

**BMC AGM**  
**Saturday 13 June 2020**

**Resolution 6 – appointment of Jon Punshon as a Council Nominated Director**

**JON PUNSHON**

Jon is a keen climber, skier and fell runner. He first developed an interest in the outdoors when a friend at University persuaded him to go backpacking in the Lake District. That trip was most memorable for the blistered Achilles heel, which took 6 months to fully heal; a consequence of borrowing old leather mountaineering boots from another friend which didn't really fit and ground away about 3mm of flesh! Since then Jon has developed his critical faculties, is much more careful about his choice of equipment, and gone on to, despite the wobbly start, develop a great love of the outdoors. His principle interest is in alpinism and general mountaineering although more recently he has purchased a fingerboard in a vain effort to halt the ageing process.

A teacher originally working in secondary schools he ended his career in 2016 as a deputy head teacher in a large NE secondary school. Alongside his teaching career, Jon grew a freelance instructing and consultancy business having passed the Mountaineering Instructor Certificate (recently re-named The Winter Mountaineering and Climbing Instructor) in the 1990s. This is now Jon's full time employment since 2016 and he has trained and assessed many NE based climbing instructors for MT qualifications such as the CWI and RCI. Jon works as a consultant and Technical Advisor to many climbing walls, scout groups and outdoor centres, he is very interested in promoting safe practice in our climbing activities.

Between 2012 and 2017 Jon was chair of the BMC North East area and joined the National Council in 2018.