

**BMC AGM**  
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**Resolution 5 – appointment of Paul Drew as an Independent Director**

**PAUL DREW**

Paul has been climbing for over 30 years, starting through his University mountaineering club. He has climbed and skied extensively throughout the world but North Wales has always been his favourite location.

With rock climbing he switches between trad and sports depending upon the location and season, equally at home on the sea cliffs in the Outer Hebrides, new routing in the Anti-Atlas in Morocco or sport climbing in Spain, France, Greece or Italy. However many places he visits though, he finds it hard to beat the excitement of climbing on Main Cliff at Gogarth with the waves crashing beneath his feet.

He also has a lot of experience in mountaineering, in the Alps and further back in the Himalayas and Andes. More recently he has focused on longer rock routes in the Alps & Spain, being fortunate to have a place in the Ecrins with both granite and limestone crags in close vicinity (Tete d'Aval being a particular favourite), but also trips to the Dolomites, Picos de Europa, Chamonix, Bregalia, Uri etc. In the last 12 years he has ventured more into ski mountaineering, a more enjoyable way to ascend high mountains in the Alps than snow plodding in the summer, typically managing 2 or 3 weeks each winter.

In his professional career he spent 25 years working in the IT/Telecoms sector for a company called Metaswitch holding a variety of senior management positions. Since retiring from this he has focused on supporting start-ups in the IT sector mostly in and around Manchester, acting as a mentor to Ignite (as start-up incubator), an advisor and a non-exec director at 4 companies. He is also involved as a non-exec director at his local climbing wall, Boulder Hut in Ellesmere Port where he has learnt a lot about the indoor climbing industry.