come.

To summarise some of the issues addressed in 2010: recruitment to and publicity for Clubs – we are suggesting a "Clubs' Handbook" along the lines of the Climbing Walls publication – and are giving thought to the perennial problem of attracting the under 25s; funding for Clubs – grants and collecting subs; under 18s – the training of Youth Officers; the introduction of novice Club members to climbing and other activities; the legal position of Clubs – there's a seminar arranged for 23 October 2011 in conjunction with the Huts' Committee which will explore incorporation, charitable status and recruitment. Plainly not all Clubs will be interested

in all of these things – there is a shopping list of other issues needing attention – but all will find something of value here.

Members of the Committee have been anxious to reflect the views of Clubs which they can only achieve through easy and regular contact with the group each represents. Area meetings are a forum for this, plainly, but email is a more immediate means and the hurdle is to establish a link with the right person in each club who is happy to contribute from time to time.

The BMC is properly using the Committee as a vehicle for consulting Clubs: insurance – whether to leave inactive Club members off the affiliation lists (answer no); the distribution of annual grants to Clubs; the purchase of a scanner in collaboration with the Mountain Heritage Trust for Clubs to borrow to assist in managing their archives. Members of the Committee have also been closely involved with the development of a BMC loan scheme to assist clubs with hut improvement and maintenance projects.

Clubs Committee

- John Farrow (Chair)
- Martin Kocsis (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Andy Blakely (to March 10)/Paul Exley
- David Brown
- Rab Carrington (BMC President)
- Martin Dale
- Steve Gille (to June 10)/Richard Toon
- Rob Greaves
- Sam Mayfield (to Sept 10)
- Ed Proctor (to June 10)
- Malcolm Rowe
- Fiona Sanders
- Dave Turnbull (BMC CEO)
- Tony Williams

Paper members

- All BMC affiliated clubs

Competition Climbing

As the UK competition scene goes from strength to strength, with team members achieving some fantastic results both at home and internationally, the future is bright for competition climbing within the BMC.

The volunteers that make all this happen are still doing a sterling job, with special thanks going to Iain McKenzie – chair of the BMC Competitions Committee for all the work he has done on the very popular Psyched! newsletter and the new British Team website.

Also the British Team's management of Ian Dunn, Jane Newman (Lead) and Nick Clement and Tom Sugden (Bouldering) who have all given up a huge amount of their own time this year and continue to work incredibly hard with all the other volunteer judges, belayers and helpers who make the competitions the amazing events that they are.

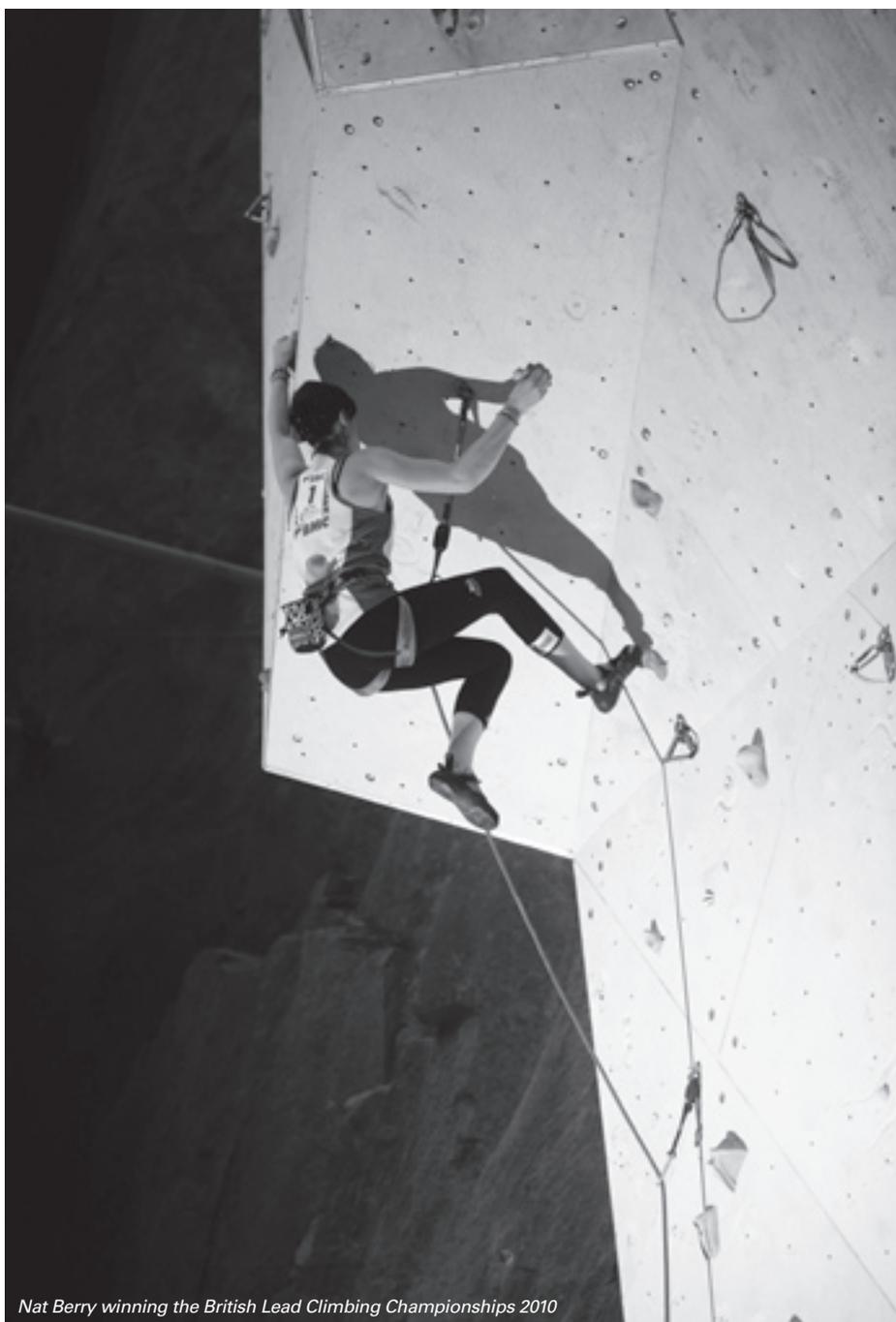
The Competitions Committee met five times in 2010 with an average attendance of nine.

Key Achievements & Outputs for 2010

- Junior Team results include high placings for many team members notably: Caitlin Wallace 1st in Bulgaria European Youth Series (EYS), Natalie Berry 10th, Ed Hamer and Caitlin Wallace 17th at World Youth Championships, Shauna Coxsey 6th in Imst, Luke Tilley 6th in Vienna EYS with Luke Tilley and Caitlin Wallace making several finals at EYS competitions. Ed Hamer most notably making the final of every EYS round this year, which has never been achieved before. Numerous team members ranked in the top 20 in Europe, with Caitlin Wallace in 6th and Ed Hamer in 9th overall.
- Successfully ran British Lead Climbing Championships (BLCC), British Bouldering Championships (BBC), the BMC Leading Ladder, the International Federation of Sport (IFSC) Boulder World Cup, Sheffield, the IFSC World Youth Championships at the Edinburgh International

Climbing Arena, two Open Youth Events and also ran the BMC Youth Climbing Series.

- Ran numerous training days for Junior Team (national and regional training trips, and crag based training included safety related training where needed).
- Ran an international exchange training camp with the French Junior Team.
- Ran numerous training days for Senior Bouldering Team.
- Bouldering team very successful. Multiple top ten finishes from Stewart Watson (currently ranked 6th in the World) and Dave Barrans (now ranked 17th in the World) at IFSC World Cups around the world. Six climbers made semi finals in the Sheffield IFSC World Cup, with the British Team finishing 2nd overall. The British Bouldering team are now ranked 9th in the World (11th in 2009).



Nat Berry winning the British Lead Climbing Championships 2010

- Administered Team travel and entry to international events.
- A re-structuring of the competitions calendar for next year to allow for international events both in the UK and abroad.
- Completed another Q&A day on UKClimbing on competitions.
- Continue the production of *Psyched!* – a competition specific newsletter.
- Organisation of clothing sponsorship deals for all the teams – Mountain Hardware for the Junior/Lead teams and Five Finger Thing for the Bouldering team.
- Organised sponsorship deals for climbing holds with Entre-Prises UK and ropes with Mammut UK.
- Production of several good quality videos to advertise and promote the junior climbing team all published on UKClimbing and BMC website.
- Organising the online application process for entering competitions online on the BMC website – reducing the administration of the competitions vastly – work in progress.
- Revitalising the Senior Lead Team – the management of this has been amalgamated into the Junior team and some members of the team have been training with the Juniors. We need to push this forward to recruit new team members and organise their training in line with the Juniors pushing forward to the goal of competing at the Senior Lead World Cup in Edinburgh in November 2011.
- Restructured the age categories to come into line with IFSC categories, which has increased numbers entering competitions dramatically.
- Bouldering team have been working closely with sports scientists at Teeside University, to bring a more scientific approach to the team training.

Forward plan 2011

- Run BLCC, BBC, Open Youth Competitions, IFSC Lead World Cup, IFSC Bouldering World Cup, Leading Ladder and BMC Youth Climbing Series.
- Raise the profile of the British Team and seek external funding to support their efforts, continuing with the recruitment of a 'team sponsorship coordinator'
- Run Team training sessions.
- Administer Team travel and entry to international events.
- Organise a national/international route setting course
- Review the success of the 2010/11 leading ladder.
- Organise the British Team section of the BMC website and keep it updated on British team successes at home and abroad. Using the new communities section of the BMC site to good effect to promote the team and give them an identity that they can use to promote themselves to potential sponsors. Linking these in with the new team website.
- Assist with the development of the upcoming

International competitions to be held in the UK in the coming years.

Bouldering Team

- Dave Barrans
- Ned Feehally
- Gaz Parry
- James Garden
- Keith Bradbury
- Mina Leslie-Wujastyk
- Gill Peet
- Stewart Watson
- Jon Partridge
- Adam Jeewoath
- Martin Watson
- Diane Merrick
- Leah Crane
- Katy Piddock

Bouldering Support Team

- Nick Clement - Team Manager
- Tom Sugden - Assistant Team Manager

Junior Team

- Natalie Berry
- Jaime Davidson
- Jonathan Field
- Rebecca Hall
- Sean Hopkins
- Eleanor Hopkins
- Ellen Macaskill
- Dylan MacKenzie
- Olivia Ratcliffe
- Jonathan Stocking
- Michaela Tracy
- Alice Waterhouse
- Paul Williamson
- Catherine Whiteman
- Charlotte Garden
- Rachel Carr
- Tara Hayes
- Carmel Moran
- Molly Thompson-Smith
- Billy Ridal
- Shauna Coxsey
- Joshua Farrell
- James Garden
- Edward Hamer
- Micheal Hopkins
- Ross Kirkland
- Robert MacKenzie
- Edd Mowbray
- Lily Rosengard
- Luke Tilley
- Caitlin Wallace
- Jonny White
- Suzannah Zitter
- Charlotte Ellison
- Oliver Grounsell
- Steven Addison
- Matthew Roby
- Nikki Addison
- Randy Roby
- Angus Davidson

Senior Lead Team

- Drew Haigh
- Adrian Baxter
- Robert Haigh
- Adam Watson

Lead Support Team

- Ian Dunn – Team Manager
- Drew Haigh – Assistant Team Manager (senior)
- Jane Newman – Assistant Team Manager (junior)

Competitions Committee

- Iain McKenzie (Chair)
- Gareth Parry (Vice Chair)
- Rob Adie (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Graeme Alderson
- Dave Barrans
- Nick Clement
- Ian Dunn
- Drew Haigh
- Jane Newman
- Audrey Seguy
- Tom Sugden
- Ian Alderson
- Percy Bishton
- Nick Colton
- John Ellison
- Mick Johnson (Exec Rep)
- Tom Randall
- John Shaw
- Mike Watson

Paper Members

- John Arran
- Lucy Creamer
- Kevin Howett

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.



To meet this aim, the BMC is looking at ways to remove barriers to participation that under-represented groups may face. The BMC Equity Steering Group oversees this work as well as advises the BMC on equality issues. The group is chaired by BMC Vice President Rehan Siddiqui.

During 2010, we held a consultation day with members of black and minority ethnic (BME) communities to identify perceived barriers to participation in rock climbing and hill walking. We plan to hold a similar event in 2011.

On disability issues, the BMC Equity Steering Group now has members with disabilities to represent this part of our community. The BMC is working towards ensuring that there are no removable barriers to disabled people's involvement in climbing and mountaineering activities. With this aim in mind, we have been working with MLTE on a future publication *Hill Walking For All*, which contains practical guidance on hill walking for people with a wide range of disabilities. Additionally, and again in conjunction with MLTE, the BMC has supported a number of training initiatives aimed at improving support for people with a disability. In 2010 we also held the first ever BMC National Disability Climbing Competition.

BMC safety posters have been translated into the Welsh Language. Summit magazine contains articles that appear in both English and Welsh and we have translated the wildly acclaimed book *Hill Walking* into Welsh.

Equity Committee 2010

- Rehan Siddiqui (Chair)
- Nick Colton (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Kabeer Bostan
- John Crosbie
- Graeme Hill
- Fida Hussain
- Bob Moulton
- Mahesh Patel
- Kamala Sen
- Fredelina Yong

Paper Members

- Jamie Andrew
- Karen Darke

- Marcus Drummond
- Trevor Massiah
- Bill Renshaw
- Dalvinder Sohdi
- Tim Marshall
- Iain McKenzie
- Andy Say (MLTE)
- Ken Wilson

Guidebooks

The Guidebook Committee produces a definitive set of guidebooks for the Peak District and also assists other groups to publish guidebooks.

Key Achievements & Outputs for 2010

The key achievements of 2010 for guidebooks has been the production of the new Froggatt to Black Rocks guide. This is the largest, most extensive and best of the new range of BMC guidebooks to date and the culmination of much work by the team, prompting the reviews editor in Climb magazine to declare that the BMC is now producing the best and most interesting guidebooks in the UK.



The Froggatt guide combines all the aspects of recent BMC guides that have made them so loved. Full coverage is given to routes and bouldering. The volume features top class photography, both contemporary and historic. It has six bouldering circuits as well as a full history and list of first ascents. It looks great.

Work on the BMC's latest abundant guidebook continues with the Chinley Cream-Puff, Martin Kocsis, lashed to its fate like Gregory Peck to the white whale – "I'll have no man in my boat who's not afraid of a whale." No one listened and the boat filled itself with lunatics anyway. OverThe Moors will be the bumper volume that will cover all the climbing on and around the moorland uplands of the Peak District. The crags that ring Bleaklow, Kinder, the Longdendale Valley, the Chew Valley, then further west as far as the Saddleworth, Oldham and Marsden area, a climbing area with a history that stretches back over a hundred years. A lifetime's climbing covered in the fantastic standard of the new series of BMC guides, carrying forward the fine traditions of earlier series into the new millennium. Time moves on, but quality stays the same.

This is now in a very advanced state and a huge amount of research, writing, photography and design are soon going to erupt and a Vesuvius of information, entertainment and inspiration is going to sweep down from the mountaintops and engulf us all. You better have your stiff-bristled nylon brush at the ready.

Other organs continue to grind in the background. Les Ainsworth's fantastic Lancashire guide is working away towards its latest incarnation and will display these Dark Satanic Thrills as they have never been seen before. Beware! Gary Gibson, half man, half compressor, the Maestri of Matlock to whom Peak sport climbers owe more than they do to the man who invented lycra tights, will lead the project and will surely bring the same passion and gusto to the book as he has done to

abandoned limestone quarries.

Other projects in the offing include a Merseyside sandstone guide, being authored by the local climbers and an all-new book to Leicestershire climbing. Again the energy for this surges from Leicester locals who have been inspired to transform their local quarries and outcrops into a true resource for Midlanders.

Forward Plan 2011

OverThe Moors is intended to appear in 2011. Work continues on two smaller guides, to Leicestershire and Mersey Sandstone, and it is hoped to bring these out in 2011/12.

Guidebook Committee

- Ian Carr (Chair)
- Niall Grimes (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Les Ainsworth
- Martin Kocsis
- David Lanceley
- Dave Turnbull
- Richard Wheeldon

Huts

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

The Group met on one occasion in 2010 to discuss current issues and to review matters relating to the Don Whillans Memorial Hut (DWMH) for which the BMC holds the lease and the Alex MacIntyre (AMMH) and Glen Brittle (GBMH) Huts which are held in trust jointly by the BMC and the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS).

During the year the Group advised affiliated clubs and their members about the following matters: business taxation – rateable values; community amateur sports clubs (CASC's) – registration with HM Customs and Revenue and potential tax savings; civil liability insurance and commercial lettings; data protection and the need for registration; employers' liability insurance; energy saving and going green; funding for improvements; health & safety issues; hut overcrowding – fire and safety issues; private and mains water supplies; withdrawal of cheques – alternative methods of payments of hut fees and club subscriptions.

The Group liaises closely with the MCofS Huts Advisory Group (HAG) on matters of common interest. In conjunction with HAG, we have produced thirteen guidelines to assist hut operators. These guidelines are available on the BMC website. A new guideline covering private drinking water supplies in England & Wales has been produced. All the current guidelines with the exception of G8 Funding for Improvements and G11 Safeguarding Children in Mountain Huts have been reviewed and revised where necessary to ensure that they comply with current legal and user requirements. A new Guideline to cover energy saving and going green is in hand.

The Group's Chair attended meetings of the

AMMH and DWMH Hut Committees. He continues to act as Secretary for the AMMH Hut Committee. The Group's Chair also serves on the BMC's Child Safeguarding Group. A new BMC and MCofS Management Agreement for the AMMH hut has been produced and executed by the trustees. The new Agreement reflects the appointment of two *ex officio* trustees by the BMC and MCofS. These trustees are the Chairs of the BMC Huts Group and the MCofS Huts Advisory Group.

The BMC's seventh Huts Seminar which was organised by the Group and held at Plas y Brenin was well received. The Seminar was held in conjunction with the Clubs' Seminar and the two seminars were attended by 37 people. Speakers delivered papers on Health & Safety, Safeguarding Children in Mountain Huts, Community Amateur Sports Clubs, Insurance – Hut and Civil Liability Policies, Hut Water Supplies – Private and Public. There was also a Q&A session on legal issues.

The Group continues to encourage and support the National Hut Committees where they try to improve and update the properties and their facilities. The AMMH Hut Committee has spent £23,000 on improvements to the hut in 2010. Most of the funding for these improvements was provided by the BMC, MCofS and the Scottish Mountaineering Trust by way of loans and grants.

In 2011, the Group plans to carry out a review of energy savings schemes and assess their suitability for mountain huts. We also intend to review and amend the guidelines covering Funding for Improvements and Safeguarding Children in Mountain Huts. The Group will continue to offer guidance with a view to encouraging clubs and their members to adopt best practice in the management of their mountain huts.

Huts Group Committee

- Iain McCallum (Chair)
- Martin Kocsis (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Nigel Charlesworth
- John Farrow
- Michael Hult
- Lyndon Gill
- Ken Jackson
- John Leftley
- Bill Renshaw
- Dave Roberts
- Chris Thickett

International

International representation, information, advice and expedition support.

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 2010

- Grant aid and support to 17 overseas expeditions, and approval of another four.
- Making the first Julie Tullis Memorial Award.

- Holding a successful international rock climbing in May, based at the Count House in Cornwall.
- Close liaison with the Mount Everest Foundation (MEF), Welsh Sports Association (WSA) and Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCoFS) on the distribution of Overseas Expeditions Awards.
- Consolidating an electronic database of expedition reports.
- Nominating British climbers for international gatherings eg, Orco Trad Meet (Italy), AAC Yosemite.
- Publicising British expedition success through a lecture program at the Kendal Film Festival and on the BMC website.
- Working with the UIAA on international/expedition policy.

Aided by a one-off financial addition to the annual support available for expeditions, the International Committee was able to make 17 awards. These were focused primarily but not exclusively on younger mountaineers and those for whom the support would make a significant difference to the viability of their trip. Personal development was also a significant consideration when it came to making a number of awards. All these climbers were BMC members, who took BMC insurance cover. Four other expeditions gained BMC Approval.

Venues ranged from Canada's Baffin Island to Chilean Patagonia, and from Greenland to Kyrgyzstan. In addition, the first Julie Tullis Memorial Award was granted to a female mountaineer visiting Afghanistan. Most were successful, notably the first ascent of a 1,400m big wall on Welshman's Peak in the Stewart Valley of Baffin Island, the first ascent of the West Face of Vasuki Parvat in the Indian Garhwal Himal, the first ascent of the North Face of Khanjaya Lak II in Xinjiang's Xuelian Range (China), and fine new routes on Grosvenor and Edgar in Chinese Sichuan.

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 Mount Everest Foundation's Screening and Management Committees. It also has a representative on the Welsh Sports Association's 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 Alpine Club, which awards grants through its Climbing Fund. In addition, the International Committee provides representation on the newly inaugurated UIAA Expeditions working group, and liaises with the Alpine Club as fellow UIAA members.

International Meets

Moving away from the traditional venue of North Wales for the spring/summer gathering, the 2010 international rock climbing meet took place in Cornwall during May and was co-hosted by the Climbers' Club. The meeting was a huge success with 28 enthusiastic international guests and a total of 65 climbers from 21 different countries. Ten new

routes (from Diff to E7) and many notable repeats were made in a week of excellent weather.

Over the years, these events have undoubtedly raised the profile of the BMC, always fostered excellent international relations, and led to many profitable exchanges and, from time to time, notable climbing partnerships. It has spawned an increasing number of international gatherings in various countries, many using the BMC model. In the future the ratio of summer to winter meets will increase two to one, so in 2011 there will be another rock climbing meet during May, again co-hosted by the Climbers' Club and this time based at Ynys Ettws, the site of their Llanberis hut.

BMC International Grant awards for 2010

Grant awards were made to eligible members of 17 expeditions as follows:

- Baffin Big Walls £1,800
- Free the Cathedral (Patagonia) £1,500
- Western Kokshaal-too (Kyrgyzstan) £1,500
- Djangart (Kyrgyzstan) £800
- Torugart-too (Kyrgyzstan) £500
- Tahu Ratum (Paksitan) £1,800
- Obra Valley (India) £600
- Vasuki Parvat (India) £1,000
- Edgar (China) £900
- Annapurna III (Nepal) £2,100
- Kyashar (Nepal) £1,500
- Huaguruncho (Peru) £1,500
- Kitchatna (Alaska) £1,000
- Sim-Griffiths Ruth Gorge (Alaska) £1,000
- Manchester Ruth Gorge (Alaska) £800
- Barkley Ridge (Alaska) £500
- Afghanistan Ski received the JTMA of £350.

Approval was also given to climbers visiting the Khumbu Himal in winter, Australasia, India and the Chinese Tien Shan.

International Committee

The Committee met twice in 2010 and comprises the following members:

- Lindsay Griffin (Chair)
- Dave Wilkinson (Vice Chair)
- Nick Colton (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Rab Anderson (MCoFS)
- Paul Braithwaite
- Pat Littlejohn
- Andy MacNae
- Stephen Sustad

Paper Members

- Kevin Howett (MCoFS)
- Bill Ruthven (MEF)
- Mike Turner

Technical

In 2010 there were five Technical Committee meetings, with an average attendance of ten. **Bill Stronge moved from a paper member to a full member of the Equipment Investigation Panel (EIP).**

During 2010, four Tech Skills articles were published in Summit magazine. A number of

website features and news items were produced and a Helmets download was published online.

Work continued with North Wales Bolt Fund to inspect and maintain BMC anchors at Pen Trwyn. Through the Better Bolts Campaign bolt donations were used to continue rebolting work countrywide. Bolting workshops for volunteers were held in the NW Area and South Wales.

An equipment seminar was held at the BMC Student Safety & Good Practice Seminar, Plas y Brenin. The Technical Conference planned for November 2010 was cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

UIAA Safety Commission: Rob Foster successfully took over from Neville McMillan as UK representative. Neville McMillan received Honorary Membership and a UIAA award for services to International Mountaineering. At the CENTC136/WG5 Mountaineering Equipment meeting, Neville McMillan is the Principal UK Expert, appointed by BSI Technical Committee SW136/5. Neville McMillan is the BMC representative on SW136/5, and Ben Lyon is the Chairman. Rob Foster attends meetings as Neville McMillan's nominated successor as BMC representative. Newly recruited members of the committee include an expert in polymers.

For 2011, the forward plan is to continue to publish key Technical Committee reports on the BMC website, and to produce Tech Skills features for Summit magazine. We will also produce features, videos and downloads for the BMC website including: Knots mini-guide, Ropes mini-guide and Care & Maintenance videos which are currently in progress. We will run an equipment seminar at the Student Safety & Good Practice Seminar, Plas y Brenin. We will also obtain a portable equipment tester to run practical educational sessions at Area Meetings and other events.

Technical Committee

- Oliver Milling (Chair)
- Dan Middleton (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Rob Foster
- Alan Huyton
- Ben Lyon
- Stu McAleese
- Neville McMillan
- George Steele
- Scott Titt (Exec Rep)

Equipment Investigation Panel

- Jane Blackford
- Fred Hall
- Dan Robinson
- Bill Stronge
- Richard Terrell
- Megan Hadley
- Steve Long
- Virgil Scott
- Mark Taylor
- Phillip Tootill

Paper Members

- Rob Allen
- Petra Ernst
- Mike Margeson
- Jim Titt
- Nick Williams
- Dave Brook
- Trevor Hellen
- Paul Seddon
- Roger Wild

Training & Youth

The Training & Youth Committee (TYC) had a productive year; the new edition of *Safety on Mountains* was published; the Youth Climbing Series continued to be the BMC's largest event with over 500 young climbers competing; almost 100 students attended the annual good practice seminar and a new climbing workshop was launched – *The FUNdamentals of Climbing 2*.



Safety on Mountains

First published in the 1970s, *Safety on Mountains* has been a BMC best seller ever since. Major revisions were made to the existing text to produce a fifth edition full of up to date information for new and experienced hill walkers alike. Striking illustrations, provided by Mountain Leader Training, were used to complement the text. Topics covered include: clothing and equipment, hazards, mountain weather, navigation, walking in winter, camping in the hills, access and conservation, emergency procedures and first aid.

BMC Youth Climbing Series

Proving as popular as ever, the series was made possible by the dedication of the BMC Area Youth Coordinators (AYCs), the many volunteers, and the hosting climbing walls. The MCofS organises rounds in Scotland. Those who did best in the British and Irish rounds then competed in a national final held at the Westway in London.

BMC National Academy

With Sport England funding, five training days were organised last year, drawing talent from the Youth Climbing Series and nominations from Area Youth Coordinators. National Academy days were held in London, Manchester and Newcastle in January and July. Each child was invited to two days, the idea being to nurture their development and provide them with useful feedback. Parents were invited too, and provided with information on appropriate and inappropriate climbing training for children.

BMC FUNdamentals of Climbing Workshops

Building on the strength of the long standing FUNdamentals of Climbing Workshop, a new workshop FUNdamentals of Climbing 2 was launched in February 2010. The original workshop (now rebranded as FUNdamentals of Climbing 1) focuses on the important themes that underpin climbing movement, such as agility, balance and co-ordination; awareness of the body's centre of gravity and the relationship between weight transfer and economy of movement. The FUNdamentals of Climbing Workshop 2 looks at how specific techniques can be coached, including, precise and accurate footwork; ways of using different handholds; principles when climbing specific features, such as cracks, corners and arêtes, and principles when climbing on different gradients,

such as slabs, vertical walls & overhanging terrain.

BMC Student Safety and Good Practice Seminar

Over 30 volunteers delivered good practice talks and practical workshops to almost 100 students. Plas y Brenin hosted the event. Very much an annual fixture on the BMC events diary, the demand for places demonstrates the great service that the volunteers provide.

BMC Winter Lectures

Two new speakers, Tamsin Gay and Tim Blakemore, delivered the Winter Lectures in 2010. Last year's excellent winter no doubt inspired many mountaineers as almost 600 people attended the lectures.

BMC Rock Climbing Masterclasses

Delivered by Lucy Creamer and Katherine Schirmacher, these practical workshops proved a hit, with many dates selling out very quickly.

BMC Climbing Injury Symposium

In November, the BMC ran successful a medical symposium in Sheffield entitled *One Move Too*. Many which was attended by over 60 medical professionals and climbers. The foremost expert in climbing related injuries in the world, Volker Schöffel from Germany, gave the keynote speech. The symposium was organised by the BMC office, conceived and planned by Audry Morrison in conjunction with the BMC.

Training & Youth Committee

- Ian Fenton (Chair from 2005 to Dec 2010)
- Andy Newton (Chair from Dec 2010)
- Jon Garside (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Ed Allaway
- Anne Arran
- Martin Chester
- Nick Colton
- Mal Creasey
- Mark Dennison
- Mark Dicken
- Ian Dunn
- Tim Hogan
- Adrian Japp
- Christian Lund (Exec Rep)
- Mike Margeson
- Mike Rosser
- John Simpson
- Jon Wilson

Paper Members

- Dave Binney
- Angela Carlin
- Aaron Cox
- John Gibbons
- Kevin Howett
- Heather Morning
- Andy Say
- Paul Walters
- Jim Watkin
- Ian Blanche
- Anne Chevalier
- David Farrell
- Tina Heselden
- Sam Johnson
- Ifan Roberts
- Paul Smith
- Ian Walton

Child Safeguarding

The Child Safeguarding Group is a sub group of the Training and Youth Committee that 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 2010 and produced guidance for BMC affiliated clubs on child safeguarding and child protection issues.

Child protection and other specialist training days were delivered to key BMC youth volunteers. The BMC's internal child protection policy and procedures developed in line with current good practice. The BMC achieved the Intermediate Standard of the Child Protection in Sport Unit's Standards for Safeguarding and Protecting in Children in Sport.

Child Safeguarding Committee

- Christine Scarborough (Chair)
- Nick Colton (Secretary/BMC staff)
- Mike Coxsey
- Shauna Coxsey (Junior Climbing Team Member)
- Iain McCallum

Paper Members

- Mark Alderson
- Dave Binney
- Matthew Brown
- Dick Green

Areas

Lake District

A new team took over from the world famous Al Phizacklea in 2009/10, and they have continued to ensure that the Lakes area is mobile, friendly and always keen to get stuck in.

The third Lakes Festival of Climbing successfully came and went with numbers similar to the first two events, thanks to the efforts of a friendly and efficient team based out of Kendal. The Festival appears to be firmly fixed in the minds of many climbers now as an annual event...surely the best sign of success.

Attendances and involvement have been good and the area meetings are consequently sociable and interesting affairs. The access team under Peter Latimer's leadership has been hard at work ensuring fair access for walkers and climbers throughout the nesting season, and the meetings as a whole have dealt with various ethical conundrums. Access disputes at crags such as Fairy Steps (an important local resource) have been faced up to. The Lakes Bolt Fund is a significant part of the area activity, and it spearheaded the rebolting of St Bees in 2010. Area meetings are at the four points of the compass in order to involve as many people as possible. See you at one of the meetings, or at the Lakes Festival in mid June.

Lakes Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 23

- Chair: Ewen Turner
- Secretary: James Bumby
- National Council Representatives: Polly Sullivan & Steve Scott
- Access & Conservation: Cumbria Co-ordinator – Peter Latimer; Eden Valley – Ron Kenyon; Ullswater, Haweswater & Swindale – Mike Hornby; Duddon & Eskdale – Al Phizacklea; Kentmere & Longsleddale – Max Biden; Coniston – Jim Loxham; South Lakes Limestone – James Bumby
- Clubs Representative: Martin Dale

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	10	8
With club membership of	723	691
Share of national clubs	319	357
Individual members	1,447	1,601
Total members in area	2,489	2,649

London & South East

The Area had four meetings in 2010, including an AGM in the Palace of Westminster and an outdoor meet at Harrison's Rocks with over 100 people attending. More of the same is planned for 2011.

Highlights were another great year with regards to youth and competitions, and the adult meet to the sandstone actually had excellent weather. There were a number of interesting themes to the regular area meetings – particularly the proposed loan arrangements for clubs; largely however it was a quiet year when it came to discussions.

The aims for the coming year are to keep up the progress in the area – we want to plan another adult meet, add a youth outdoor meet to the area's calendar, and get some more great speakers in to keep our area's attendance going in the right direction. Thanks go to Tom Perrin for his efforts as Secretary, and good luck to Liz – stepping across to fill the breach.

London and South East Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 31

- Chair: Christian Lund
- Secretary: Tom Perrin (to Dec 10) / Elizabeth Holley (from Dec 10)
- National Council Representatives: Christian Lund, Vic Odell
- Climbing Wall Representative: Damon Clark
- Clubs Representative: Tony Williams
- Youth Co-ordinator: Sam Johnson

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	91	91
With club membership of	5,023	4,989
Share of national clubs	2,217	2,578
Individual members	13,314	15,268
Total members in area	20,554	22,835

Midlands

Big thanks to Fiona Devine who has been the Midlands Secretary for the last five years, Ed Proctor – Clubs Representative and Howard Pymm – Access Officer for the East Midlands. The appointment of new secretary will be made at our January 2011 meeting and Miles Hillman is the new Access Officer for the East Midlands.

The East Midlands has been the focal point in 2010 with Geoff Mason asking the Midlands Area to support him with his Quarries Proposal which details the recreational potential of quarries, and quarry restoration. From the proposal a great deal of thought and work has been to be poured into quarrying matters by Geoff Mason, Graham Richmond, Miles Hillman, David Unwin and others in the Midlands Area.

Geoff is in the later stages of organising a major seminar at Leicestershire County Council HQ – with high level support from LCC and to be held in the main Council Chamber – on the issue of quarry restoration for recreation. This will be aimed at quarry companies and mineral planners and the BMC has agreed to contribute towards the costs of hosting it. Richard Law and Elfyn Jones met with Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Montgomery Wildlife Trust to allow individual recreational climbers and club members to rock climb on the rocks at Llanymynech. For more information go to the Regional Access Database in the Access and Conservation section of the BMC website.

Midlands Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 19

- Chair: Charles Gameson

- Secretary: Fiona Devine
- National Council Representatives: Charles Gameson and Fiona Devine
- Access and Conservation: East Midlands: Miles Hillman; West Midlands: Richard Law
- Climbing Walls Representative: Claudia Sarner
- Clubs Representative: Ed Proctor
- Youth Co-ordinator: Iain Blanche

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	41	38
With club membership of	2,653	2,130
Share of national clubs	1,171	1,100
Individual members	4,477	5,008
Total members in area	8,301	8,238

North East

No major issues have occurred in the North East Area, the region is ticking over nicely and climbers are enjoying the crags, hills, boulders and indoor walls.

Historically the main clubs in the area are the Cleveland Mountaineering Club (CMC), the Northumbrian Mountaineering Club (NMC), Wanney's Climbing Club and the Swaledale Outdoor Club (SOC). The CMC is Middlesbrough based, with summer Tuesday evening meets mostly on the North Yorkshire Moors. The crags here are mostly sandstone with a couple of Jurassic limestone cliffs for adventure. In winter indoor wall meets are often at Rock Antics in Newton Aycliffe, although a few hardy CMC climbers go winter night 'tooling' on the Moors rather than the indoor wall. They usually find semi-frozen mud, loose rock, turf and heather although recently it has been frozen turf, snow and ice.

The NMC is Tyneside based with summer Wednesday evening meets on Northumberland sandstone crags, with the odd foray to the Whin Sill Dolerite of Crag Lough. Winter sees wall action in the Tyneside area with either a local school wall or the excellent Newcastle Climbing Wall in a converted Byker Church. Another excellent Geordie training venue is Climb Newcastle, the dedicated bouldering venue. Andy Earl one of the Climb Newcastle founders and NMC activist with futuristic first ascents in Northumberland is currently recovering from a serious illness. Andy has done a lot for North East climbing and is a well known and liked figure. Everyone is wishing him well and looking forward to seeing him out and about soon.

Another significant club in the area, the SOC is a multi activity club i.e. not just a climbing club. It has a Richmond, North Yorkshire clubhouse and members from a wide area of the North of England (and further). The SOC climbing section has meets just like a climbing club, in summer Wednesday evening meets in the North Yorkshire area, crags on the North York Moors, North Pennines and Dales. In the winter months there are socials in the Richmond clubhouse and wall meets at Rock Antics Newton

Aycliffe, Sunderland and Harrogate Climbing Centre. Harrogate Climbing Wall is just outside our area in the BMC Yorkshire Area, but as it is easily accessible on the outskirts of Harrogate not far off the A1 it is frequently used by North East area climbers. It was officially opened in June 2010 by John Dunne and Alan Hinkes.

The cold winter conditions have allowed ascents of frozen waterfalls in the North York Moors and North Pennines, not long multi pitch routes but lovely, icy, esoteric gems. Ice routes even appeared on the North Yorkshire sea cliffs.

Ian Walton recently took over as AYC North East and Lakes and Johnny Brundle will take over as North East area coach after attending the PyB coaching course in March. At the YCS final we finished 8th overall. Best individual results were girls 14-16, Emily Winterhalder 4th and Bethany Walton 5th. Sam Brannigan won his category in the BMC Leading Ladder final and finished 2nd in Youth B at the BLCC's. Carmel Moran finished 3rd Beth Walton finished 4th in their age category.

Thanks to all the volunteers and with no major access issues in the region everyone is looking forward to summer 2011 evening club meets.

North East Area Notes

- Chair: Alan Hinkes OBE
- Secretary: Lloyd Murray
- National Council Representative: Alan Hinkes
- Access & Conservation: Northumberland – Colin Matheson; Durham & North York Moors – Peter Hay
- Climbing Walls Representative: Peter Dyson
- Clubs Representative: Malcolm Rowe
- Youth Co-ordinator: Ian Walton

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	8	7
With club membership of	642	506
Share of national clubs	283	261
Individual members	1,721	1,851
Total members in area	2,646	2,618

North West

The North West Area has continued to involve a good number of local climbers and walkers in its meetings with average attendances being 20 plus. The policy of rotating meeting venues has also helped to ensure that it has not been a case of the same old faces turning up. Indeed, the informal meeting we held at Frogsmouth over the summer probably involved a majority of people who had never experienced the joys of an area meeting previously.

As ever the NW area has been very active in promoting access and improvement works to our local crags. The Wilton Management Group has done a good job looking after one of our finest crags which is now in BMC ownership. However towards the end of this year there have been some concerns about the activities of the shooting club encroaching on climbing in the quarries that we don't own and your representatives are currently on the case.

Unfortunately the situation at Hoghton is not as

positive. To date there has been no movement from the Estate on agreeing an improved access situation and in 2010 the period agreed for climbing was a matter of a few weeks. A lot of local climbers are becoming understandably frustrated about this and further efforts to gain better access will be made through Les Ainsworth, our local access rep for the crag.

The two major guidebooks covering our area i.e. the Lancashire Guide and the Cheshire Sandstone Guide are both in the process of being re-written. The existing Lancashire guide continues to be one of the BMC's best-selling books and the new edition is keenly awaited. Les Ainsworth still needs help with crag photographs but the finished volume is now not that far away. Unfortunately work on the Cheshire guide seems to have stalled and it is hoped that the volunteers working on this will return to the task with renewed vigour in the New Year. This is a much needed guidebook as the previous edition sold out some time ago.

Perhaps the biggest project undertaken by the NW area this year has been the restoration of Frogsmouth Quarry as a sport climbing venue. The initial impetus for this work came from Gai Ashmore, supported by working parties of as many as 30 people. The Ranger Service who manage the site have also been very co-operative and this has allowed us to complete a massive tree and shrub clearance programme from the base of the crag. The existing bolts installed some 15 years ago (and now rather tired looking) have been replaced with new extra-long resin bolts provided by the BMC's Better Bolts Fund and with a few exceptions (which may have been attended to by the time you read this) all the major routes have been fully re-equipped. If you have never been or if you only remember it from years ago I suggest you go in 2011. The crag has never looked as good. It's a great example of what can be done when local activists get together with technical and material support from the BMC.

Another major issue considered by the NW Area in 2010 was the question of BMC loans to member clubs who wished to develop their huts. Our area was generally in favour of this idea but felt strongly that any such arrangements must absolutely be seen to be fair to all clubs and we were active in encouraging the BMC National Council to develop a clear and fair policy on the matter.

Finally I should round this report off by again mentioning Les Ainsworth who has this year been awarded the prestigious Torch Trophy Award for outstanding volunteers in sport. Les has done an enormous amount of work on behalf of climbers in the North West as a previous area Chairman, as a guidebook editor, as an access rep and as a generally super active volunteer. The award is thoroughly deserved. And that's enough thanking of Les – we don't want this to sound like a retirement speech because the last thing we want is for him to stop doing what he does.

North West Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 24

- Chair: Colin Struthers
- Secretary: Harold Walmsley
- National Council Representatives: Colin Struthers & Tom Bond
- Access & Conservation: Lancashire – Les Ainsworth; Cheshire – Mark Hounslea
- Climbing Walls Representatives: Mark Hounslea
- Clubs Representative: Richard Toon
- Newsletter editor: Richard Ginns
- Youth Representative: Ian Dunn

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	33	33
With club membership of	2,272	2,302
Share of national clubs	1,003	1,189
Individual members	5,130	5,899
Total members in area	8,405	9,390

Peak District

Since the last AGM in November 2009, the Peak Area has been kept very busy, mainly with access issues and guidebook production.

The access work been extremely well co-ordinated by the constant driving force of Henry Folkard. Challenges that the access volunteers have faced have included:

- Eastern Moors Project.
- Horseshoe Quarry management.
- The Staden/Cowdale Quarry bottling plant planning permission.
- Nesting birds.
- Crag clearances at several crags including; Cratcliffe, Stoney, Yarncliffe and Lawrencefield.
- Continued work on Backdale.

This year also saw the production of a significant new guidebook Froggatt to Black Rocks. Perhaps the most anticipated, yet complex, guide to the area finally saw the light of day to critical acclaim. We should be proud of all the hard work of the guidebook team, for what is a stunning piece of work. Work progresses on the Moorland Gritstone guide which is due next year and the limestone guides which are currently being researched and written.

Chris Moor and Neil Foster reported regularly on National Council issues. The issue of support from the BMC offices was raised during the year and has led to the production of a detailed document outlining the responsibilities of all volunteers associated with Area Meetings (nationally).

Martin Wass put a great deal of effort into producing a series of newsletters to coincide with each of the meetings. The newsletters were always very well received, but Martin prompted discussion of the future of the series. This is unresolved.

Peak District Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 33

- Chair: Matt Heason
- Secretary: Trudi Materna/Lynn Robinson
- National Council Representatives: Chris Moor & Neil Foster
- Access & Conservation: Peak Co-ordinators – Henry Folkard & Adam Long; Northern Peak &

Chew Valley – Rick Gibbon; Matlock area – Reuben Brown; Western Grit & Staffordshire – Andi Turner and Chris Nunn; Sheffield Area Grit – Adam Long

- Clubs Representative: David Brown
- Youth Representative: Jim Watkin

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	22	22
With club membership of	1,213	1,263
Share of national clubs	535	653
Individual members	2,999	3,287
Total members in area	4,747	5,203

South West & Southern

The five meetings held in 2010 have seen us return to Bristol, Chudleigh and Cheddar and reach out to Cornwall and Gloucester, so covering a fair part of the area.

This was a response in part to calls for a greater number of meetings to be held away from Bristol, and partially after analysis of area demographics, which unsurprisingly tell us that Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester and Plymouth hold more than half of the climbers in the SW area. Attendance at meetings was slightly up on 2009.

The access success of 2010 was Fairy Cave Quarry, which was reopened for climbing after Ian Butterworth had spent months of painstaking negotiations with the landowner. Climbers in general acted with commendable patience in avoiding climbing there, and risking worsening the situation. There is a system in place to register for the padlock combination, and loose rock has been cleaned off the more popular routes and lower offs installed where cliff top access has been impeded by the new fencing.

In May, the meeting was held in Cheddar, to coincide with the Crag AttaK festival. The same month saw a long awaited clean-up at the Dewerstone. Thanks to Rich Mayfield for seeing this through and to Mat Johnson for starting the ball rolling.

After a quiet summer, October saw the meeting return to the Count House, where the issue of fixed gear in West Cornwall was once again on the agenda. There was initial disappointment amongst the many people crammed into the lounge that the issues themselves could not be discussed, and that the meeting was to agree on an agenda for the subsequent debate – a longstanding protocol in the SW. Once that was understood, a very positive discussion followed. The special meeting itself takes place in April 2011.

Other area activities included: replacement of some of the first-generation glue-in staples at Torbryan following a BMC grant to the bolt fund; continuation of summer climbing in Cheddar; and Bristol climbers helping ornithologists with ringing peregrines and ravens.

Several BMC members attended and gave evidence at the Vixen Tor public rights of way inquiry in November. This is ongoing and is covered on the BMC website. Overall, it has been a good year for the South West.

South West & Southern Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 25

- Chair: Jerzy Wiczorek

- Secretary: Sam Mayfield
- National Council Representatives: Scott Titt
- Access & Conservation: Avon Gorge – Steve Findlay; West Penwith – Jeremy Dyke; North Devon – Rick Abbott; South Devon – S.W.A.T. (South West Action Team); Wye Valley – Rick Sowards; Portland – Neal Heanes; Swanage – Steve Taylor; Cheddar & Somerset – Ian Butterworth
- Climbing Wall Representative: Steve Taylor
- Clubs Representative: Sam Mayfield
- Youth Representative: Tina Heselden

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	22	24
With club membership of	1,392	1,520
Share of national clubs	614	785
Individual members	4,918	5,866
Total members in area	6,924	8,171

Yorkshire

2010 saw the Area Meetings being held in a new venue, the Dyneley Arms at Pool in Wharfedale. Since the change of venue there's been a few new faces coming along to the meetings so it seems to be going well. That's probably because it's a bit more central and not just because the beer's cheaper!

The Yorkshire Area held 4 meetings in 2010, the fourth being held in tandem with the AGM and there has been much discussion across a range of matters. The items which generated the most debate have been Access, National Council and the newly formed Clubs Committee.

There have been various access issues which have kept our Access Reps busy. Most were resolved but some are ongoing. The bird nesting restrictions were well observed and relations with the National Park are very good.

Caley Crag had a clean-up in June particularly to pull up some of the Himalayan Balsam. Thank you to all concerned. This will be repeated in 2011 and 2012 so look out for dates as more help would be very welcome.

Much route development has again gone on on both gritstone & limestone as well as some bolt replacement. One totally new limestone venue was developed in the dry valley above Malham and is already proving popular.

A new Yorkshire Gritstone Guide is in the process of development and much work has gone into this.

A planned Youth Navigation Day in May was cancelled due to lack of support. This was both disappointing and a surprise particularly following the success of the Youth Hill Walking Day in 2009. We'd like to do more outdoor Youth events but need to understand what people want so if anyone has any thoughts about this please get in touch.

There is plenty of input to climbing issues in the Area but less to the hill walking side and so, in support of the BMC's efforts regarding this, a Hill Walking Representative was elected at the AGM to try and develop that aspect.

Unfortunately the Newsletter rather fell by the wayside in 2010 due to the lack of anyone to help with

its production. Hopefully this problem is now resolved.

Last but not least just to say that it is your BMC so why not come along and see what goes on and maybe get involved? All meeting info is on the BMC Community website.

Yorkshire Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance 28

- Chair: David Campbell
- Secretary: Deirdre Collier
- National Council Representatives: Mick Johnson & Deirdre Collier
- Access & Conservation – Limestone: Martin Christmas; Gritstone: Mick Johnson
- Climbing Wall Representative: Jonathan Richardson
- Clubs Representative: Paul Exley
- Youth Representative: David Farrell (indoors); Anne Chevalier (outdoors)

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	23	22
With club membership of	1,419	1,377
Share of national clubs	626	711
Individual members	2,723	3,466
Total members in area	4,768	5,554

Wales/Cymru

The year 2010 was another very busy year for BMC Wales/Cymru with a continued high attendance at meetings.

Four meetings have been held during the year in the north at the Gallt y Glyn, Llanberis, at Prenteg Village Hall, one at Pen Y Pass and the traditional AGM at Plas y Brenin. Attendance has varied from 40 to 76. Three meetings have been held in the south all attended by between 20 and 30 people.

In between meetings we have produced a newsletter to keep climbers and hill walkers up to date with goings on around Wales and to raise issues for forthcoming meetings. We have also used the newsletter as a way of reporting from other meetings rather than take up valuable discussion time with endless reports of other meetings.

The newsletter is now professionally translated into Welsh. Attendees at meetings are still able to comment on anything raised in the newsletter or indeed raise their own issues through an open forum slot at every meeting. We also have a presence on the BMC website, a Facebook page and a regular page in Summit which different Welsh activists have contributed to.

Key events this year have been the Penmaen Head Bin Bag Barbecue, two Snowdon Litter Picks (with Snowdonia Society) and attendance at the National Eisteddfod. The Gower Festival in September drew nearly 80 people whilst the final Tremadog Festival attracted over 100 climbers to give their routes a spring trim.

In April the South Wales Mountaineering Club hosted the BMC AGM on the Gower. There was a bolt workshop at Cwmaman. Big news in the South was the gaining of an access agreement for climbing

at Minchin Hole. Over in Pembroke yet more BMC funded belay stakes have been placed with the co-operation of the Army and the regular meetings about nesting restrictions with the Pembrokeshire National Park Authority have continued.

In the North this year there have been discussions about wind farms, Dali's Hole, Trench Wall, Craig y Forwyn, Bwlch y Moch, Pant Ifan, Pothole Quarry, dry tooling/winter climbing conditions and Notice Board Crag. Two boat trips around the Lleyrn with the RSPB to monitor nesting sites have also taken place. During the year we set up a separate group to collate BMC members observations of how the Green Key Scheme is currently working around Snowdon; these observations were then fed directly back to the Green Key scheme's lead officer on our behalf by the BMC's Welsh Officer.

In December a new Chair, Tom Hutton was elected. The outgoing Chair Mike Raine thanked everybody who had contributed to and/or volunteered for BMC activities during his four years in office.

Wales/Cymru Area Notes

4 meetings (North), average attendance: 55,

3 meetings (South), average attendance: 25

- Chair: Mike Raine (to Dec 10) / Tom Hutton (from Dec 10)
- Secretary: Ray Wood
- National Council Representatives: Mike Raine, Ray Wood, Stuart Llewellyn (South)
- Access & Conservation: Pembroke – Steve Quinton; South East Wales – John Cunstance; Gower – Mark Winder; Clwyd - Roger Bennion
- Clubs Representative: Rob Greaves
- Mountain Leader Training Wales: Andy Boorman
- Mountain Leader Training: Mark 'Baggy' Richards
- Mountaineering Co-ordination Group: Mike Raine
- Youth Representative: North – Ifan Roberts; South – Paul Walters

Members	2009	2010
No. of clubs in the area	16	15
With club membership of	1,324	1,298
Share of national clubs	584	671
Individual members	2,409	2,852
Total members in area	4,317	4,821

Trusts

Access & Conservation Trust

The BMC Access & Conservation Trust (ACT) funds projects to improve access for climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers, and to protect mountain and cliff environments across the British Isles.

Seven projects were supported in 2010. These have included the publication of the annual nesting restrictions poster and a contribution to the publication of a leaflet about the Warton Crag Nature Reserve, part of the Arnsdale and Silverdale Area of Natural Beauty. Similarly, ACT has funded the publication of the MCofS Minimal Impact

Mountaineering Advice booklet, a good practice guide for walkers, climbers and mountaineers in Scotland, and has also helped fund a joint research document looking into the economic value of hill walking activity in Wales.

In the Yorkshire Dales, ACT has helped fund part of the Three Peaks Project – a collaborative venture between the national park, local authorities, Natural England, local businesses and the BMC to repair, maintain and upgrade the Public Rights of Way (PROW) network in the Yorkshire Dales area.

The Trust is extremely grateful to all its supporters without whom none of its work would be possible. The Trust very much welcomes corporate donations and would like to acknowledge those from Castle Climbing Centre, the Climbers' Club, Yorkshire Mountaineering Club, Northumbrian Mountaineering Club, and Ascent Marketing. Many thanks also to everyone who has made an individual contribution; these are vital for the work of the Trust.

We have had real success over the past 3 years in raising funds by the recycling of printer cartridges and mobile phones using the envelopes provided in Summit magazine. This scheme has now raised over £3,000 for the Trust.

In 2011, the BMC Access & Conservation Trust will be re-launched with a new logo and new accompanying publicity. ACT is a charity and relies on donations from individuals and organisations to fund its work. Please visit the website for further information – www.thebmc.co.uk/act

Mountain Heritage Trust

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. The Trust, now in its tenth year since being set up by the BMC, is chaired by author and historian Julie Summers and has several eminent mountaineers on its Board.

In 2010, the family of Joe Tasker generously donated Joe's archive collection to MHT containing many fascinating outstanding photographs plus several artefacts including Joe's very first ice hammer and axe. The papers of Giles Barker and his audio interviews conducted as research for his history of climbing in the Peak District have been made available via web streaming on the Rock Archivist website. Exhibitions have been on show in Winchester, Ambleside, Kendal and also at the BMC office in Manchester.

MHT continues to develop partnership bids with Keswick Museum and the University of Cumbria to provide greater access and opportunities for display over the next twelve months. Working with clubs

continues apace with several clubs having contacted MHT seeking advice on preservation and bequest issues. In particular the Polaris Club secured its collection of books belonging to JW Puttrel and kindly donated its journal collection to MHT.

The work of the MHT archivist, Maxine Willett includes:

- Cataloguing artefacts and archive materials
- Compiling database records of all mountain heritage
- Working with climbing clubs and other heritage organisations to ascertain historical holdings and advise on their preservation
- Expanding the Trust's archive.

During 2010 we continued with our outreach projects that celebrate the strength of MHT's collections and the joint expertise of the trustees. John Innerdale and Maxine Willett co-curated an excellent exhibition at the Kendal Museum which ran for four months from October. Entitled *Everest the Hard Way* it focussed on the Bonington expedition to Mount Everest in 1975, with contributions from many of the participants, including an excellent essay by Doug Scott. The exhibition, which was funded from the Heritage Lottery Fund grant secured for the Bonington archive, was well received and is ready to tour.

The inaugural *Adventure Summit* organised by MHT and University of Cumbria in February considered the nature of adventure, the price of adventure and the paths of adventure. The event featured stimulating lectures by Sir Chris Bonington, Doug Scott, Julie Summers and Adele Pennington as well as film screenings and discussions on psychology and attractions of adventure. The second event, *Mountains of Inspiration*, was held during the Keswick Mountain Festival in May and considered how mountains shape art, literature and life.

MHT continues to be represented in the Our Sporting Life (OSL) exhibition, which is planned for 2012 in numerous venues throughout the UK. Julie Summers, hired as an author for the project, is ensuring that mountaineering and climbing have a high profile and she is one of the five leading heritage Chairs within the organising committee.

MHT's negotiations with the University of Cumbria continue, despite the widely publicised problems that the university is having with funding at present. We continue to occupy a room in the library on the Ambleside Campus for storage of items.

After four focussed and dedicated years as Chair of MHT, Terry Gifford has stepped down but has kindly agreed to remain a trustee. Terry has been tireless in his efforts to raise the profile of mountain heritage and he is to be warmly thanked and applauded for the success he has had during his chairmanship. Of particular value is the academic respect he has achieved for MHT both within and without the University of Cumbria.

MHT Trustees (2010)

- Julie Summers (Chair)
- John Porter (Secretary)
- Sir Chris Bonington



- Paul Braithwaite
- Professor Terry Gifford
- John Innerdale
- Ron Kenyon
- Richard Lemmey
- Dr Jerry Lovatt
- Jim Lowther
- Doug Scott CBE
- BMC (Rehan Siddiqui, Exec Rep)

Mountain Training Trust (Plas y Brenin)

by *Martin Doyle, Chief Executive, Plas y Brenin*

In 2010 Plas y Brenin worked closely with the BMC contributing to the work of the National Council, Training and Youth Committee, the coaching discussions and National Indoor Climbing Achievement Scheme (NICAS) workshops.

Behind the scenes the year was dominated by a formal contract renewal process with Mountain Training Trust (MTT) proposing to continue its successful management of Plas y Brenin on behalf of Sport England. A detailed exercise was further complicated by the change in UK Government and the subsequent public funding review. The process is on-going with an outcome expected by April 2011 but it is clear that the reduction in funding to Sport England will also result in significantly reduced support for Plas y Brenin over the coming years. The BMC has been closely involved throughout the process and the intention is to continue to run the National Mountain Centre with the interests of climbers and mountaineers foremost.

Winter skills courses and student leader skills courses were run for BMC members in 2010 and more of these specially planned and priced courses will be promoted via the BMC website in the coming year.

Plas y Brenin continues to run a quarter of all the mountain qualification courses in the UK and supports volunteer and club leaders with subsidised places. The BMC continues to support the 180 training places administered and run by MTT for the Jonathan Conville Memorial Trust (JCMT) in Scotland and France. The JCMT celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2010 with an evening lecture by patron Chris Bonington at the RGS in London. In November a BMC/MLTE funded leadership training course was run for ethnic minority community leaders and a conference is planned for 2011.

In April UK Climbing, MTT, BMC and activists ran an alpine climbing seminar at Plas y Brenin where a mix of skills, knowledge and tall stories made for a great weekend of activity. In 2010 MTT maintained its reputation for climbing courses and saw an increase in coaching for climbing, and an increase in winter hill walking courses at the end of the year as winter came early. In December the BMC Cymru/Wales AGM and Funday, and the BMC National Council meeting coincided for a busy day at Plas y Brenin.

Other Reports

British Association of Mountain Guides

by *Libby Peter, Honorary Secretary*

The British Association of Mountain Guides (BMG) has 186 members spread between Scotland, the Lake District, North Wales, the Peak District and the Alps. Members are involved in guiding, climbing activities and personal expeditions world-wide, so have a broad collective experience of mountain conditions and activities which they are always happy to share.

During 2010 the BMG Management Committee continued to foster relations with other Mountain Training bodies and with the International Federation for Mountain Guide Associations (IFMGA). BMG has been appointed to host the IFMGA autumn meeting in 2012 along with the IFMGA climbing competition. This will be the first time either of these prestigious events will take place in the UK.

Eighteen individuals interested in a career as a guide attended an Open Day to explain the training and assessment scheme and we were delighted to present IFMGA carnets to three new fully qualified British Guides. This marks the end of several years of hard work for these members and the beginning of an exciting new career. We also welcomed eight new applications to the British Guide Scheme and wish them all the best for the training and assessment over the coming years.

International Federation of Sport Climbing

The International Federation of Sport Climbing was created in 2007 and is a continuation of the International Council for Competition Climbing which has been in existence since 1997. The BMC has representatives on several of the IFSC Commissions.

In 2010, Graeme Alderson continued as the BMC's representative on the IFSC Events Commission and also as the Technical Delegate for the majority of Bouldering World Cups and the big Championships. Graeme was the Delegate at the European Championships in September 2010 and will be the Delegate at the World Championships in 2011 and 2012. The Delegate is in overall charge of an event. He is also the BMC's Delegate at the IFSC Plenary Assembly.

Ian Alderson is President of the Disciplinary Commission which deals with such things as Doping Offences. Ian had a quiet year in 2010 with no cases to deal with.

Percy Bishton is the BMC's representative on the Officials Commission which appoints the Officials including the Chief Route Setter to events. Percy was Chief Route Setter at the Euro Champs in September 2010 and he is also the Route Setting rep on the Paraclimbing Commission.

Tim Hatch is the BMC's representative on the Rules Commission and is also an active Jury

President (chief judge). He had three appointments in 2010. Tim has also developed (at his own cost) an excellent display system for the results of bouldering competitions. The system allows live updates onto the display screen using an iApp that he wrote.

Mountaineering Council of Scotland

by *David Gibson, Chief Officer*

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS) represents, supports and promotes Scottish mountaineering.

The work of our Access and Conservation Officer, Hebe Carus, is part-funded by the BMC and the Scottish Mountaineering Trust. Despite the rights of responsible access provided for in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, she dealt with almost 100 access issues during the year, many requiring pressure to ensure resolution by Local Authority Access Officers.

Our Hill Tracks Campaign raised the need for formal planning procedures relating to tracks in the uplands, resulting in a debate in the Scottish Parliament and a commitment from the minister responsible to provide a formal response, which we await with interest.

MCofS supported the pilot 'Heading for the Scottish Hills' website, funded by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). The website provides up to date stalking information and we await the SNH report to see whether permanent funding is possible. Interestingly, 2010 saw very few stalking 'incidents'. We hope this trend continues.

MCofS is a regular consultee for renewable energy and other planning applications; together with Scottish Government consultations, we made no less than 45 different responses, all published at www.mcofs.org.uk/developments.asp

MCofS manages the contract for the provision of Scottish mountain weather forecasts and following a tendering process, a new three year contract was awarded to Geoff Monk of the Mountain Weather Information Service, securing funding from the Scottish Government for a further three years to September 2013.

During the year we expanded our mountain skills and safety programme, through the activities of Heather Morning our Mountain Safety Adviser, and Roger Wild, the Scottish Students Mountain Safety Officer. Almost 2,000 individuals have benefited from a course, event or lecture relating to navigation, winter skills or avalanche awareness.

We continue to support competitions from grassroots to elite level in a vibrant and successful year for Scottish climbing. The year saw new talent come to the fore through the Youth Climbing Series; the formal recognition of the Scottish Youth Climbing Championship as our national competition with the introduction of a 17-19 age

category; the Scottish Tooling Series to encourage youth participation; and last but by no means least we were delighted to partner the BMC and Edinburgh Leisure in hosting the IFSC World Youth Championships at Ratho.

MCofS recently developed a FUNDamentals course for Scotland which gained formal support from our national sporting agency sportsScotland. We are pleased that this has helped lead to an integrated UK-wide course to be launched in 2011.

We supported coaching sessions for both Scottish and British Team members in 2010 which led to nearly 40 per cent of the British Team hailing from Scotland. We also supported an introductory climbing session for deaf children and a Visually Impaired Course at Glenmore Lodge, the latter with the support of The Scottish Mountaineering Trust.

Despite what many regard as uncertain economic times, 2010 saw our membership achieve record levels, and we look forward with confidence to 2011, and to continuing to work in partnership wherever appropriate with Dave Turnbull and our colleagues at the BMC.

Mountaineering Ireland

by Alan Tees, President

Mountaineering Ireland (MI) emerged from 2010 with record membership of 10,500 including a number of new clubs.

Access & Conservation continued to be of critical importance and saw the appointment of a Hillwalking, Access & Conservation Officer, Helen Lawless. MI has been centrally involved in the progression of a pilot project for the management of mountain access in two areas, Mount Gable, Co. Galway and Carrauntoohil, Co. Kerry, driven by the statutory body Comhairle na Tuaithe. New regulations to ban off-road vehicles from certain areas were introduced by the Minister of the Environment, and publicly supported by MI. MI continues to campaign for greater enforcement, and wider application, of these regulations. MI also made a submission to the Northern Ireland Law Commission regarding the 1983 Access Order and the need for its reform.

MI forged a partnership with Scouting Ireland which has seen the launch of the hill walking element of the new scout programme called ONE. ONE will be rolled out to all 400 scout groups of Scouting Ireland over the coming two years. The new scout badge scheme incorporates a 9 stage hill walking skills development culminating in the opportunity to complete the BOS Mountain Skills Assessment. Similar partnerships are being developed with other major youth organisations. Other youth initiatives continued to grow, including Adventure Weekends, Climbing4Peace project, Cork Youth Development and MI's Girls Outside project in Co. Kerry.

MI recruited a new Training Officer, Alun Richardson (IFMGA) in 2010. Mountain training continued to be a core focus with significant numbers participating in the Irish Mountain

Training Board (BOS) Mountain Skills scheme and leadership schemes. MI hosted two weekend workshops to help Club Training Officers promote skills development within their clubs. Joint training board talks were also held between BOS and (Mountain Leader Training Northern Ireland during the course of the year. Through Coaching Ireland, MI has progressed the development of Mountain Tutor training.

Irish Bouldering Championships and Lead Championships were held. 2010 was an exciting year for competition climbing with Ireland represented, for the first time in years, in international competition in both Junior and Senior categories, thanks to Nigel Callender (Boulder World Cup) and Rachel Cooper, Andrew Colligan and Lucy Mitchell (World Youth Cup). The continued rollout of the FUNDamentals programme and a Coaching Syllabus is very important to continued success in this area.

The Irish Mountain Log's (IML) circulation increased during 2010 with distribution through a national network of newsagents. The IML continues to be edited to a very high quality by volunteer Patrick O' Sullivan. MI also published Rock Climbs in the Mourne Mountains, which has proved very popular and appropriately accompanied the launch of the redeveloped Sport NI Tollymore National Outdoor Centre in the Mourne Mountains.

MI's meets and gathering proved to be hugely popular. The summer Alpine Meet visited Ailefroide in July offering a significant range of courses, workshops and community spirit to all participants. The Autumn Gathering was hosted by the Belfast Association of Rock climbers and Fellrunners (BARF) club in Tollymore. The gathering united members of all ages with a host of activities, including hill walking, scrambling, climbing, path-repair, well-being workshops and a bouldering competition.

2011 will continue to focus on the above, plus greater support for our member clubs, including a renewed emphasis on training grants, Club Walk Leader workshops, and the progression of members' skills.

Mountain Leader Training England

by Andy Say, Executive Secretary

The major achievement of the year was the launch, after some considerable developmental work, of the new Climbing Wall Leading Award (CWLA).

The CWLA came about as a means of putting in place the training and assessment in the skills and understanding required to teach others to lead. This development was introduced to satisfy the demand for an award to cover those working in the relatively 'managed' environments of walls. It has been an eye-opener for many working on the development and the first courses of this award. The videos captured of staff and candidates' demonstration lead falls are really quite impressive.

Registration for this award started in April and so far nearly 120 people have registered for the

award with many having completed training and the first awards being granted towards the end of the year. All of the Boards recognise that this will never be a major award in terms of numbers but certainly felt that the investment of time and resources in developing the award, the systems for administering it and the underlying paperwork were worthwhile as this is an area of work that is of some concern to many people.

In terms of the rest of the awards 2010 has been a fairly healthy year. With the financial insecurity of 2008/9 there was some concern that this might have an impact on the number of candidates with the money to undertake our awards. Initial estimates of the impact were largely borne out with some decline in a few awards. In 2010, however, registration numbers for all awards were showing an increase except for Single Pitch Award (SPA). It had always been anticipated that the numbers of people entering the SPA might decline as people found that the Climbing Wall Award (CWA) actually gave them what they wanted but this slight decline is more than compensated for by the numbers going through the new award.

All of the Boards have been engaged in some analysis of the current range of awards that we offer, a range that has grown pretty organically over the years, in an attempt to try to make the structure of what we do more logical and easier to understand. Whilst there is some way to go with this thinking, coupled with a recognition that we must try not to increase confusion by radically changing the awards, progress is being made in trying to define a 'neater' organisation for the awards that may well have the benefit of avoiding duplication for candidates progressing from, for example, WGL to ML.

Another year should not pass without paying testimony to the volunteer members of the Board who make it all function. Not many people realise that 'the Board' is not actually the staff employed by MLTE but rather the people who represent a wide range of bodies (including the BMC) and give freely of their time and expertise to try to keep us on the right track. Sixteen organisations are represented ranging from Mountain Rescue to the Association for Physical Education by a Board of nearly 30 volunteers and staff. Drawn from that Board are the Executive Committee of Dave Rogers, Anne Newcombe, Michael Hunt and Mike Pinder whose contribution to the work of the Board is immense; acting, as they do, as the unpaid directors of 'the company'.

Mountain Leader Training

by John Cousins, Executive Officer

As the co-ordinating body in the UK for leadership qualifications Mountain Leader Training (MLT) has seen a number of developments in 2010.

The Climbing Wall Leading Award (CWLA) was launched at the start of the year. While its specialised nature and requirement to already hold a Single Pitch (SPA) or Climbing Wall Award

(CWA) will inevitably limit the throughput, it has been very well received with excellent feedback from candidates and providers. The well-established Mountaineering Instructor Award (MIA) has been going through a review and, while a number of refinements will be incorporated into the scheme, the overwhelming feedback from over 600 respondents to an online review has been to acknowledge that this scheme continues to be fit for purpose.

In support of all our climbing schemes and at the request of the three mountaineering councils we have been working hard to develop a coaching scheme. During the year Steve Long, MLT's Technical Officer has carried out a lot of research, working closely with individuals and organisations and we can now look forward to the scheme taking shape during 2011.

The continuing development, personal or professional, of our leaders has taken another step forward this year. The Mountain Leader Training Association (MLTA) has for some time now offered summer and winter Mountain Leaders (ML & ML(W)), Walking Group Leaders (WGL) and anyone with any of the climbing qualifications a range of further training events, regular news updates, specialist insurance services, web forums and we hope a sense of belonging. The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) policy agreed at the end of the year will mean that those people who choose to be full members of MLTA have a straightforward way of demonstrating that they are up to date and, through these training events, far more able to support one another. Rachael Hinchliffe, MLTA's Development Officer, has overseen the continuing rise in membership throughout the period.

MLT's range of textbooks continues to flourish with a reprint of its *Winter Skills* book just completed and work nearing completion at the end of 2010 for reprints of *Hill Walking* and *Rock Climbing*. The Publications Management Group has been managing these productions and also developing new titles due out in 2011 on Navigation and International Trekking.

The management board of MLT has met in the four home nations during the year, in winter at Glenmore Lodge, a spring visit to the newly completed Tollymore Mountain Centre in Northern Ireland, early autumn at Plas y Brenin and a final meeting at Ingleborough Hall. Board membership includes BMC representatives and the other Councils, plus all the training boards, national centres and the leader, instructor and guide associations.

The major development for this group was the appointment in June of John Cousins, as the new Executive Officer responsible for the development of MLT and greater coordination between all boards. This appointment has been funded in large part by Sport England and channelled via the BMC who provided excellent support in completing the necessary funding hurdles. Finally we've had excellent support from everyone at the BMC, but

in particular, Jon Garside, Dave Turnbull and Nick Colton. We have also really appreciated being able to accommodate and work alongside Elfyn Jones in Siabod Cottage.

Mountain Rescue England & Wales

by David Allan, Chairman

Any hopes that the rising number of incidents of the past few years would come to an end in 2010 have sadly been dashed. With some teams such as Llanberis, Keswick and Langdale approaching 150 call outs in the year the upward trend continues.

Early indicators would suggest that this year the increase simply reflects a rise in the number of people going into the hills. Nevertheless it is estimated that approximately 25% of the incidents could have been avoided with simple attention to the old chestnuts of maps, compasses, torches and attention to weather and daylight hours. In the light of this we are very pleased to be involved with the BMC in the establishment of the Mountain Safety Forum. Part of the remit of this group will be to explore ways of reaching those people who appear not to be in touch with any of the advice currently available. We wholeheartedly support the concept of doing this without compromising the freedoms of mountaineering so intrinsic to the pursuit.

The early arrival of winter conditions in 2010 meant that teams been carrying out rescues in quite challenging conditions on mountains and hills across the country. In addition however they are making their skills and resources available to help local communities struggling in the weather conditions. It is therefore no surprise to find that the average amount of time devoted to Mountain Rescue adds up to 14 hours per person per week. The increase in activity produces challenges in terms of resources. More time on rescues leaves less time for fund raising and this is presenting yet another challenge.

It has been very pleasing during 2010 to record national honours being granted to two long serving and influential members of Mountain Rescue. Dave Freeborn, long term leader of Patterdale MRT, and Roger Jones, team leader with Ogwen Valley team, both were awarded MBE in the Queen's honours lists.

Sport & Recreation Alliance

The Sport and Recreation Alliance is the new name for the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR). After 66 years as the CCPR, the name has been changed to better reflect the organisation and its work as an alliance of governing and representative bodies in sport and recreation.

The BMC has been active in the Alliance this year. Bill Renshaw is Deputy Chair of the Outdoor Pursuits Division and chairs the newly re-established Access group. This brings together the Outdoor Pursuits and Water Recreation Divisions to work for improved access for recreation.

The Alliance has also carried out an independent inquiry into sports and recreation facilities in

England, chaired by John Inverdale. BMC Access Officer Cath Flitcroft sat on the panel of six experts and the BMC made an input into the section on countryside recreation.

The BMC has also made inputs into an inquiry into the regulatory burden on sport and recreation being carried out for Government by the alliance. Mountain Leader Training is also actively involved in working on the future regulation of outdoor activities.

Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme

The BMC continued to be well represented within the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation (UIAA) and its specialist Commissions during 2010.

Doug Scott continued as the BMC representative on the UIAA Council and as a member of the Management Committee. The BMC continues to support the UIAA by advising and financially supporting the presence at meetings, not only of Doug but of other BMC representatives who work hard and enthusiastically on the various UIAA Commissions. The Presidents of Commissions, of whom two are from the UK, are funded directly by the UIAA.

At the UIAA General Assembly (GA) in Bormio in October, Mike Mortimer was unanimously re-elected for another term as UIAA President. Mike continues to help make the UIAA more relevant to climbers everywhere.

Of note, is Doug Scott's work to persuade the GA to set up a Working Group on Traditional Values which was established at the Management Committee Meeting on 8 October 2010. Mark Ritchey from the American Alpine Club is heading up a new UIAA Working Group on expedition climbing.

A full report of the UIAA's work, including more information about the Working Group on Traditional Values can be found on the BMC website.

BMC Support to the UIAA in 2010

- UIAA Council Member: Doug Scott
- Mountaineering Commission: Steve Long (Training Standards working group), Phil Wickens, Martin Wragg (Legal Experts working group)
- Access & Conservation Commission: Clare Bond
- Appeals Commission: Martin Wragg
- Discipline Commission: Ian Alderson
- Medical Commission: Dave Hillebrandt, Audrey Morrison (Corresponding member), James Milledge (Corresponding member)
- Safety Commission: Rob Foster
- Youth Commission: Anne Arran

Club & Associate Members 2010

Club Name	No of Members		
2 Degrees Climbing Club.....	28	Coventry Mountaineering Club.....	51
Aberystwyth Expedition Society.....	24	Cragrats Mountaineering Club.....	17
ABMSAC-Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club.....	222	Craven Mountaineering Club.....	75
AGC Mountaineering Club.....	20	Cromlech Club.....	75
Aldermaston Mountaineering Club.....	26	Croydon Mountaineering Club.....	50
Allen & Overy Climbing Club.....	20	Dacorum Adventure Group.....	43
Alpine Club.....	921	De Montfort Uni (Leics) Mt Club.....	20
Alton Mountaineering Club.....	19	Derby Mountaineering Club.....	33
AMI (England and Wales).....	704	Derbyshire Pennine Club.....	54
Anabasis Mountaineering Club.....	38	Derwent Mountaineering Club.....	72
Arete Mountaineering Club.....	16	Dockyard Venturers.....	25
Army Mountaineering Association.....	43	Durham Mountain Sports.....	47
Avon Mountaineering Club.....	153	East Grinstead Climbing Club.....	32
Aylesbury Climbing Club.....	88	East Pennine Outdoor Club.....	41
Barnsley Mountaineering Club.....	59	East Yorkshire Mt and Climbing Club.....	36
Barrow Mountaineering & Ski Club.....	92	Eden Valley Mountaineering Club.....	60
Basingstoke Climbing Club.....	36	Edge Hill University Climbing and Mountaineering Club.....	20
Bath University Mountaineering Club.....	71	ELC Hill Walking Club.....	31
Battle Climbing Club.....	23	Exeter University Climbing Club.....	118
Bedford Mountaineering Club.....	24	Exploration Group of North Somerset.....	97
Bedroc.....	26	Extreme Sports Central.....	43
Beeston Hill & Mt Cb - Formerly Siemens.....	36	Forest of Dean Hillwalkers.....	24
Bewdley & District Mountaineering Club.....	21	Frayednotts Mountaineering Club.....	35
BHMC - Bassetlaw Hill & Mountain Club.....	38	Free Barbarian Climbing Club.....	22
Bournemouth University Climbing Club.....	30	Fylde Mountaineering Club.....	182
Bowline Climbing Club.....	125	G S Exiles Mountaineering Club.....	24
Brathay Exploration Group Club.....	56	Gentian Mountaineering Club.....	59
Bremex Mountaineering & Climbing Club.....	27	Gloucestershire Mountaineering Club.....	111
Brighton University Mountaineering Club.....	20	Gorphwysfa Club.....	59
British Airways Mt Walking & Trekking Club.....	42	Gritstone Club.....	120
Bromsgrove & Redditch Mt Club.....	41	Guernsey Mountaineering Club.....	49
Buxton Mountaineering Club.....	60	Guildford Mountaineering Club.....	76
Calderdale Mountaineering Club.....	42	Gwent Mountaineering Club.....	106
Calshot Climbing Squad.....	38	Gwydyr Mountain Club.....	102
Cambridge Climbing & Caving Club.....	72	Hampshire Constabulary Mountaineering Club.....	32
Cambridge University Hillwalking Club.....	116	Hampshire Mountaineering Association.....	36
Cambridge University Mt Club.....	63	Harpenden Expedition Club.....	29
Cardiff University Mountaineering Club.....	89	Hastings Rock & Fell Club.....	66
Carlisle Mountaineering Club.....	130	Hereford Climbing Club.....	27
Castle Mountaineering Club.....	42	Hereford Mountain Club.....	50
Cedars Mountaineering Club.....	23	Heron Outdoor Pursuits.....	44
Cerberus Spelaeological Society.....	20	Hertfordshire Mountaineering Club.....	109
Ceunant Mountaineering Club.....	152	Herts and Essex Climbing Club.....	20
Chamois Mountaineering Club.....	199	Highdown Hillwalking & Mountaineering Club.....	47
Chelmsford Mountaineering Club.....	65	Hillingdon Mountaineering Club.....	23
Cheshire Amateur Ramblers Club.....	17	Hinckley Mountaineering Club.....	84
Chester Great Outdoors Club.....	101	Ibex.....	102
Chester Mountaineering Club.....	220	Imperial College Union Outdoors Club.....	20
Christian Rock & Mountain Club.....	88	Imperial Medics Mountaineering Club.....	26
Clare Rats (Rock & Trek Society).....	15	Innominata Mountain Club.....	60
Cleveland Mountaineering Club.....	184	Ipswich Mountaineering Club.....	93
Cliffhangers Climbing Club.....	27	Jersey Rock Climbing Club.....	39
Climbers' Club.....	1,476	John Clare Mountaineering Club.....	30
Climbers Section - Cave & Crag Club.....	33	Junior Mountaineering Club of Scotland.....	38
Clingons Climbing Club.....	20	K Fellfarers.....	147
Clitheroe Mountaineering Club.....	73	Karabiner Mountaineering Club.....	136
Clogwyn Mountaineering Club.....	26	Keele University Mountaineering Club.....	59
Clwb Mynydda Cymru.....	317	Kendal Mountaineering Club.....	74
Clwyd Mountaineering Club.....	113	Keswick Mountaineering Club.....	86
Colchester Climbing Club.....	101	Kings College London Mountaineering Club.....	63
Congleton Mountaineering Club.....	30	Kingston University Mt Club.....	20
COPA.....	20	Kodak Walking & Climbing Club.....	16
		Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club.....	233
		Lancashire Mountaineering Club.....	188
		Lanchester Mountaineering Club.....	64
		Landlopers Mountain Club.....	20
		Lands End Climbing Club.....	20
		Leeds Mountaineering Club.....	139
		Leeds University Mountaineering Club.....	100
		Leicester University Mountaineering Club.....	72
		Leicestershire Mountaineers Association.....	14
		Lichfield Mountaineering Club.....	20
		Lincoln Mountaineering Club.....	62
		Lindsey Climbing Club.....	20
		Liverpool Outdoor Club.....	20
		Liverpool University Open Air Club.....	76
		LLangorse Mountaineering Club.....	22
		Lloyds TSB Outdoor Sports Club.....	12
		London Mountaineering Club.....	378
		London Rockhoppers MC.....	178
		Loughborough Students Mt Club.....	97
		Loughton Mountaineering Club.....	36
		Lymm High School.....	20
		Maidstone Mountaineering Club.....	32
		Malvern Mountaineering Club.....	20
		Manchester University Mt Club.....	83
		Marylebone Mountaineering Club.....	78
		Mercian Mountaineering Club.....	49
		Merseyside Mountaineering Club.....	203
		Midland Association of Mountaineers.....	555
		Milton Keynes Mountaineering Club.....	33
		Mountaineering Club of Bury.....	48
		Mountaineering Club of North Wales.....	60
		MPMC LTD.....	49
		Munro-pineapple Society Notts Univ.....	22
		Mynydd Climbing Club.....	193
		Newbury Mountain Club.....	60
		Nimrod Mountaineering Club.....	20
		NorWest Sgurramblers.....	22
		Norfolk Hillwalking Club.....	33
		North East Wales Mountaineering Club.....	31
		North Kingston Hillwalking Club.....	35
		North Leicestershire Mountain Club.....	37
		North London Mountaineering Club.....	263
		North Yorkshire Fell Club.....	48
		Northumbrian Mountaineering Club.....	173
		Norwich Climbing & Mountaineering Club.....	45
		Not So Trad - Southern Lesbian & Gay Climbers.....	96
		NotThe MLC Mountaineering Club.....	20
		Nottingham University Explorers Club.....	50
		Nuneaton Mountaineering Club.....	31
		Ohjac Club.....	16
		Open University Mountaineering Society.....	57
		Oread Mountaineering Club.....	182
		OutThere.....	49
		Outdoor Network.....	62
		OverThe Hill Club.....	118
		Oxford Mountaineering Club.....	116
		Oxford University Mountaineering Club.....	122
		Oxford University Walking Club.....	166
		Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association.....	27
		Peak Climbing Club.....	62
		Pembrokeshire Climbing Club.....	74
		Peterborough Hospitals Walking Club.....	15
		Peterborough Mountaineering Club.....	78
		Phoenix Mountaineering Club.....	29
		Pinnacle Club.....	148

Polaris Mountaineering Club	52
Powers Mountaineering Club	43
Preston Mountaineering Club.....	78
Reading Mountaineering Club.....	85
Reading University Mountaineering Club....	130
Red Rope Walking & Climbing Club.....	270
Robinwood Mountaineering Club	23
Rock & Heather Club - Nottingham	29
Rock Chicks Climbing Club.....	20
Romsey Climbers	31
Royal Air Force Mountaineering Association ...	443
Royal Navy & Royal Marines Mt Club	764
Royal Veterinary College Mt Club	54
Rucksack Club.....	399
Rugby Mountaineering Club.....	50
Salford University Mountaineering Soc.....	58
Saltley Hillwalking Group.....	16
Sandstone Climbing Club.....	25
Scunthorpe Mountaineering Club.....	20
Sheffield Hallam Fellwalking & Mountaineering	35
Sheffield Hallam University Climbing Club ...	33
Shrewsbury Mountaineering Club.....	108
Skyline Mt Club - Burton on Trent.....	40
Slough Mountaineering Group	50
Solihull (Police) Mountaineering Club	20
Solihull Mountaineering Club	82
South Cheshire Climbing Club	20
South Devon Mountaineering Club	141
South Wales Mountaineering Club	158
South Yorkshire Police Mountaineering.....	20
Southampton Rats Climbing Club.....	50
Southampton Uni Mountaineering Club.....	37
Southern Trekking & Mountaineering Club....	63
Southfields Mountain Sports Club.....	43
Sphinx Mountaineering Club.....	28
St Helens Mountaineering Club	57
Staffordshire Police Mt Club	19
Staffordshire University M.C	51
Stoke Damereel Climbing Club	68
Sunderland Mountaineering Club.....	24
Super Drooper Mountaineering & Caving.....	40
Surbiton & Kingston Mt Club.....	44
Swindon Mountaineering Club	29
Taunton Trailblazers	20
Thames Valley Climbing Club	36
The Barcap Climbing Club.....	16
The Chapel Mountaineering Club	29
The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District Limited.....	1,172
The Heights Climbing Club	20
The LMC Mountaineering Club	26
The Mill Climbing Club	20
The Mountain Club - Stafford	39
The Outcasts.....	30
The Walking Club	59
The Warminster Adventure Sports Club.....	43
Trentham Outdoor Pursuits Club.....	20
Tuesday Climbing Club	50
Tunbridge Wells Mountaineering Club	48
Tyne Valley Mountaineers.....	21
Unemployed climbers Club (Craggers)	38
Univ of Birmingham Mt Club.....	68
Univ of Bristol Explorers Club	73
Univ of Glamorgan Climbing & Mt Club.....	20
Univ of Kent at Canterbury Mt C	20
Univ of London Graduate Mt Club.....	200
Univ of Nottingham Mt Club.....	40
Univ of Surrey Mt Club	53
Univ of Sussex Mountaineering Club.....	20
Univ of West England Climbing Club.....	91
Univ of West England Mt & Hillwalking Club.	30
University of Bolton Climbing & Walking Club	24
University of Chester Mountaineering Club ..	22
University of Hertfordshire Mt Club.....	20
University of Manchester Hiking Club	133
UWFRA Outdoors Club.....	47
Vagabond Mountaineering Club	81
Vibram Mountaineering Club	44
W.T.F.A.I. Club	18
Walking & Adventure Group (WAG)	26
Wanneys Climbing Club	34
Warwick Climbing Club.....	82
Warwick University Climbing Club.....	21
Wayfarers.....	203
Wessex Mountaineering Club.....	236
West Bromwich Mountaineering Club.....	267
West Cumbria Mountaineering Club	75
West Lancashire County Scouts Mt Group	20
Wok and Rice Club.....	19
Wolverhampton Mountaineering Club.....	101
Worcester Mountaineering Club	31
Wrekin Mountaineering Club.....	99
Yeovil Mountaineering Club.....	36
Yeti Club	20
York Alpine Club.....	51
York Mountaineering Club	91
Yorkshire Mountaineering Club.....	179
Yorkshire Ramblers Club	174
Yorkshire Walkers & Climbers Club.....	23
Yr Hafod Scout Mountaineering Fellowship..	24

BMC Associate Members

Climbing Walls:

- Arethusa Climbing Wall
- Awesome Walls
- Bourne End Junior Sports Club
- Climb UK Ltd
- Kirklees Active Leisure
- Llangorse Rope Centre
- Mile End Climbing Wall
- Newcastle Climbing Centre
- Redpoint Climbing Centre
- Roefield Leisure Centre
- The Ackers
- The Castle Climbing Centre
- The Warehouse
- Undercover Rock Ltd
- Upper Limits
- West View Climbing and Leisure Centre
- Westway Sports Centre

Local Authority:

- West Sussex County Council
- Wirksworth Leisure Centre

Mountain Rescue:

- Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team
- Lake District Mt Rescue Association
- RAF Mountain Rescue Service

Multi Activity Groups:

- Bicton College
- Dynamic Adventures Ltd
- Eldon Leisure Centre
- Haltemprice Adventure Activities
- Portsmouth Youth Activities Committee
- Swaledale Outdoor Club

- The Bendrigg Trust
- The Old Vicarage Adventure Centre Ltd
- Water Park (Eric Wright Trust)

National Body:

- British Association of Mountain Guides
- Fire Service Sport & Athletics Ass
- Girl Guiding UK
- Lake District National Park Authority
- Ramblers Association
- Scout Association
- South West Lakes Trust
- The Reach/Leap Trust

Other:

- Barclays Bank R and C Club (BBRCC)
- HF Holidays Limited
- Outdoor Industries Association

Outdoor Training/Expeditions:

- Adventure Dolphin
- Calshot Activities Centre
- Calvert Trust Adventure Centre
- Consett YMCA Ltd
- Hagg Farm Outdoor
- ICICLE Mountaineering Ski & Adventure
- In2venture
- Joint Services Mt Training Centre
- Manor Adventure
- Nantmor Mountain Centre Assoc
- Northants Asso Yth Clubs & Action C
- Northants C & YPS
- Outdoor Lads
- Pro Adventure Ltd
- Rhos-y-Gwaliau Outdoor Education Cent
- Trekking Encounters Ltd
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre
- YHA Edale

Trade:

- Allcord
- Bendcrete Climbing Walls
- Buffera Ltd
- Chocolate Fish Merino LLP
- Cordee Ltd
- D R International Climbing Walls Ltd
- Entre-Prises (UK) Ltd
- Inglesport
- Lyon Equipment Ltd
- Mountain Equipment
- Warners Group Publications

Youth/Schools/Groups:

- Air Training Corps
- Blue Coat School
- Herts Young Mariners Base
- Highgate School D O E Scheme
- Millfield School
- Oakham School
- Oundle School Mountaineering Club
- Portsmouth Grammar School
- Romford Young Men's Christian Association
- Roseberry Sports and Community College
- Simonside Centre for Positive Youth Activities
- St Albans School
- Swindon College
- The College of St Mark & St John
- The Wey Valley School and Sports College
- Wolsingham School & Community College

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