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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:

- Negotiates access improvements and promotes cliff and mountain conservation.
- Promotes and advises on good practice, facilities, training and equipment.
- Supports events and specialist programmes including youth and excellence.
- Provides services and information for members.

Elected Officers

- President - Dr Charles Clarke
- Vice President - Bill Renshaw
- Vice President - Michael Hunt
- Vice President - Rab Carrington
- Hon Treasurer - Vic Odell

Executive Committee

- All Elected Officers plus
- Dave Turnbull (BMC CEO)
- Alex Lawrence
(National Council Representative)
- Graham Richmond
(National Council Representative)
- Mike Pinder
(National Council Representative)

Patrons

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

Auditors

- Salter Newman Ltd

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
- Ken Wilson

Honorary Legal Advisors

- Paul Debney
- Stephen Porteus
- Anthony Rich
- Harry Sales
- Martin Wragg

Honorary Medical Advisors

- Dr Charles Clarke
- Dr David Hillebrandt
- Dr Jim Milledge

Equal Opportunities Statement

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

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The BMC has over 63,000 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 a National Governing Body of Sport recognised by Government and the different Sports Councils in the United Kingdom. The BMC is grant supported by UK Sport and Sport England.



President's Message

Someone once told me that Deng Xiao Ping was the first to coin 'if it works don't fix it'. Coming from the clinical side of the NHS I've seen a surfeit of precisely the opposite, that nasty, almost epidemic initiativitis. The newcomer can succeed only if they alter established practice in the name of progress. In my first year as president I have been deeply impressed that the BMC actually works and does not need much fixing. The staff work hard. British climbing is damn lucky to have such a dedicated group at the centre. The lynchpin is our robust CEO Dave Turnbull. We should all note he's just completed a ten year sentence with the BMC. Parole is not yet being considered and let us hope Dave does not try to tunnel under the wire.



Behind a dedicated workforce lies some hard-headed financial strategy. Vic Odell our Honorary Treasurer behaves like all good financial governors: he answers NO to those propositions usually dreamt up in a pub that seem a good idea at the time, but relents when given clear compelling facts. The finances of the BMC are at present secure and it's an interesting corollary that the reason they are so sound is our relationship with the insurance market. Being a potentially high risk sport, clear understanding with our insurance brokers is crucial. Perhaps because we do understand risk and tragedy more than most we have been able to keep that balance right. We are moving to become a part of a mutual insurance co-operative that should tie us in even more soundly to the market in the long term.

This leads to the knotty problem of subscriptions. Correct judgement to set the annual subscription is vital – 'subs' do provide the lifeblood of the organisation. I hope members really feel that their subscriptions are converted into reality – be it access to crags, conservation, Summit magazine or third party insurance. The problems of the subscription are twofold – the first is the inevitable increase with inflation and the demands of a risk-averse society. The second is the irritation caused by membership of multiple clubs. This clearly inflames a minority of members – rather like the poll tax proposals of the 1980s. But unlike

Thatcher, we do listen. We understand the grievance and do provide one solution: it could not be much simpler than to write a two-line letter and ask for a refund. To prove the point I did it last week and received the cheque by return. We talked further about this at the BMC Club Forum at Shap Wells in February.

But the 'if it works don't fix it' approach is not a cop-out. There are major changes in climbing and we need to address them and be part of them. We have seen the sort of international turmoil change can cause in the UIAA. My predecessor Mark Vallance is helping to calm those waters with the new UIAA President, the Canadian Mike Mortimer.

On the home front two initiatives will, I feel, change the face of the British climbing establishment – and we need to get them right. The first is our relationship with government. John Mann MP for Bassetlaw has taken a special interest in us and was our guest last year at Buxton. John negotiated the meeting we held at the 2006 Labour Party Conference in Manchester. Not many sports secure 'The Sports Minister' Richard Caborn for an evening's productive discussion in a pub. Further talks continue with Richard and with Sport England. We need to articulate with government and demonstrate the benefits of climbing in its broadest sense to the health and

well-being of the nation as well as the achievements of British climbing – but we do need to maintain our independence.

Secondly, we all treasure our mountaineering heritage. The BMC has had a major role in this in recent years with the setting up of the Mountain Heritage Trust. We want to see this charity thrive – that is why we support it – and record the wealth of archive material in Britain. This does not mean that the BMC wishes to take over the treasures of the kindred clubs but we do want to ensure that they are preserved. It may be that in the longer term the Alpine Club and its library, guardian of the greatest mountaineering archives in the world, the BMC and the Mountain Heritage Trust will come together to provide 'a home for British Mountaineering'. This is something that has long been mooted and I suspect the time is ripe to develop this further – for the benefit of all for years to come. I hope that during my presidency we can take firm steps towards this goal.

Charles Clarke

CEO & National Council Summary

Well – it’s been, yet again, an extremely busy year for the BMC. With the security of solid financial performance, the BMC’s staff and volunteers were able to focus on developing a range of new initiatives with significant progress being made on many fronts.

2006 was a year of important achievements. The *Burbage, Millstone and Beyond* guidebook received international acclaim with the award of the Mountain Exposition at the Banff Film Festival; BMC guidebooks have now hit on a winning strategy and are widely regarded by the climbing fraternity as a first class product. Down in darkest Somerset, September saw the formal launch of the new Cheddar Gorge access regime - the culmination of substantial work and investment by the BMC over several years. Martin Crocker deserves a special mention for his contribution to this work. Final mention however must go to the lobbying efforts on the EC Work at Height Directive. MLTUK led the charge and all indications suggest that the final wording of the Directive will be acceptable and manageable; commonsense has (finally) prevailed and it will remain the decision of climbing instructors whether to teach the sport using one rope or two – rather than having this prescribed in legislation.

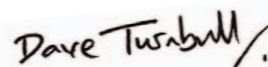
As always a major aspect of our work has been promoting safe practice amongst new and existing climbers. During 2006 we produced the Alpine Essentials DVD; held an Alpine Meet in the Swiss Alps; ran a technical and training conference ‘Know your Stuff’ at Plas y Brenin; produced a

‘youth’ climbing booklet (to help parents understand the sport), and also ran a youth climbing meet in the Peak District. In response to the nationwide problem of deteriorating fixed equipment (primarily bolts) we also established a Bolts Working Group to draw up technical guidance for climbers and bolt installers and to recommend policies for BMC owned and managed crags. The work culminated in the production of several important documents and the purchase of 2500 bolts as the first stage of a campaign to encourage the replacement of poor quality bolts around England and Wales.

On the insurance front, 2006 was notable in that all BMC Travel Insurance premiums were cut. Positive claims performance in 2005 meant that we were able to reduce all of our rates thus ensuring the ongoing popularity of this specialist product. The National Council also agreed to switch our 3rd party liability cover (which all members receive as part of BMC membership) to a newly established mutual company - Insuresport Mutual. Established by Perkins Slade with support from the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), Insuresport Mutual promises greater stability of premiums and even the possibility of future profit share.

Last but by no means least - we replaced departing staff with several new faces in 2006. Adding strength to the team - Dan Middleton joined us from Lyon Equipment, Cath Flitcroft was acquired from Moors for the Future (Peak District National Park), Tina Gardner from the Environment Agency, Helen Adams came north from a London based educational charity and Paul D’Ambra was recruited from Fujitsu Services to look after our IT network.

All in all another good year.



Dave Turnbull (CEO)

National Council Summary

The National Council (or the Management Committee as it was called until 22 April) met five times in 2006. The Council comprises representatives from the nine BMC Areas, elected officers and observer members. The following substantive items were agreed in 2006:

- A recommendation to the 2006 AGM to move to a ‘one person - one vote’ system.
- To buy into Insuresport Mutual - a new mutual insurance company set up by Perkins Slade to cover Civil Liability insurance business.
- A recommendation to put in place a new schedule for National Council, Finance Committee, Executive and Area meetings in 2007.
- To provide financial support for the Alpine Club Library and the Mountaineering Council of Scotland.

National Council Members

Members	Jan-April 06	April-Dec 06
President	Mark Vallance	Charles Clarke
Vice President	Charles Clarke	Rab Carrington
Vice President	Bill Renshaw	Bill Renshaw
Vice President	Michael Hunt	Michael Hunt
Treasurer	Vic Odell	Vic Odell
Chief Executive	Dave Turnbull	Dave Turnbull
Deputy CEO	Nick Colton	Nick Colton
Lakes	David Staton, John Burrows	Sarah Mackie, John Burrows
North West	Carl Spencer, Lyndon Gill	Lyndon Gill, Ken Jackson
London & South East	Anna Gregory, Julian King	Anna Gregory, John Gibbons
South West	Steve Findlay, Scott Titt	Steve Findlay, Scott Titt
Midlands	Charles Gameson, Graham Richmond	Fiona Devine, Iain MacKenzie
North East	Alan Hinkes, Peter Simcock	Alan Hinkes, Peter Simcock
Peak District	Rab Carrington, Mike Pinder	Mike Pinder, Chris Moor
Wales	KC Gordon	Mike Raine, Roger Bennion
Yorkshire	Mark Radtke, Alex Lawrence	Deirdre Collier, Mick Johnson

Co-opted Members

Joint Services	Richard Painter
BMG	Dick Peart
Competition Climbers	Lucy Creamer
Observers	
Plas y Brenin	Iain Peter, Martin Doyle
MLTE	Andy Say
Mountain Rescue Council	David Allan
Technical Committee	George Steele, Oliver Milling
Finance	Brian Griffiths
TYC (Training & Youth)	Ian Fenton
Competitions Committee	Mike Watson
Climbing Walls	Nick Bond
Huts	Iain McCallum
Access, Conservation & Environment Group (ACEG)	Bill Renshaw
Guidebooks	Ian Carr
HRMG	Bob Moulton, Tim Skinner
International Committee	Lindsay Griffin
ABC	Steve Richardson

Finance Report

Vic Odell, Honorary Treasurer

The original forecast, drawn up in late 2004 showed a surplus of £25k. Given our turnover, which is in excess of £1.5 million, this only allowed a small margin for error. The actual surplus was £141k, but this included a profit share from travel insurance of £94k. Without this the surplus would have been only £47k, which is only a £22k difference from our target. This is only 1.2% of total income, which is an acceptable margin. When the budgets are put together we are unable to predict whether there will be a profit share, let alone quantify what it might be, so we do not include an estimate for travel insurance profit.

The introduction of the new database during the year has enabled us to calculate more accurately the amount of subscriptions pre-paid. We will be analysing the full year outturn by activity and putting the information on the BMC website in March.

2007

We did not recommend any increase in subscriptions for 2007, and have budgeted for a surplus of £25k. We do not have any expectation of receiving much of a travel insurance profit share. We will have to monitor our costs very carefully.

2008

When the differences between the budget and the outturn are analysed, it is obvious that there are pressures on the BMC's expenditure, and that they will increase. We also have to adapt to the changes in UK Sport and Sport England funding. At present we have no feel for what the travel insurance profit share might be. The Officers and management are making every effort to contain costs while maintaining the scope and quality of our service to the climbing community. We have examined our costs and sought to obtain services and products in the most cost effective manner. This does mitigate the effect of some cost pressures but cannot alter the fact the cost of running the BMC will increase due to inflation. The RPI rose by 6.7% over the last two years. After careful analysis of the data and our best predictions of membership, trading and activity, we have a budget for forecasting a surplus of £15k. This is based on an increase of £1 in subscriptions, for both individual and club members. This will give an overall increase in subscriptions of 7.1%, unfortunately slightly higher than inflation over the same period.

Five year summary of main income

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Subscriptions					
Individual	794	836	739	608	505
Club	254	201	168	166	134
Associate	19	19	23	19	19
	1068	1056	930	793	658
Other income					
Sports Council Grants	184	201	108	137	147
Guidebooks	12	-3	5	7	26
Insurance Scheme	390	423	319	274	286
Interest, Grants etc.	190	178	226	200	201
	1844	1855	1588	1411	1318

Income and Expenditure account		
Income/£	2006	2005
Membership subscriptions	1,067,708	1,056,456
Sports Council Grants	184,375	201,403
UK Sports Council Grant International travel	11,295	15,000
Harrisons Rocks Contract	14,150	21,157
Other Grants and Donations	37,986	43,079
Surplus from Insurance scheme	390,166	423,212
Surplus from Magazines - High, OTE, Climber & Trail	27,267	21,306
(deficit)/Surplus from Guidebook sales	11,568	(2,723)
Other publications	2,832	10,174
Income from Videos	4,867	3,657
Income from Maps	20,979	4,899
Sundry Income (Hut,RR Cards, Coaches)	12,356	11,338
Release of Grants	2,136	2,136
Bank Interest and royalties	40,083	29,763
Administration Fees (MLTE)	15,914	15,450
Other income re Specialist programmes	42,751	37,248
	1,886,431	1,893,555
Expenditure	2006	2005
Salaries and Personnel	701,179	632,607
Office Accommodation and Costs	90,680	70,186
Printing, Stationery and Postage	131,016	113,918
Marketing and Publicity	39,923	34,147
Finance, Consultancy and Bank Charges	60,534	53,069
IT Computer Maintenance and software	35,763	30,122
Depreciation	17,981	20,959
Irrecoverable VAT	48,057	44,662
Summit Magazine	83,825	81,371
Personal Accident and Civil Liability Insurance	260,797	316,022
AGM, Area meetings and Events	26,180	24,511
Cost of Specialist Activities	241,664	271,504
	1,737,600	1,693,078
Surplus / (Deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation	148,831	200,477
Add Corporation Tax	(8,073)	(5,118)
Surplus / (Deficit) on ordinary activities after taxation	140,758	195,359

6. Specialist Programmes in 2006

	Start fund @ 01/01/06	Programme Income				Programme Costs				End Fund @ 31/12/06	Costs with staff allocation			
		Sports Council Grants	Spons. & donations	Income & sales	Central Funds	Direct Costs	Committee & travel costs	Contrib to O'heads	Staff PY		OH	Net Cost	Total Expenditure	
Access & conservation	12.9	15.0	2.2		4.9	7.9	14.2		12.9	1.8	95.9	100.8	118.0	
Facilities (Harrisons, Walls & Huts)	16.5	15.0		3.0	1.3	21.8	1.1	10.5	18.4	0.6	33.0	23.7	55.9	
Heritage					3.6	2.0	1.6			0.2	14.9	18.5	18.5	
Guidebooks										0.9	48.3	48.3	48.3	
Competitions				4.4	23.0	32.5	0.1	1.0		0.9	48.6	70.6	81.2	
Expeditions	12.1	28.1			(0.0)	15.3	0.9			0.1	5.9	5.9	22.1	
Performance				4.2	5.6	17.3				0.2	11.8	17.4	29.1	
Safety & training			0.0	46.8	6.2	52.1	0.8			0.7	33.5	39.7	86.5	
Technical		21.0				11.9	1.7	9.7		0.3	17.7	8.0	31.4	
Youth & Equity	4.0	17.0	0.0	8.5		9.8	3.9	11.6	4.0	0.8	39.4	27.8	53.2	
National & International representation	0.0	0.0			26.2	4.6	43.1	(10.2)	0.0	1.1	62.2	98.6	109.9	
Volunteer Support & Communications			79.5			13.0	0.1	66.4		2.6	133.1	66.7	146.2	
	45.5	175.6	2.2	66.9	70.7	188.2	67.5	89.0	35.3	10.3	544.4	526.1	800.2	

1. Membership Services

Income

Subscriptions	1,067.7
Surplus on magazines	27.3

Expenditure

Summit Magazine	(83.8)
PA & CL Insurance	(260.8)
Events	0.0

Net Income 750.4

Allocation of Staff & Overheads (see 4)	(273.0)
Available for Specialist Programmes	477.4

5. Staff Costs and Overheads

Expenditure

Salaries & Personnel	701.2
Office Costs	38.7
Communications	19.0
Servicing and repairs	11.6
General Postage	47.3
Printing & stationery	83.7
Office Sundry	21.5
Marketing & Publicity	131.9
IT	35.8
Finance & Consultancy	15.3
Bank & Credit Card charges	45.3
Depreciation	18.0
VAT adjustment	48.1
Corporation Tax	8.1

Income

Release of Grants	(2.1)
Interest & Royalties	(36.0)

Net Costs (see 4) 1,187.0

Management Information

2. Trading Activities

Insurance scheme (excl. advertising)	482.1
Guidebooks	15.6
Maps	21.0
Publications	4.0
Videos	4.9
RR Cards	0.9
Trading Ventures (Safety prods & commission)	10.3
Net Income	538.8
Allocation of Staff & Overheads (see 4)	(341.9)
Available for Specialist Programmes	196.9

3. Grants & Donations

UK Sport	56.6
Sport England	191.3
Admin from UK Sport	0.0
Forwarded to MLTE	(35.0)
Forwarded to MLTUK	(28.5)
Specialist Programmes	184.4
Other	
Jonathan Conville Trust	23.4
UK Sport (UIAA)	11.3
Harrisons Rocks (car park & donations)	3.0
Mountain Training Trust	9.4
New Opportunities Fund (Youth)	0.0
Sundry Grants & Donations	32.2
Total	79.3

4. How staff and overhead costs are spread

	PY	Staff %	Alloc %	£
Membership services	3.9	16%	23%	273.0 (see 1)
Trading activities	3.3	14%	29%	341.9 (see 2)
Headquarters	6.9	28%	0%	0.0
External Recovery	0.2	1%	2%	27.8
Specialist Programmes	10.3	42%	46%	544.4 (see 6)
Total	24.5	100%	100%	1,187.0 (see 5)

Finance Committee at 31/12/06

Chair: Brian Griffiths (2005)
(on committee since 1990)

Vallance (2003) BMC President,
Mike Watson (1999), Alex
Lawrence (2001)

Members: Vic Odell (2003)

Honorary Treasurer, Gordon
Adshad (1996), Tim Raffle
(2005), Iain Dickinson (2005),

Graham Richmond (2003) Exec

Comm Rep, Andy Say (2001)

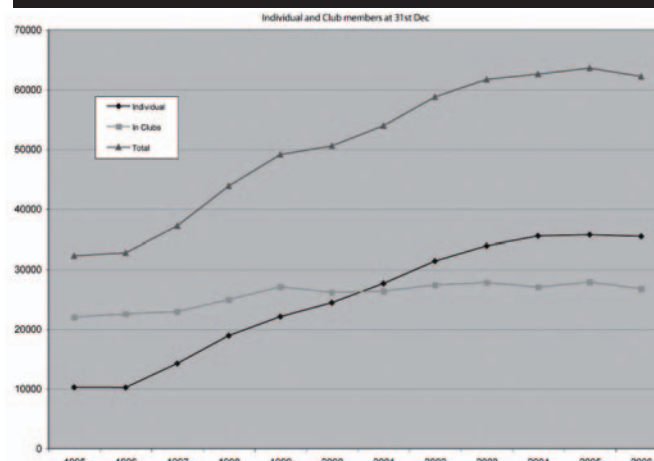
MLTE Executive Secretary, John
Shaw (1993), Dave Turnbull
(2002) Chief Executive, Mark

Secretary: Alan Brown (2002)
BMC Finance Controller

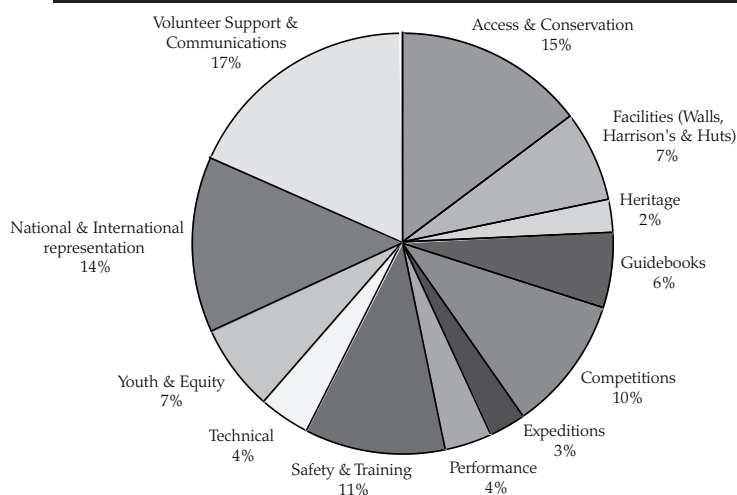
Membership as at 31/12/06

Individual	35,427
In Clubs	26,747
Total	62,174

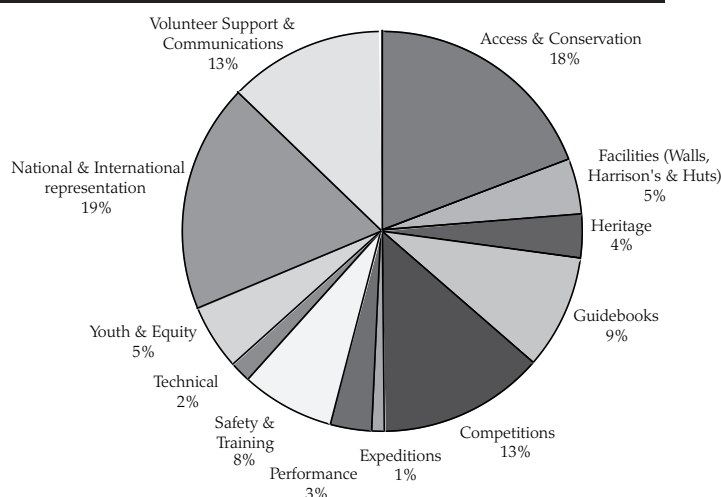
Individual and Club members at 31st Dec



Total Expenditure on Specialist Programmes after overhead allocation 2006 (£800.2k)



Net cost of Specialist Programmes after allocation of overheads, grant income and other income 2006 (£526.1k)



Access, Conservation & Environment Group

Improving access and conserving the cliff and mountain environment

The access team has been as busy and active as ever this year, pursuing the BMC's policy interests and managing access to our mountains, fells and crags. Contacts with Government have been kept up. We met Barry Gardiner, Minister of State for biodiversity, landscape and rural affairs twice during the year, at Stanage in June and Whitehall in October. We were able to show him the work that the BMC does on the ground and to discuss things that concern us. Earlier in 2006, the BMC also met with Jim Knight (Rural Affairs Minister) at Curbar Edge.

Coastal access and the formation of Natural England have been important policy focusses. Coastal access proposals have come forward in both England and Wales and it has been vital for the BMC to be actively involved in both countries. Natural England (NE) came into being during the year, giving England a single countryside body for the first time. The BMC has kept closely in touch with these developments.

Work on CRoW continues. The BMC has now dedicated its land in England under section 16 of the Act and is working towards dedication in Wales. Other matters pursued have been the restrictions regime, the CA "Lessons Learnt" project and the appeals process. The BMC has also signed up to the Best of Both Worlds initiative and participated in consultations on NE projects. The BMC environmental policy has also been developed with statements on key issues.

Work has continued on the Green Climbing Guide series. A Lake District Green Climbing Guide has been published and a Coastal Guide is in preparation. These present an extremely important shared view of climbing and conservation and the BMC has been able to involve a wide range of conservation bodies to work on them with us. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who has helped and the organisations represented.

Seasonal access restrictions were, as always, an important part of the year's work. The 2006 Access Focus and Seasonal Restrictions leaflet was produced and restrictions were publicised in Summit and on the BMC website. The BMC works closely with conservation bodies across England and Wales to set up and manage seasonal restrictions and is extremely grateful for the goodwill and co-operation of all involved. The Regional Access Database has been updated so full and accurate information on access restrictions is now available online.

Numerous local and regional projects have been pursued during the year. The management agreement on Holwick Scar has operated successfully and the first review has been held. A management agreement is also now in place at Craig Pant Ifan. By contrast there is still no access to Vixen Tor, despite the efforts of the National Park, the BMC and others. This remains a major concern.

Access and conservation work has been carried out at The Dewerstone, Sypeland, Brunthwaite, Water cum Jolly, Stanage, Trowbarrow, Kilnsey, Pembroke and Chapel Head. Work has also been carried

out to support summer climbing at Cheddar Gorge and the Go Wall restoration project.

Dave Bishop stepped down from the Access, Conservation & Environment Group during the year but is still actively helping with access volunteer training, the access volunteer resource pack and is Access Rep for the Western Peak. Many thanks, Dave, for your work over the years. Many thanks too to all Access Reps and everyone else who has worked on access projects during the year.

Land Management Group

Harrison's Rocks

The acquisition of Harrison's Rocks continues through the conveyance and is expected to be finalised in 2007. The site remains in good condition and thanks are expressed to all the volunteers who chipped-in over the past 12 months.

Stone Farm Rocks

The crag is in good condition and has benefited from a boundary fence and a tree-planting scheme instigated by Graham West. The site has been dedicated as Open Access land under CRoW legislation.

Horseshoe Quarry

The site remains very popular with climbers and has been dedicated as Open Access land. A number of management and conservation initiatives were implemented in 2006 including addressing loose rock, signage, and an assessment of the fixed equipment.

Aldery Quarry

A geotechnical survey identified a significant area of loose rock to the right of the main climbing area and signage has been installed to warn climbers of the localised danger.

This is also now dedicated as Open Access land.

Craig y Longridge

The conveyance process continues and the BMC is currently awaiting draft sale contracts from the vendor's legal representatives. A local management team has already been identified for any post-acquisition works.

ACE Group Members

Bill Renshaw (Chair)	Dave Bishop	Clare Bond	Mike Dales
Henry Folkard	Charles Gameson	Tony Greaves	Elfyn Jones
Bob Lowe	Steve Marriott	Simon Panton	Iain McMorrin
Kevin Gray	Susan Francis Gray	Cath Flitcroft (BMC staff)	Guy Keating (BMC staff)

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

ACE Group Specialist Advisors

Alan Blackshaw	Steve Evison	Barbara Jones	Saffra Kelley
Nick JE Kurth	Dave Morris	Tim Richardson	Ken Taylor

BMC Access Reps - Please contact your local Access Rep or the BMC office regarding any access queries.

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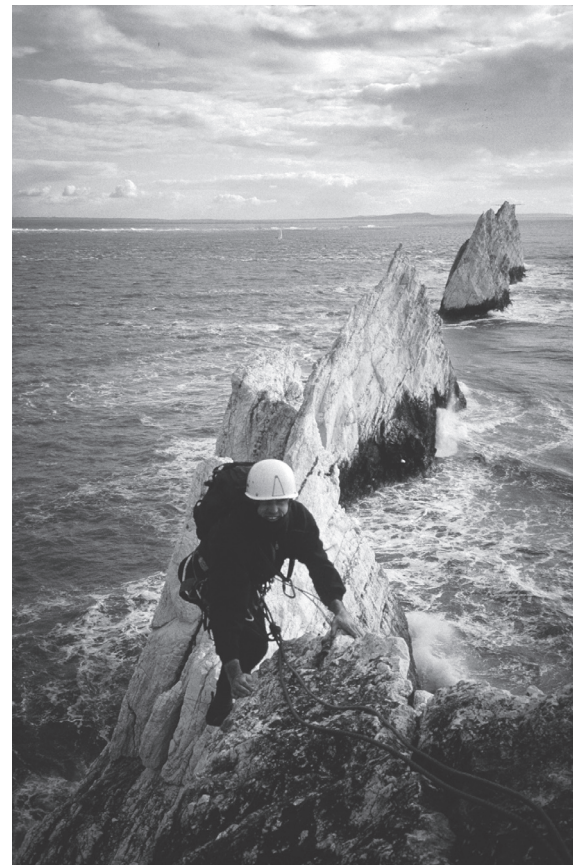
The Access & Conservation Trust (ACT) is a charity that brings together the BMC, MCofS and MCI to fund projects to improve access and protect the cliff and mountain environment for climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers. The BMC provides administrative support for the Trust, and each Mountaineering Council has a representative on the board of trustees.

In 2006 ten very different projects were supported through the ACT fund. A list of coastal climbing sites was compiled for both England and Wales and these have since been digitised and put onto a web based browser to be made available on the BMC website in 2007. This will not only be a useful tool for climbers intending to visit the coast, but will also add weight in the build up to Natural England's decision on improving access to the coast. The Trust has also funded a litter pick on Everest and closer to home, has supported the Furness Quarry Re-Gearing Project in the Peak District as well as helping to create disabled access to Millers Dale abseiling venue. In the north, an independent ecological assessment to

study nesting and behavioural ecology of birds at several quarries in the Yorkshire Dales was undertaken. To the south, a volunteer action day to remove scrub from certain areas of cliff tops above Ragged Rocks, Durlston Country Park, Swanage was also funded.

The Trust has also continued to fund a number of informative publications. These have included the 2006 BMC Access Focus Leaflet and a Lake District Green Climbing Guide, the second in the BMC series. The Trust has also provided funds to support the production of an Eridge Rocks information leaflet and sign, informing climbers and the public of the wildlife and nature interests of the site.

The Trust is extremely grateful to all its supporters, without whom none of its work would be possible. The Trustees would like to thank the following for their donations: Castle Climbing Centre, Rockfax, Yorkshire Mountaineering



Club, Parnassus Mountaineering Club, Northumberland Mountaineering Council and BMC Guidebooks.

Many thanks also to all those others who have made individual contributions.

CLIMBING WALLS

The Climbing Wall Committee incorporates the Climbing Wall Advisory Group. Through a network of regional representatives and development strategies, the Committee offers advice and support for the sensitive management and sustainable development of new and existing facilities.

The Committee only met once in 2006 with an attendance of 12, as many issues were developed by electronic correspondence.

Key Achievements and Outputs 2006

Climbing walls are excellent vehicles for promoting BMC information and are used to get "best practice messages" and general information across. There are 36 BMC information points at major walls across the UK.

In 2005 the Committee launched the Accident Statistic Research Scheme and the results are starting to become useful in analysing issues around climber errors and perceptions when using climbing walls. The BMC registration scheme, also launched in 2005, was monitored throughout 2006 and found to be of significant value.

The Committee had positive discussions concerning an English National Climbing Centre.

The work of the Committee involves regular updates of the climbing wall database and providing support to Area Representatives in dealing with local issues. Liaison continues with other BMC committees and related bodies, especially the CEN working group to review existing, and establish new, safety standards.

Forward Plan 2007

- Analysis of Climbing Wall Accident Reporting Statistics and make recommendations.
- Encourage BMC Areas to review and update Area Development and Refurbishment plans with respect to climbing walls.
- Continue regular wall mailings and liaison with other BMC committees and related bodies.
- Continue discussion about an English National Climbing Centre.
- Work on the production of a new Climbing Wall Manual for publication in 2008.
- Further discussion on the CEN standards with respect to Draft prEN 12572-2 Artificial Climbing Structures-Part2: safety requirements and test methods for bouldering walls.

Climbing Wall Committee

- Nick Bond (Chair)
- Graeme Alderson (Secretary)
- Chris Parkin
- Gary Lewis
- Mike Simpkins
- Nick Wharton
- Peter Dyson
- Steve Richardson
- Iain Mckenzie
- Ian Dunn
- Mike Smith
- Steve Gille
- Steve Taylor
- Roy Court
- Graham Coff
- Alex Lawrence
- Rab Carrington

COMPETITIONS

The BMC provides a wide range of support to competition climbing events of all standards through the Competition Committee, the Competitions Officer and a large network of volunteers, sponsors and venues.

The Committee met four times in 2006, with an average attendance of 11. The Chair of the Committee would like to thank the 100+ volunteers who have helped run BMC competitions and have helped with the Team in 2006. The Chair would also like to thank the BMC for its continued support of the competitions programme, which is now delivering consistent results.

Key Achievements and Outputs 2006

- Successfully ran Climb '06, BICC, BBC and assisted with BRYCS.
- Ran numerous training days for the Junior Team (national, regional and 2 foreign training trips, 1 wall based and 1 crag based – crag based training included safety related training where needed).
- Ran numerous training days for the Senior Bouldering Team.
- Ran numerous training days for the Senior Leading Team.
- Achieved greater consistency in Junior Team results including a podium place (Natalie Berry, Annecy).
- Restructured BICC & BBC, resulting in single large event for each series (planned for 2007).
- Introduction of Team Trials (December 2006) as a result of restructuring the BICC & BBC.
- Administered Team travel and entry to international events.

Forward Plan 2007

- Run BICC/BCC/Climb'07. BICC is planned to be at Blackpool. Discussions are on-going about BBC being held at a Sheffield City Council organised Climbing Festival in July 2007.
- Assist with BRYCS.
- Run Team training sessions.
- Administer Team travel and entry to international events.
- Send 1 x National Route Setter on International Training Course (Jamie Cassidy, Feb 2007).

COMPETITIONS

Junior Team 2006

- Craig Balmforth
- Tom Bolger
- Joshua Farrell
- Sam Hamer
- Peter Johnstone
- Bethany Monks
- Tony Musselbrook
- Tom Newman
- Declan Stock
- Adam Watson
- Katy Whittaker
- Joe Wilson
- Natalie Berry
- Shauna Coxsey
- Hazel Findlay
- Katie Hill
- Robert MacKenzie
- Hayley Moore
- Ashleigh Naysmith
- Jemma Powell
- Michaela Tracy
- Martin Watson
- Peter Whittaker
- Richard Winters

Junior Support Team

- Tony Powell – Team Manager
- Jill Whittaker – Assistant Team Manager
- Debbie Powell – Regional Co-ordinator
- Justin Bolger – Regional Co-ordinator
- Mark Alderson – Regional Co-ordinator
- Dave Binney – Head Coach
- Andrew Earl – Coach
- Andrew Long – Coach
- Tim Hatch – Coach
- Bob Smith – Coach
- Ian Dunn – Coach
- Neil Mcgeachy – Coach

Bouldering Team

- Andrew Earl
- Tom Sugden
- Stewart Watson
- Leah Crane
- Helen Kean
- Martin Smith
- Dave Barrans
- Lucy Griffiths
- Emma Twyford
- Nick Clement
- Ryan Pasquill
- Mark Croxall
- Naomi Buys
- Tom Gore
- Gareth Parry
- Katie Mills
- Rachel Seymour
- Alison Martindale
- Roy Mosely
- Chris Graham
- Katy Whittaker

Bouldering Support Team

- Mike Lea – Team Manager
- Sue Pinner – Physiologist/Team Manager
- Liz Mallabon – Psychologist
- Islay McEwan – Physiologist

Leading Team

- Stewart Watson
- Rob Sutton
- Gareth Parry
- Lucy Creamer
- Jemma Powell
- Alex Hughes
- Tom Bolger
- Ross Heninghen
- Allan Cassidy
- Emma Twyford
- Katy Whittaker
- Karin Magog

Leading Support Team

- Ruth Jenkins – Team Manager
- Fliss Butler – Team Manager
- Dave Binney – Head Coach

Competitions Committee

- Mike Watson (Chair)
- Graeme Alderson (Secretary)
- Alison Martindale
- Gareth Parry
- Jill Whittaker
- John Shaw
- Louise Thomas
- Rab Carrington
- Mike Lea
- Tony Powell
- Dave Binney
- Ian Alderson
- John Arran
- Justin Bolger
- Lucy Creamer
- Percy Bishton
- Sue Pinner
- Rachel Seymour

EQUITY

The BMC aims to ensure that all people, irrespective of their gender, religious belief, martial 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.

Demonstrating commitment to these aims the BMC is currently working towards achieving Sport England's Equality Standard: A Framework for Sport. During 2006 we worked towards achieving the Foundation Level that shows the organisation is committed to equality. As part of that work we undertook an audit to ascertain the profile of staff and members. Interestingly, this revealed some change in the profile of our membership since the last survey in the year 2000. The percentage of female members has gone up from 16% to 25%. Additionally, the number of members declaring a disability has risen from 1.4% to 6%, with the largest percent recording a physical disability of some kind. However, perhaps the most revealing figure relates to ethnic background. 98% of those surveyed

being white with only 2% coming from all the other categories combined. This is something that now needs addressing and the National Council has set up an Equity Steering Group to look at the issue.

As part of our continuing commitment to equity you may have noticed that we have already started using a wide range of images in BMC publications to ensure that we don't inadvertently give the impression that we are solely a white male organisation. Accordingly, a balance of images is used that show women and people from all ethnic minority backgrounds.

A three year project in Hull to provide climbing opportunities for minority and disadvantaged groups, funded by a New Opportunities Fund grant, was successfully completed in 2005 and the National Council agreed that an extension of this project could be investigated. A full, and expanded, application has now been submitted to the Lottery for funding. Additionally, to help people from disadvantaged backgrounds there is a low income discount available to all who enter the BMC Youth Climbing Series (BRYCS). From an equity point of view, it is also very evident that in the younger age

categories there are now as many female as there are male competitors. To help parents understand what our activities involve we published a new booklet *Young People Climbing, Hill Walking, Mountaineering A Parent's Guide*. Additionally, we held a BMC outdoor youth meet in the Peak District where young people were accompanied by their parents so both child and parent could learn more about the nature of climbing outdoors.

On disability issues, the recent Future Policy Review Steering Group recommended that the BMC ensure that there are no removable barriers to disabled people's involvement in climbing and mountaineering activities. With this aim in mind, we worked with MLTE on a publication called *Climbing For All* that contains practical guidance on climbing for people with a wide range of disabilities.

BMC safety posters have been translated into the Welsh Language and have been so successful they have been reprinted. These are the Check or Deck, Abseiling, Belaying and Bouldering 10 Commandments posters. Additionally BMC Summit magazine contains a regular article that appears in both English and Welsh.

GUIDEBOOKS

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

Key Achievements and Outputs 2006

One of the highlights of the guidebook year has been scooping a major award at the Banff Mountain Festival with the BMC's latest definitive guide. *Burbage Millstone and Beyond* picked up the award for Mountain Exposition this year at the prestigious Canadian festival, beating off all home-grown challenges. This is a major affirmation of the BMC guidebook programme, and a great thumbs-up to the skills and dedication of all the volunteers involved.

The Banff award aside, the publication of *Burbage Millstone and Beyond* last year has been very keenly received and welcomed with critical acclaim. Edited by David Simmonite, and produced in-

house in the same format as the popular Roaches guide, it is another great step forward in the definitive guide series.

2006 was also a sad year for anyone who loved the Lancashire 'Brick'. This area guide has now been reproduced in a much slimmed-down format, bringing it into line, size-wise, with the other gritstone guides. This has allowed Les Ainsworth and his team breathing space to continue work on their own fully-updated version.

The intensive work behind the research and preparation of the series continues. The Kinder Area guide, under the editorship of Martin Kocsis, continues to advance. This will appear in a single volume, covering all the moorland areas from Kinder, Bleaklow and the Chew Valley regions. The Froggatt Area is also in an advanced state of preparation, under the editorship of Jon Barton, which will cover crags from Froggatt and Curbar, down as far as Black Rocks and

Cratcliffe.

Other achievements over the last year have been the kick-starting of several other guidebook projects. The GBC has had meetings with local climbers from both the Leicester and Merseyside areas, and it looks likely that the BMC will collaborate with these two groups to produce guides in the future. Work has also begun on organising a set of limestone guides to the peak district, to be edited by Gary Gibson and Ian Carr.

One very hopeful occurrence over the last year has been the formation of a very good guidebook committee, something which has proved difficult over the previous few years. Ian Carr has recently taken over as the chairman of this group, and it continues to prove effective. Les Ainsworth has joined the committee, bringing the Lancashire area under the remit of the BMC GBC, and more recently, Brian Griffiths has agreed to act as the financial advisor for the group.

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Forward Plan 2007

The big news on the horizon for the early part of 2007 will be the production of the new Stanage guide, which will be in the same format as the Burbage, Millstone and Beyond guide. With work continuing apace on the Froggatt guide it is hoped to have this out later in the year. Over the spring, Ian Carr and Gary Gibson will be amassing a team of fieldworkers to begin the research on the limestone guides. Kinder will be heading toward the shelves somewhere in 2007/08.

The two guides to Merseyside and Leicester, being smaller projects, will be less involved tasks. It is hoped to have at least one of them out in the coming year.

Guidebook Steering Committee

Chair - Ian Carr

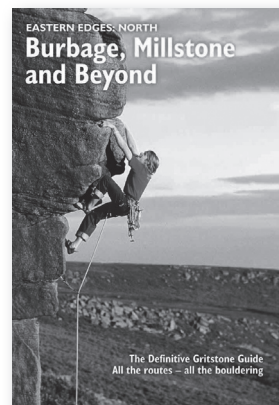
Secretary - Niall Grimes

Members - Dave Garnett,

Dave Turnbull, Martin Kocsis,

Ken Vickers, Richard Wheeldon,

Ken Wilson



HERITAGE

The Mountain Heritage Trust (MHT) works to preserve a record of mountaineering history and heritage.

2006 has been an interesting and productive year for the MHT. *Onwards and Upwards: The Archive of Ascent* was started in January 2006. The project is to assist BMC affiliated clubs ascertain what historical material is held by the clubs, see if and how it is catalogued, offer advice in respect of long-term preservation and encourage the retention of material if this is not already taking place. This builds on the work achieved over the previous year and the data has been invaluable in understanding the scope of our mountaineering heritage. The project was funded by the Northern Rock Foundation, with further assistance from the BMC.

Standard cataloguing work has continued and includes typed transcripts of audio interviews with members of Everest Expeditions from 1924 to 1975. New acquisitions include records from the International Festival of Mountaineering Literature and contact has been made with other potential donors.

Two sets of the Mallory replica clothing were formally handed over to the Trust in March 2006. One set was worn by Graham Hoyland on Mount Everest in May 2006, with important performance feedback and with hopes of a further expedition next year. The second set was displayed at the Costume Society Symposium in Winchester in June 2006 and at the Innovation for Extremes Conference in

September. It is about to undergo further testing at Loughborough University by the team who worked on the Scott/Amundsen replicas. A brochure which explains the Mallory replica project in further detail has been published and is available from the MHT office or BMC online shop priced £4.95. The entire project has been largely financed by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

In July 2006 the National Mountaineering Exhibition at Rheged saw the installation of a new display showing the Mallory replica clothing which was worn by Graham Hoyland on Mount Everest in May 2006. A successful lecture series continued at Rheged during the year, as well as the screening of winning films from the Kendal Mountain Film Festival.

The Kendal Mountain Art Festival featured an important exhibition of the paintings of T H Somervell. The paintings of Andy Parkin were also displayed. The exhibitions were curated by John Innerdale, Chair of MHT, with assistance from the Trust's Archivist. Loans were received from the Alpine Club and other private donors. The Crux – a photographic exhibition of 25 iconic climbing images, featured at the KMF last year, was on display at the Alpine Club for three months.

MHT launched its website at the end of November 2006. This provides links to the catalogue of objects and archives held in the Trust's care and points researchers to related areas. See www.mountain-heritage.org.

MHT Trustees

- John Innerdale (Chair)
- Prof. Terry Gifford (Vice Chair)
- Sir Chris Bonington
- John Porter (Co Secretary)
- Paul Braithwaite
- Julie Summers
- Lord Chorley
- Dr Jerry Lovatt
- Ron Kenyon
- British Mountaineering Council



HUTS

The Huts Group co-ordinates the BMC's support for huts where the BMC has a direct interest and offers guidance and advice where it is sought by clubs and users.

The Group met on two occasions in 2006 to discuss current issues and to review matters relating to the Don Whillans Hut (DWMH), for which the BMC holds the lease, and the Alex MacIntyre (AMMH) and Glen Brittle Huts (GBMH), both jointly held in trust with the MCofS.

During the year the Group advised affiliated clubs and their members on issues relating to business taxation, Community Amateur Sports Clubs, child protection, disability discrimination, electricity supply, fire safety legislation, hut equipment and trustees.

The Group liaises closely with the MCofS Huts Working Group (HWG) on matters of common interest. In conjunction with HWG we have produced Guidelines to assist hut operators covering the following topics: Community Amateur Sports Clubs; health and safety; fire safety; disability discrimination; maintenance; civil liability insurance; and asbestos. These are all available on the BMC website.

Guidelines covering the following topics are planned: funding for improvements; private drinking water supplies; duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trustees.

The Group's Chair attended meetings of the AMMH and DWMH Committees and acted as Secretary for the AMMH Committee. Currently the BMC and MCofS are considering transferring the AMMH to a charitable trust.

The BMC's 5th Huts Seminar held at Plas y Brenin in October was organised by the Group and was very successful. It was attended by over 40 people. Speakers delivered papers on: The Work of the Group, Fire Safety Regulation, Child Protection, Disability Discrimination – Access Audits, Hut Insurance and Civil Liability, Trustees – Duties, Responsibilities & Liabilities.

Huts Group

Chair - Iain McCallum

Secretary/BMC Officer - Martin Kocsis

Members - Gordon Adshead,

Dave Bishop, Ken Jackson,

John Leftley, Dave Roberts,

Kevin Stapely, Chris Thickett.

INTERNATIONAL

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

Highlights of 2006

- Grant aid and support to 26 British overseas expeditions.
- Holding a very successful international meet during May at Plas y Brenin, North Wales.
- Close liaison with the Mount Everest Foundation (MEF), Sports Council for Wales and MCofS on the distribution of Overseas Expeditions Awards.
- Negotiating the transfer and subsequent administration of the Julie Tullis Memorial Fund for women mountaineers and aspiring disabled climbers.
- Consolidating an electronic database of expedition reports from 1990 to the present day.
- Providing an international voice on potential access problems and negotiations with foreign governments e.g. Denali, Cordillera Blanca and Nepal Himalaya.
- Liaison with the Alpine Club on international affairs.
- Representation on and work with the UIAA Expeditions Commission.
- Nominating and supporting British climbers on two international gatherings.
- Publicising the high standard and success of our expeditions by organising events such as the annual MEF/BMC Expedition Lectures at the Kendal Film Festival.

Grant Support for British Expeditions

As in previous years, grants and assistance were given to many expeditions visiting exciting corners of the World, from the Yukon to Patagonia, and from Greenland to Chinese Sichuan. And there were many notable successes: the first ascent of the highest unclimbed peak in North America; the first ascent of the South East Pillar of Kedar Dome, India; the first ascent of a hard goulotte on Phari Lapcha's west peak, Nepal; the first ascent of the South Face of Colque Cruz, Peru; the first ascent of the North East Buttress of Huantsan, Peru; the first ascent, though not to the summit, of the South Face of the South Tower of Paine, Chile. Added to this was some excellent exploratory mountaineering

in West Sikkim, Kyrgyzstan's Ak Shirak Range, various areas of the Western Karakoram in Pakistan and the first visit by a non former Soviet or Eastern Block expedition to the southern side of the Karl Marx Range in Tajikistan. At a more modest level of difficulty were new routes in Sichuan, Bolivia, India and a plethora of first ascents in East Greenland.

The International Committee works closely with the MEF in administering awards, and has two representatives on both the MEF's Screening and Management Committees. It has a representative from the MCofS and liaises with the administration of their expedition grants. It also has a representative on the Sports Council for Wales's Overseas Expedition Panel. The criteria for BMC support, while not identical to those of the MEF, still favour small teams climbing in good style and attempting innovative and adventurous ascents in the World's Greater Ranges. While available funding for 2007 is likely to be somewhat less than in the past, this may be partially offset by increased support from the MEF.

International Seminars and Meets

In early May, Plas y Brenin again hosted the BMC's International Rock Climbing Meet, a biennial event that has always fostered excellent international relations, maintained our reputation in World climbing and allowed some of our younger leading activists to meet and climb with their counterparts. This year 50 climbers from 22 different countries were joined by 40 British hosts and while most guests were, understandably European, it was great to see climbers from as far a field as India, China, South Africa and the USA make the long journey. The weather, miraculous as always for this meet, was more or less excellent throughout, and technical standards were relatively high. One of the more internationally well-known guests, who had not climbed in Britain before (but just about everywhere else) thought the North Wales rock very good, "better than most European climbers think". Having just come back from a day on Cloggy, another European, with little trad experience, remarked that without fixed gear it was just like climbing new routes. These meets undoubtedly raise the profile of the BMC and have led to many profitable exchange programmes and some major ascents by joint teams.

SPECIALIST REPORTS

BMC International Grant awards for 2006

- Brathey East Greenland App
- Huantsan £750
- Chogolisa £600
- Kedar Dome £1500
- Hispar £1100
- Ak Shirak £350
- Miyar Nala MCS
- AC Shakh dara £750
- South Tower of Paine £500+SCW
- Eastern Blanca App
- Huayhuash £650
- Huaruruncho £750

- Schweizerland £600
- Dickey £750
- Oxford East Greenland £500
- Khumbu £750
- Kings College Apolobamba £400
- Cambridge Quimsa Cruz £400
- Lobsang £1500
- North Sikkim £650
- Qiongjai Shan £750
- Lobuje East MCS
- Nenang £700
- K7 £500+SCW
- Yukon £850
- Vilcanota £450

International Committee

The Committee met twice in 2006 and during the year comprised the following members:

- Chair - Lindsay Griffin
- Vice Chair - Dave Wilkinson
- Secretary - Nick Colton
- Members - Rab Anderson (MCofS), Paul Braithwaite, Alan Hinkes, Kevin Howett (MCofS), Nick Lewis, Pat Littlejohn, Andy MacNae, Bill Ruthven (MEF), Ron Rutland, Steven Sustad, Mike Turner, Cathy Woodhead

TECHNICAL

The Technical Committee provides an informed source of technical knowledge and advice on safety related equipment and its use to climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers.

The group held four meetings in 2006 with an average attendance of 8. Oliver Milling became the new Chair of the Committee in 2006, taking over the reins from George Steele. In May, Dan Middleton became the new secretary for the Committee as part of his role as part-time Technical Officer.

Investigations

The Committee has worked on 16 investigations over the year - 3 of which have been completed and signed off. Copies of completed reports and an index are available from the BMC office.

The three which were completed were:
TCM03.01 Milton Keynes Karabiners
TCM05.02 Cracked Troll Harness Buckle
TCM05.09 DMM Screwgate

Summit Articles

Summit 41 featured an article on fixed equipment, by Dave Musgrove from the Bolts Working Group. This outlined the work to come from this group in producing comprehensive guidance documents both for users and installers of bolts. Summit 44 featured a Tech Tips article by Dan Middleton about when to retire textile equipment, including slings and harnesses.

UIAA and CEN Standards

UIAA Safety Commission: Neville McMillan is the UK National Delegate and also the Vice President, and as such, attended the 2006 annual meeting in Italy. Rob Allen is the UK Corresponding Member of the Safety

Commission.

CEN TC136/WG5 Mountaineering Equipment: Neville McMillan attended the Berlin meeting in May 2006 as the Principal UK Expert, appointed by BSI Technical Committee SW136/5. Neville McMillan is the BMC representative on SW136/5, and Ben Lyon is now the Chairman.

'Know Your Stuff'

A 1 day Technical and Training Conference was held at Plas y Brenin in October, and was attended by over 70 delegates. Featuring a blend of practical demonstrations and guest speakers including Michel Beal (CEO of Beal Ropes), the event was a great success. Lyon Equipment sponsored the event, and the MTT provided admirable support.

Bolts Working Group (BWG)

The BWG is tasked with determining what advice/guidance the BMC should offer climbers on technical aspects of placing bolts and on the choice of products. It also makes recommendations regarding appropriate procedures for placing and monitoring bolts on BMC owned and managed crags. The Group has no remit to look at ethical issues of bolting or retrobolting or to look at where bolts are acceptable.

The BWG met four times in 2006, and has produced two draft documents ready for publication on the website in 2007. Part 1 is a Users Guide, Part 2 an Installers Guide. In addition, a BMC Rock Anchor policy has been drafted ready for proposal at the next meeting of the Land Management Group, who have responsibility for all BMC managed crags.

The BMC has purchased several thousand bolts for distribution to regional bolt funds in 2007, exact details will be published in due course.



Forward plan for 2007

- Care and Maintenance Videos. Advice on care and maintenance to go onto the website.
- Summit Tech Tips articles on current relevant issues.
- Helmets Booklet. The Committee intends to produce a helmets booklet which will be available to download from the website, or can be ordered in print.
- To continue with new and ongoing Equipment Investigations.
- Ongoing standards work and UIAA representation.
- Publish findings from the Technical and Training Conference on the website.
- Consider and plan another conference for 2008.
- Publish key Technical Reports on the website.
- Establish bolts test bed for research at a suitable location.

The Technical Committee and Equipment Investigation Panel were previously separate, although overlapping, groups. The decision was taken to merge the two groups in order to increase the range of input into technical matters.

Technical Committee

Chair - Oliver Milling
Members - George Steele, Neville McMillan, Alan Huyton, Ben Lyon, Trevor Hellen
Secretary - Ian Hey (to February 2006), Dan Middleton (from May 2006)

Equipment Investigation Panel

Members - Fred Hall, Dick Peart, Steve Long, Rob Allen, Dave Brook, Jane Blackford, Richard Terrell, Neil Johnson, Mark Taylor

David Pumfrey, Paul Bradshaw, Phillip Tootill
Paper Members - Nick Williams, Petra Ernst, Paul Seddon, Roger Wild

Bolts Working Group

An informed source of technical knowledge and advice for climbers on issues related to the placement of bolts (both lead bolts and abseil bolts).

Chair - Paul Clark
Members - Rob Allen, Gary Gibson, Alan Huyton, Dave Musgrove, Chris Parkin, Martin Wragg, Alan Espie, Neville McMillan, Henry Folkard, Dave Turnbull
Paper Members - Bill Renshaw, Les Sykes, Oliver Milling
Secretary - Dan Middleton
(BMC Technical Officer)

TRAINING & YOUTH

The Training and Youth Committee (TYC) met five times in 2006 and is responsible for managing BMC training and youth events and publications. It is also responsible for implementing the BMC Child Protection Policy and guidelines.

TYC's terms of reference were amended and passed by National Council in December 2006. TYC's Chair is Ian Fenton, a former BMC Youth Officer and freelance instructor.

Key Achievements and Outputs 2006 Key Events

British Regional Youth Climbing Series
Proving as popular as ever, the series would not have worked without the dedication of the Area Youth Co-ordinators, the many volunteers, and climbing walls.

Welsh Youth Indoor Climbing Competition
For young people in Wales, run at the Welsh International Climbing Centre.

Peak District Outdoor Youth Meet Mandy Dennison, the BMC Peak Area Youth Co-ordinator organised the meet at the Roaches, with the help of volunteers. Both parents and children benefited from the day.

Student Safety and Good Practice Seminar
Another very popular annual BMC event that only works with the help from volunteer instructors, lawyers, environmental experts and support from the Mountain Training Trust. Over 100 students from 50 clubs attended the weekend seminar.

Know Your Stuff! Technical and Training Conference Presented by volunteers and officers from both TYC, the BMC Technical Committee and foreign speakers from Italy and France. Over 70 delegates came to Plas y Brenin for the one-day event.

BMC Alpine Meet This was the first year the BMC organised such a meet, which was held in Saas Grund at the beginning of August. The company Alpine Guides

provided skills courses, and BMC volunteer and TYC member John Simpson managed the meet. An Alpine meet is planned for 2007.
Alpine and Winter Essentials Lecture Series Steve Long and Chris Dale visited 6 venues in March delivering Alpine Essentials to 543 people. Twid Turner and Martin Moran visited 6 venues in November delivering Winter Essentials to 528 people. Both series will continue in 2007, along with the new Hill Walking Essentials lecture series.

Jonathan Conville Memorial Trust Courses

The BMC continues to manage and part fund these subsidised training courses. 70 people attended 2-day Scottish Winter Courses, 34 people attended 1-day Lakeland Mountain Skills courses, and 114 people attended 3-day Alpine Courses. Sprayway funded 12 women-only places on the Alpine Courses to help launch their new female clothing line.

FUNDamentals Workshops Eight workshops throughout England and Ireland, delivered to over 100 climbing coaches.

Child Protection Awareness Training
Child Protection Steering Group established.

Publications

Alpine Essentials DVD A joint BMC / MCofS good practice film written and directed by Jon Garside and Roger Wild (MCofS). Jointly funded by the Mountain Training Trust and the Catherine Smith, Ceinwen Faulkner & Jonathan Conville Memorial Trusts.

Abseiling: Get it Right! The fourth in the good practice posters, jointly produced with Mountain Leader Training England.

Belaying / Abseiling Good Practice Leaflet Jointly produced with Mountain Leader Training England, and distributed at climbing walls.

Parents Guide Information booklet for parents about climbing, hill walking and mountaineering.

Forward Plan For 2007

The same events as 2006 are planned for 2007, but there will be no Technical and Training Seminar. Outdoor youth meets are planned in the Peak District and Wales, a Hill Walking Essentials lecture series, and good practice posters for hill walking and warming up for climbing.

Ongoing developments with regard to child protection, including training for BMC club officers and consultations with Sport England's Child Protection in Sport Unit.

Training & Youth Committee

Chair - Ian Fenton
Secretary - BMC / MLTE Training Officer - Jon Garside
BMC Deputy CEO & Responsible for Youth - Nick Colton
Core Members - Aaron Cox, Andy Newton, Anne Arran, Ian Dunn, John Dunne, John Simpson, Jon Wilson, Jonathan White, Julie Hurst, Karl Mather, Mal Creasy, Mike Margeson, Neil Johnson, Peter Rowlands, Tim Hogan, Tony Powell
Paper Members - Dave Binney (Snr Team Mgr, Youth Team Coach), Graeme Alderson (BMC Walls and Comps Officer), Helen Lawless (MCI), Howard Jeffs (Student Activity Safety Association), Iain McBurnie (ex TAG member), Ian Hey (BMC Technical and Safety Officer), Kevin Howett (MCofS), Lyndon Gill (National Council), Paul Debney (BMC Honorary Legal Advisor), Paul Smith (Teacher, Instructor), Roger Wild (MCofS), Ross Maloney (Scouts), Area Youth Co-ordinators - Neil McGeachy (Scotland South), David Farrell (Yorkshire), Mandy Dennison (Peak District), Jane Newman (NE & Lakes), Mark Dicken (Wales North), John Gibbons (London & SE), Linda Jensen (Wales South), Ruairidh Mackenzie (Scotland North), Russell Flynn (Midlands), Tony Powell (North West), Will Davis (South West), Matt Heason (BRYCS co-ordinator)

AREA REPORTS

Lake District by John Burrows

The Lakes Area held four meetings in 2006 attaching the AGM to the fourth. Efforts to improve attendance have been of limited success but the provision of extra funds has certainly been of value.

Two poorly attended meetings at the Golden Rule in February and May at least gave the opportunity for discussion of the nature of future inducements. The September meeting, preceded by a Master Class (for Juniors and then Seniors) conducted by Andy Earl, was very popular with about 30 partaking of the buffet and attending the meeting. The November meeting will be followed by a slide show featuring Niall Quinn and hopefully will prove attractive. However, the improvements associated with the special events hides a real problem. There are still very few members coming forward to participate in the ongoing work in the area.

Access problems in relation to nesting bird restrictions, environmental degradation and CRoW have given rise to a number of problems through the year.

The Bird Restriction Group has met twice, with Colyn Earnshaw and Mike Hornby representing the BMC. Although in general it has worked well there have been a number of problems this spring, notably at Chapel Head, where a ban was imposed for six weeks until it was eventually confirmed that the peregrines were not nesting. However the rapid solution to the Gowther Crag situation was welcomed as an example of good practice.

With regard to crag and fell access a major problem with the farmer over access to Lower Scout Crag has been ongoing with the National Trust (as landlord) now taking a more proactive role. Other access problems discussed during the year include commercial use of Castle Head Crag; car parking at Castle Rock and at the National Trust car park in Wasdale; access to Torver Intake; stock fencing (without a stile) across the RoW on Brandreth; the Draft Cumbria RoW plan; and the Regional Access Database and crag management at various crags.

At the AGM it is hoped to introduce a more formal structure to local access representation with more named Area Representatives, a Crag Access Co-ordinator and a Footpath Access Co-ordinator.

It is hoped that the improvements in interest demonstrated this year will be continued next year and new volunteers will come forward to support the BMC in this Area.

Lakes Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 13

- Chair: John Burrows
- Secretary: David Staton
- Treasurer: David Staton
- National Council Representatives: John

Burrows, David Staton

- Access & Conservation: Cumbria Co-ordinator – Colyn Earnshaw; Borrowdale & Innerdale – Stephen Reid, Andy Prickett; Coniston – Jim Loxham; Eden Valley & Eastern Fells – Ron Kenyon; Langdale, Kentmere, Longsledale – Max Biden; West – Ben Whiteley; South – vacant
- Youth Representative: Ron Kenyon
- Climbing Wall Representative: vacant

Members	2005	2006
No of clubs in the area	9	11
With club membership of	628	772
Share of national clubs	359	328
Individual members	1130	1381
Total members in area	2126	2481

London & South East By Anna Gregory
For the London and South East Area (L&SE), 2006 has been a tricky year and we, the members, are not out of the woods yet.

The L&SE covers a very large area and has between a quarter to a third of all BMC membership. As Chair I am concerned to 'do business', as a result there is little time to 'play' before meetings, but we try to get a pint down afterwards. The meetings are based in London because it is the best place in the UK to travel on public transport at a reasonably late time.

The main issue that the Area was preoccupied with this year was the relocation of meetings. After many years at Francis House, located in London's Victoria, we made the break for the outside world and placed ourselves in a vulnerable position of finding suitable locations to hold our meetings. However, for the next three meetings the Westway was our most gracious host.

Throughout the 5 meetings of the year we noticed falling attendance even though we had some excellent themes including the Child Protection Act presented by Nick Colton. With Vixen Tor in our minds we themed a CRoW Act update with an excellent presentation given by Cath Flitcroft. Other themes included climbing walls in the Area and the BMC Articles of Association. We also managed to celebrate the excellent work of the Southern Volunteers Group with the 'Meet the BMC' weekend based around Harrison's Rocks.

Getting volunteers and keeping them was also a challenge. Thanks go to all our Area post holders for their contributions and hard work, to those who have stepped down and to those who have stepped into the breach, and also to those at head office, especially membership services, who do read everything we send them and correct spelling mistakes - thanks to you all!

London & South East Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 12

- Chair: Anna Gregory
- Secretary: Julian King
- National Council Representatives: Anna Gregory, Julian King;
- Harrison's Rocks Management Group Representatives: Martin Brice, Martin Hill
- Climbing Walls Representatives: Roy Court, Graham Coff
- Communications Representative: Val Hunnington
- Access & Conservation Representative/ SVG liaison: Martin Brice
- Youth Representative: John Gibbons

Members	2005	2006
No of clubs in the area	110	101
With club membership of	5197	5315
Share of national clubs	2973	2257
Individual members	9777	10658
Total members in area	18057	18230

Midlands by Graham Richmond

The problem with living in the Midlands is that good climbing, unless you are really keen, is not that easy to come by. There is plenty if you know where to look, but most of it is in places where you are not supposed to go. A spirit of adventure is needed.

When asked 'where can we go climbing?' The question should read 'where can we go without the risk of confrontation and somewhere that is safe?'. There are few crags that fit that criteria. Nevertheless there are a few individuals out there doing the pioneering business.

With this background it is not surprising that the climbing walls in the area are doing well and that the best results ever were had by the younger element in the BRYCS.

There were five area meetings across the region from Walsall in the west to Hinckley in the east. The best attended was the AGM with over forty in attendance. This could have been due to the fact that Nick Bullock gave us an entertaining slide show. Attendance in general has been poor, but as we have seen in previous years, when anything of importance is to be discussed fifty or sixty people attend.

Discussions took place on most subjects ranging from The Articles of Association to volunteer officers suggesting ways of publicising BMC meetings.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who made my job easier.

Midlands Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 6

- Chair: Graham Richmond
- Secretary: Fiona Devine
- National Council Representatives: Graham Richmond, Fiona Devine

- Access & Conservation: East – Howard Pymm, West – Richard Law
- Youth Representative: Russell Flynn
- Climbing Walls Representative: East – Ian Mckenzie, West – vacant

Members	2005	2006
No of clubs in the area	46	48
With club membership of	2851	3009
Share of national clubs	1631	1278
Individual members	3000	3573
Total members in area	7528	7860

North East by Karin Magog

The first year of access at Holwick Scar went well and is to continue under the same guidelines. The only additional guideline is that parties must be off the crag by 9.30pm to avoid disturbing local residents. In Northumberland, Simonside was closed for 28 days during the grouse breeding season, although only weekday access was affected. There were a few other teething problems regarding the CRoW Act which seem to have been resolved effectively by the Area Reps. Many thanks to Peter Hay and Bill Renshaw for their continuing good work.

The Area manned a BMC stand at the Sunderland Wall Climbing Festival in November. Many leaflets were distributed (with the one about Young People being particularly popular) and several feedback forms were filled in by people attending the event. Many thanks to everyone who helped out on the day.

In the BRYCS, the team from the NE and the Lakes came 3rd in the 2006 competition. The Area would like to thank Steve Porteous and Jane Newman for their active support of the BRYCS in the area, and the local climbing walls, Rock Antics and Sunderland for their involvement. Local climber Andrew Earl continued to perform well in bouldering competitions, being crowned British Bouldering Champion for the third year running and achieving an impressive world ranking of 9th.

Finally after 20 years as FRCC rep at the North East Area meetings Stephen Porteous is standing down. Many thanks to Stephen for all his hard work during that time.

North East Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 12

- Chair: Alan Hinkes
- Secretary: Karin Magog
- National Council Representatives: Alan Hinkes, Peter Simcock
- Access & Conservation: Northumberland – Bill Renshaw; Durham & North York Moors – Peter Hay
- Climbing Walls Representative: Peter Dyson
- Youth Representative: vacant

North West by Les Ainsworth

2006 saw the appearance of a reprint of Lancs Rock in a more compact format without Whitbarrow or Standedge. There were strong reservations about this guide from many NW climbers, but feedback so far is positive. Work is now well in hand on an updated definitive guidebook using a full colour format, but there is still a lot of graphics work needed. It looks likely that the definitive guidebook will be produced as two volumes. Meanwhile Mark Hounslea has started work on a definitive guidebook to the sandstone in Merseyside and Cheshire.

On the access front we continued the previous arrangements at Hoghton, with climbing there for most of June and July, but the crag is now in desperate need of a clean up to make the most of the 2007 season.

Elsewhere we have had much success in tree removal from the foot of many crags to improve their aspect, including Anglezarke, Lester Mill, Warton and Wilton.

We now have a management agreement at Egerton that should enable us to greatly improve the climbing there. With support from local volunteers, it is hoped that, by summer, climbers will notice a vast improvement. An initial clean up and BBQ in June last year was well attended.

Hopefully, by the time that this report is published we should have purchased Craig Y Longridge, but progress has been painfully slow, despite the best efforts of several climbers.

Over the past year there have been no new climbing walls or substantial changes to the existing ones in the area.

Our new secretary has made great efforts to broaden the appeal of the NW Meetings and to publicise the work that it does. This appears to be bearing fruit, with attendance steadily increasing and we are hoping to build on this. Future plans include sending out pre-meeting reports so that the meetings can devote more time to discussion, so come along and have your say. In 2007 we are also planning more clean up meets to encourage climbers to be active in local climbing. So far clean ups at Helsby, Egerton and Hoghton have been proposed.

North West Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 12

- Chair: Les Ainsworth
- Secretary: Jon Dittman
- National Council Representatives: Ken Jackson, Lyndon Gill
- Access & Conservation: North Lancashire & Silverdale – Les Ainsworth; Pendle Area – Paul Horan; South Lancashire & Cheshire – Mark Hounslea
- Climbing Walls Representatives: Nick Bond, Steve Gille
- Youth Representative: vacant

Members	2005	2006
No of clubs in the area	38	39
With club membership of	3096	3,046
Share of national clubs	1771	1297
Individual members	3492	4,173
Total members in area	8397	8,512

Peak District by Mike Pinder

Peak Area Meetings continued to be well supported throughout the year, though with a slight drop in average numbers. I like to think that this is due to the faith the majority have in the work of the meetings, or that we have succeeded in keeping the climbing and hill walking world ticking over with no crises or controversies. Thanks to everyone for contributing to the lively and well informed debates. Without the range of opinions expressed we wouldn't have the momentum to move forward.

Again this year Peak District access issues have formed the core of our business. I think that this is as it should be, we are climbers and walkers and I see our role as one to keep the Peak open in order to pursue this. However, much time before the April AGM was spent on the Articles of Association. Some felt that too much time was spent on this, and others felt that not enough was. You can't win! Thank you for your tolerance and your criticism, we're trying to get the balance right.

We have continued to be proactive in developing and maintaining our relationships with various landowners and the fruits of these relationships have been displayed in the opinions we have been able to express, and have listened to. Our opinion has been actively sought and taken seriously, though some voices have to shout loudly to get a hearing, for example over destructive quarrying in the National Park.

The issues of quarrying, nesting restrictions, and erosion projects have demonstrated that we are involved in areas that go beyond merely our own access to crags, and into the wider issues of the environment and everyone's right to enjoy it.

We hosted a fantastic and over subscribed, Youth Meet in September, and are planning a multi-agency Open Day at The Roaches in June involving the BMC, Peak District National Park Authority, Mountain Rescue and local Outdoor Education Centers.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has been motivated enough to turn up to even one meeting. I still hear the gripe that the BMC is run by a clique who push through their own agenda; get along to the meetings and make sure it isn't, I really believe that you'll like what you see, and if you don't, change it.

AREA REPORTS

Peak District Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 30

- Chair: Mike Pinder
- Vice Chair: Chris Moor
- Secretary: Kevin Stapley
- National Council Representatives: Mike Pinder, Chris Moor
- Access & Conservation: Peak Co-ordinator – Henry Folkard; Northern Peak & Chew Valley – Rick Gibbon; Matlock area – Freda Raphael; Western Grit & Staffordshire – David Bishop; Bouldering – Simon Jacques
- Youth Representative: Mandy Dennison
- Climbing Wall Representative: vacant

Members	2005	2006
No of clubs in the area	30	28
With club membership of	1685	1,350
Share of national clubs	964	573
Individual members	1696	2,739
Total members in area	4375	4,662

South West & Southern

by Haggis Harris
Cheddar Gorge Project Martin Crocker scored another success this year! A one year trial started that greatly improves access to much of the climbing in Cheddar Gorge throughout the year.
Wye Valley John Willson continued to steer the volunteers cleaning, re-gearing and improving access to many Wye Valley crags as part of the preparation for the new guidebook. Sadly 2006 is the last full year for John as Wye Valley Access Rep, he will be putting his feet up from January for a well-deserved rest.

Vixen Tor Still no access to Vixen Tor. Locals have formed the Vixen Tor Action Group to keep up pressure on the landowners and relevant authorities. Relevant information can be found at <http://www.vixentor4all.org.uk/>
Volunteers Volunteers are sought to fill John Willson's shoes as Wye Valley Access Rep. A new chairman is required for the meetings as Haggis is stepping down in January too.

South West & Southern Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 13

Chair: Haggis Harris
 Secretary: Darren Cook
 National Council Representatives: Scott Titt, Steve Findlay
 Access & Conservation: Avon Gorge – Steve Findlay; West Penwith – Jeremy Dyke; North Devon – Rick Abbot; South Devon – Brian Dent; Wye Valley – John Willson; Portland – Neal Heanes; Swanage – Steve Taylor; Culm Coast – Gary Watts; Cheddar & Somerset – Chris Sims, Martin Crocker.

Members	2005	2006
No of clubs in the area	27	26
With club membership of	1312	1603
Share of national clubs	751	681

Individual members	3829	3,866
Total members in area	5919	6150

Yorkshire

by Richard Hardicre
2006 has been a quiet year, mainly concerned with access issues on both gritstone and limestone, around areas such as Great Wolfrey, Malham, Blue Scar and the changes brought into force by CRoW.

Martin Christmas continues as Limestone Rep and Mick Johnson has been appointed as Gritstone Rep. Attendance at Area meetings has been static, with only the addition of LUMC representation in the last year. It is possible the Cononley venue may account for this. It is hoped the new Area posters may bump this up a bit.

Liaison with the Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP), Natural England and the Yorkshire Naturalists Union continues to be centred around bird restrictions and access issues. The Langcliffe access looks like having been solved, but we are awaiting confirmation from the YDNP on this matter.

Guiseley Wall has re-opened which may take a little strain off the ever-packed Leeds Wall, visitors must complete an assessment before being let loose. A new wall has also opened in York.

There have been new developments throughout the region (Langcliffe quarry, Gordale, Giggleswick South and other crags). Another limestone update has been released as of December 2006 detailing all the new sport and trad lines in the area.

Yorkshire Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 15

- Chair: Mark Radkte
- Secretary: Richard Hardicre
- National Council Representatives: Alex Lawrence, Michael Radtke
- Access & Conservation: Limestone – Martin Christmas, Dave Musgrove; Gritstone – Mick Johnson
- Youth Representative: Dave Farrell

Members	2005	2006
No of clubs in the area	32	25
With club membership of	545	1,361
Share of national clubs	884	578
Individual members	2672	2,072
Total members in area	5133	4,011

Wales/Cymru

By KC Gordon
There have been four area meetings since the last AGM. While attendance has continued to be at a low level it should be noted that other areas also record similar attendance. Throughout the year we have been without a secretary and I am grateful to Jim Wiltshire (Mountain Club) who agreed at the AGM to act as minute secretary and Lindsay Griffin (Alpine

Club) for taking notes and producing minutes of meetings. The long vacant post of North Wales Area Youth Officer was finally taken up by Mark Dicken, who works at the Beacon Climbing Centre. Discussion at meetings has included proposed cull of goat herds, Green Key scheme, all Wales youth climbing championship, future policy review group, bilingual articles in Summit and Sports Council Wales expedition grants.

The initiative by Gary Lewis (South Wales MC) to set up an all Wales youth climbing wall championship has come to fruition. By dint of Gary's hard work and with some financial support from the BMC next year the finalists from the championship will count as the Wales area representatives to the BRYCs finals.

Among the various proposals of the Future Policy Review Group (FPRG), adopted at the BMC AGM last April, was one to allow Areas to 'experiment with new meeting formats... including setting up smaller ...sub groups...'. In an attempt to increase the involvement of the south Wales clubs I am in the early process of arranging meetings with clubs in the south with a view to them setting up a sub group as proposed by the FPRG.

In my report last year I noted the meeting with the BMC CEO and an officer of the CCW to seek support for a development officer for Wales. That the CCW was not able to support our application is a matter of regret. That the BMC is supportive of the development of mountaineering in Wales is a matter to be appreciated.

Throughout the year Plas y Brenin has hosted our meetings free of charge with the administration staff always being helpful with bookings.

Wales/Cymru Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 15

- Chair: KC Gordon
- Secretary: Jim Wiltshire
- National Council Representatives: KC Gordon, Roger Bennion, Mike Raine
- Access & Conservation: Pembroke – Dee de Mengel; South East Wales – John Cunstance; Gower – Steve Lewis.
- Mountain Leader Training Wales: KC Gordon
- Mountain Leader Training UK: KC Gordon
- Mountaineering Coordination Group: KC Gordon
- Climbing Wall Representatives: Mike Simpkins (North Wales), Bary Lewis (South Wales)
- Youth Representative: Mark Dicken

Members	2005	2006
No of clubs in the area	19	16
With club membership of	1074	1,183
Share of national clubs	614	502
Individual members	2056	

Alan Rouse Library

The Alan Rouse Collection has recently received the latest batch of 2004 Expedition Reports from the Everest Foundation, which are currently being added to stock for use in the Library or for photocopying. A printed list of our Expedition Reports dated between 1999 and 2004, and classified by region, is now available in the Library. A catalogue listing all our Expedition Reports should be available by the end of the year.

The Climbing Journals Catalogue has also been completed. This is an alphabetical listing of titles and holdings, which includes some foreign language titles.

You will find the Alan Rouse Collection in the Arts, Social Sciences and Sports Library located on the first floor of Sheffield Central Library. The Sports Library is a unique resource for anyone with an interest in sport and physical recreation.

If you want to find out more about our climbing collection and also view the Climbing Journals Catalogue go to www.sheffield.gov.uk and select, 'Libraries and Archives', and then, 'Find a Library or Service', and select, 'Sports Library', from the links under, 'Special Services or Libraries'.

All enquiries are welcome. For further details please contact Liz Biggin. Tel: 0114 2734747 Fax: 0114 2735009 E-mail: artsandsport.library@sheffield.gov.uk

British Mountain Guides

The British Association of Mountain Guides (BMG) has its origins as a BMC committee. Now an independent body, the BMG's base is at the MLTB office at Plas y Brenin. Honorary secretary AE Richardson reports:

The BMG was devastated to lose two of its members during 2006, Brede Arkless after a long illness and Ian Angell, a past treasurer, died in an accident in the Scottish mountains. We all will miss them and our thoughts are with their family and friends.

The BMG celebrated its 30th anniversary this year as a member of the IFMGA with a total membership of 173. The BMG held an open day for the first time this year. It was a great success thanks to help from Mountain Equipment and it is planned to be repeated every two years. Five applications were accepted onto the training and assessment scheme – Hannah Burrows Smith, James Edwards, Matt Helliker, Rob Jarvis and Tim Blakemore. The following members were welcomed into the BMG as full guides: Jonathan Bracey, Jon Wigg, Rob Wills, Eric Pirie, Dave Kenyon, Nick Sharpe, Kenton Cool and Guy Willett.

A review of the BMG training and assessment scheme was finished this year and the syllabus was ratified at this year's AGM. The IFMGA is still concerned about the level of unqualified guiding and this is

being discussed with the UKMLTB and AMI.

The BMG is grateful to Mountain Equipment for sponsorship in the form of financial assistance. We would also like to thank all manufacturers who support the BMG or individual guides with their products. The guides would also like to thank The Fed Harper and Jules Cartwright Trusts who supported this year's winter training and ski training and the Jonathan Conville Trust for their continued support.

Finally the BMG ship only sails well due to its crew and without the arrangement with the MLTB office and the hard work of Sue Doyle and her colleagues the ship would probably sink.

Central Council of Physical Recreation

The Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) is the umbrella body for National Governing Bodies of Sport.

Throughout 2006 there have been 4 meetings of the Outdoor Pursuits Division and the BMC have been represented by Jon Garside and Catherine Flitcroft at all of these meetings. The CCPR continues to provide support, information and a forum for discussion on many aspects of sport and recreation. In particular during 2006, the Working at Height regulation, the Best of Both Worlds Initiative, the Nerc Act, the development of Natural England and their recreational strategies as well as Coastal Access.

Mountaineering Co-ordination Group

The MCG provides a forum for consultation and co-operation between the national Mountaineering Councils of Great Britain and liaison with the MLTUK. Wherever there is a common interest, the MCG seeks to maximise the influence of the four Councils by co-ordinating public pronouncements, and reaction to government policy.

John Donohoe retired as Chairman in April and was succeeded by Mark Vallance. There have been problems introducing the new IT and these have been most evident with the members of this group. Such policy issues as Insurance, Wind Farms, Mountain Training, Competition Organisation, and Coaching Certification, have been addressed. The imbalance in member numbers between the BMC and the MCofS sometimes gives rise to friction. This has been discussed with beneficial results, and the BMC has helped fund a Scottish Access Officer in the common interest.

Mountaineering Council of Scotland

The year has been one of change and challenge for the MCofS. Following an internal review, the Executive restructured

Council staffing with the aim of improving the co-ordination and delivery of activities and member services. The restructure created a new post of Senior Officer, and the appointment of David Gibson followed in July 2006. Kevin Howett was appointed to the post of Development Officer.

Access & Conservation The A&C Committee, chaired by Beryl Leatherland, has continued to act in members' interests. A new Access & Conservation Officer, Hebe Carus, will be appointed in January 2007 with funding secured from SNH, the BMC and the SMT. The Council wishes to put on record its appreciation to the BMC for its support.

The Land Reform Act may have clarified the legal position concerning access, but the current 'bedding-in' period demonstrates that continued vigilance is required if access rights are not to be diluted or compromised. The A&C Committee continues to address inappropriate and misleading signage, locked gates and obstructed access by using the process established by the Act, liaising with Local Access Officers, and participating in Local and National Access Fora.

Renewable energy, forestry and other planning development consultations also continue to occupy the A&C Committee. Significant work has been undertaken during the past year and, amongst others, objections were made concerning the Beaulieu-Denny pylon line, and wind farms at Lochluichart and Muaitheabhal (Harris). **Sports Development** The Sports Development Committee has obtained increased expedition grant funding for next year. The MCofS will support Scottish expeditions to Greenland, the Himachal Pradesh and Lobuje, where new routes and ascents are the main objective.

The British Regional Youth Competition Series (BRYCS) included 19 competitors from Scotland and best results achieved were by members of the Scotland North team - a 1st and 2nd in the Girls 7-9 category and a 1st in the Boys 10-12 category.

Mountain Safety The Mountain Safety Committee has organised an extensive range of courses and lectures. Details of these are included in the Scottish Mountaineer magazine. Other work included the introduction of a new DVD entitled 'Alpine Essentials' and an information card entitled 'Emergency Procedures'.

Further details of the above items may be found on the MCofS website www.mountaineering-scotland.org.uk.

Mountaineering Council of Ireland Change seems to have been the theme for the MCI in 2006. Three staff members left MCI during the year and, following a review of our organisational structure, a decision was taken to appoint a Chief Officer and to re-constitute our Executive Committee as a Board of Directors.

OTHER REPORTS

In November MCI appointed Angela Carlin as full-time Youth Development Officer in Northern Ireland and Una Feeney as Administrator in our Dublin Office to fill two of the vacant posts. Helen Lawless, our Development Officer for more than five years, was also appointed to the new post of Access & Conservation Officer.

Stuart Garland joined the MCI at the beginning of February 2007 as our Chief Officer. Stuart will lead the organisation, working with our expanded staff team and the volunteer committee members, to maximise the potential of the MCI and best serve the needs of our sport and of our members. Stuart's post is funded through an increase of more than 50% in the MCI's annual grant from the Irish Sports Council.

Tiglin, the National Mountain and Whitewater Centre in Co. Wicklow, sadly closed in April 2006 due to ongoing financial difficulties in terms of the lack of investment in infrastructure. In light of this, the MCI has reviewed its training policy and the arrangements for the provision of mountain training in Ireland. Arising from this review, MCI will be appointing a full-time Training Officer in Spring 2007. The Training Officer will concentrate on co-ordinating the development, promotion and delivery of hill walking and climbing training in Ireland, and ensuring that training standards are maintained.

Ensuring continued access to the hills and countryside continues to be a priority in Ireland, both north and south. A National Countryside Recreation Strategy was launched in September 2006 and, in January 2007, the Irish Sports Council will publish the Irish Trails Strategy and announce the establishment of a National Trails Office. Both these developments represent an acknowledgment by government of the potential for outdoor recreation to contribute to a healthy lifestyle and a vibrant rural economy. In Northern Ireland, consultation is nearing completion on the boundary for a proposed national park in the Mourne Mountains.

MCI's membership is currently 9,200, with a total of 130 affiliated clubs and 1300 individual members. In contrast to the BMC, 86% of MCI's members are club members.

With an expanded staff team and an improved governance structure in place, MCI's focus in 2007 will be on consolidation and working towards our vision of being 'the effective voice for hill walkers and climbers in Ireland'.

Mountain Leader Training England Along with all of the Mountain Leader Training organisations, Mountain Leader Training England (MLTE) engaged in a thorough review of the Walking Group Leader scheme involving consultation with providers and user groups. It was apparent that there was some confusion about the

scope of the scheme and so a revision of the syllabus and the associated guidance notes was undertaken to clarify some of the issues raised. The new version of the scheme handbook is almost ready for printing and should be circulated to newly registering candidates shortly into 2007. It is hoped that with this clarification more authorities will feel able to endorse and employ the award.

Throughout 2006 considerable work was undertaken, again in concert with the other Boards, on consultation regarding a possible Climbing Wall Supervisors Award. Discussion with the BMC through its Training and Youth Committee indicated that there was the potential for a valuable addition to the awards that would meet some real needs. MLTE is contributing to continued work on a possible syllabus and guidance and examining the methods through which this award might be delivered.

At the MLTE AGM Martin Doyle stood down as Chairman after having stood for a term of three years. Bob Burson, from Longtown OEC, was nominated as Chairman and Anne Newcombe, DofE Representative, was nominated as Vice-Chair. Dave Rogers continues to serve as MLTE Treasurer with all the hard work that that entails and Michael Hunt, from the BMC, serves as a Director who is able to give the Board the benefits of his staffing expertise.

Early in the year the sad news came through that Eric Langmuir, the author of the classic text 'Mountaineering and Leadership', had died. Throughout its many editions and reprints this work had guided many candidates through the ML scheme and had also served as a source of good advice for all mountain walkers. 'Mountaineering' is currently published by MLTE and MLTS and still serves as a valuable addition to the new series of textbooks produced by MLTUK and soon to be complemented by the latest volume 'Winter Skills'. Eric will be remembered fondly by all those who worked with him.

Another 'hot topic' throughout 2006 has been that of the role of coaching in climbing and mountaineering. Involvement with the UK Coaching Certificate has focussed many minds and the creation of a 'National Source Group' (in the correct UKCC jargon) has resulted. BMC, MCoS, MLTE and MLTUK along with other interested individuals are meeting under the able chairmanship of Brian Griffiths; still cruising the 'E numbers' at xx years of age and a qualified athletics coach as well as an MIA. Currently discussion is ongoing about the direction that we may wish to take but it seems likely that in 2007 there will be concrete proposals formulated for the development of coach training at a variety of levels. Whether this eventually leads to formal accreditation is yet to be seen.

Towards the end of the year MLTE, along

with Guy Keating from the BMC, attended a conference hosted by United Utilities, the largest land-owning water company in the UK (a substantial chunk of NW England's uplands). At that meeting a plan was unveiled to get all groups that could be defined as 'commercial' to apply for a permit for access to their land. A fee would be applied to all those who were not deemed to be 'charity' or 'education'. MLTE and BMC representatives have been campaigning busily since to try to stop this policy being implemented. Quite apart from the divisive nature of the policy, with some groups being charged for doing exactly the same things as other, 'free', groups the prospect of this policy being adopted by other private landowners is extremely worrying. Whilst UU have been reminded that a charging policy for those using rights of way or on CRoW land is not something that they could legally sustain, the possibility that this may be applied to all their other land is worrying.

After a long period of gestation MLTE is finally putting the finishing touches to a DVD which will seek to explain and illustrate the mountain awards of the UK. Aimed both at potential candidates and also their employers this DVD should see the light of day early in 2007. Filmed by Slackjaw at a variety of locations the film illustrates both the activities on a variety of courses and the participants on them and also looks at the sort of work that award holders may go on to do. Hopefully this will be a useful resource for all involved in mountain education and should be dedicated to Martin Doyle who, as previous Chairman of MLTE, had the idea in the first place.

Another publication almost ready for distribution is a Disability Awareness Booklet based upon material developed by Don Mabbs and others working in the field of climbing with people with disabilities. This booklet seeks to explain some of the common forms of disability and illustrate ways in which, with a little imagination and care, people can be empowered to enjoy some of the activities that other climbers take for granted. Hopefully this will be available in February 2007 and will make an inexpensive addition to the well received advisory booklets that we have produced recently.

Mountain Leader Training UK Mountain Leader Training UK (MLTUK) has collaborated with the BMC on a wide range of issues during 2006, including a consultation exercise about a new climbing wall instructor award and exchanges of advice on related matters.

We have continued to work with the Mountaineering Co-ordination Group and have joined the National Source Group for Coaching Climbing in a secretarial role. Unfortunately it seems to be inevitable now that MLTUK will not participate further in the BMC IT programme, as it has become

increasingly apparent that a registrations orientated database is not suited to the needs of a qualifications database without very substantial additional work. The BMC has assisted MLTUK by facilitating dialogue with ministers about funding matters and we are grateful for these introductions.

Part way through the year, John Cousins ended many years of quite exceptional service and moved to Plas y Brenin as Director of Training. Steve Long has taken on the difficult task of following in John's footsteps. At the international level Steve has also taken over as representative of the BMC at the UIAA Mountaineering Commission meetings in April and November, where as president of the Training Standards Working Group he convened a small but successful international seminar in Canada in the autumn. This group is growing and is receiving considerable interest from North America and Asia.

John Cousins has continued to work very closely with the Health and Safety Commission to produce workable regulation and associated guidance on 'working at height'. After a very long campaign the adventure activity sector has persuaded government that their long standing good practice and safety record mean that they can be allowed to ensure an 'equivalent level of safety' to the prescribed techniques required by other workforces. He has continued this role since leaving MLTUK as vice president of AAIA (Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee).

Our latest publication, "Winter Skills", is due to reach the book shelves in early February. It is our most ambitious publishing venture to date and we hope that many BMC members will find the book useful. We are also hoping to work on joint projects with the BMC in 2007.

There have been significant changes to the syllabus and structure of the International Mountain Leader Award, necessitated by recent international agreements. We are in the process of completing a new handbook to clarify the situation and have already updated our website accordingly.

The Mountain Leader Training Association was formed this year and has already attracted a membership of over 1000 members. This association enables leaders to continue their training, receive news, discuss new developments and have access to a range of services. The BMC has collaborated with us in this project and we hope that we can continue to work very effectively together in the coming year.

Mountain Rescue Council

The previous few years have seen a small but steady decline in the number and severity of incidents that teams have dealt with on the hills. This year that has changed and there has been a very

significant rise in the number of call outs and in the serious nature of the injuries.

In the Lake District alone there have been 23 fatalities. Of these 5 were due to heart attacks and the remainder were the result of injuries sustained in falls. Only 2 were rock climbing accidents, the others occurred during fell walking or 'scrambling' activities.

There has been a noticeable rise in the incidents associated with 'scrambling' particularly when this is pursued in ghylls. In addition to the actual falls and injuries there have been a number of crag fast events. The ability to reverse a route when difficulties arise seems to be missing. It has been suggested that one factor may be the absence of any climbing gear, including a rope.

We have also noted a number of climbing accidents where a fall has resulted in all the protection pulling out. There is a view here that the transition from indoor climbing walls to crags without an apprenticeship in leader protection is playing a part.

A very successful UK and Ireland Mountain Rescue Conference was held at Lancaster University in September. In addition to a series of informative presentations it provided an opportunity for the interchange of ideas between teams across the country.

2008 will be the 75th Anniversary of mountain and cave rescue. Although there are now three representative bodies, for at least the first 15 years mountain and cave rescue was overseen by one body. There are plans to celebrate this anniversary with a number of events across the whole country and a special conference will be held in Stirling during September as a focal event.

Plas y Brenin & Mountain Training Trust

Plas y Brenin and the Mountain Training Trust (MTT) worked closely with the BMC in 2006 and contributed to the work of the National Council, Training and Youth Committee, Technical Committee and BRYS. Martin Doyle (Chief Executive) states:

As 2006 comes to a close we can note that MTT has now managed Plas y Brenin for 10 years on behalf of Sport England. In that time we have seen a continual increase in the use made of the Centre and its facilities by climbers and mountaineers for training and coaching and as a meeting place. This is additional to ensuring increased access and provision of leadership and instructor qualifications which enable newcomers to take up our activities safely under schemes administered by the BMC and the Mountain Leader Training Boards.

In 2006 many BMC events were held at Plas y Brenin. The highlight was the International Climbing Meet in May with 50 overseas and 40 UK climbers making

the most of the fine weather for a week of trad climbing on the mountain and sea cliffs of North Wales. The sharing of experiences and the evening lectures put British climbing on the map.

The annual Student Seminar in October was very busy with 130 student club representatives taking part in a range of classroom and practical outdoor workshops. Also in October, the 'Know Your Stuff' technical conference was well received with Michel Beal the keynote speaker from France. The Huts Seminar and other meetings took place through the year.

In the Alps, MTT managed the Jonathan Conville courses on behalf of the BMC and JCT, overseeing the delivery of three-day introductory courses to 110 young British alpinists, and assisted in the filming of the Alpine Essentials DVD.

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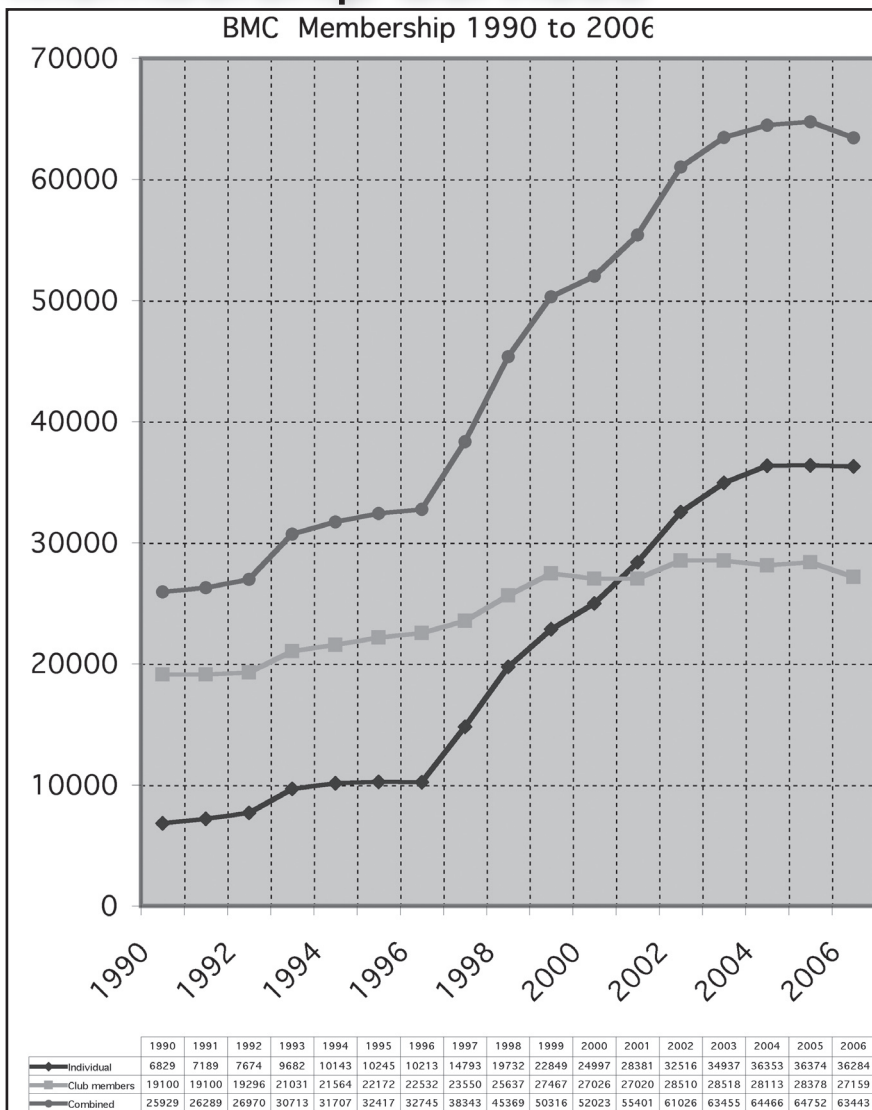
The BMC continued to be strongly represented on the UIAA in 2006.

Throughout the year Mark Vallance took the lead (on behalf of the BMC) on the difficult matter of the UIAA's relationship with the International Competitions Commission (ICC). Following lengthy and complex discussions, this culminated in a (reasonably amicable) separation of the two bodies at the UIAA General Assembly in Banff. Looking ahead - it is hoped that this will provide the opportunity for the UIAA to re-focus attention on the 'core business' conducted in its various important Commissions.

BMC Support to the UIAA in 2006

- UIAA Council Member – Mark Vallance
- General Assembly – Mark Vallance
- Access & Conservation Commission – Bob Pettigrew (*President*), Clare Bond (*Secretary*)
- Appeals Commission – Martin Wragg (*President*)
- Discipline Commission – Ian Alderson (*President*)
- Expedition Commission – Lindsay Griffin
- Medical Commission – Dave Hillibrandt (*Vice President*), Jim Milledge (*member*)
- Mountaineering Commission – Philip Wickens (*Secretary*)
 - Legal Experts Working Group – Martin Wragg
 - Legal Experts Working Group – Ian Alderson
 - Legal Experts Working Group – Paul Debney
 - Training Standards Working Group – Steve Long (*President*)
- Mountain Protection – Dave Morris (*President*)
- Safety Commission – Neville McMillan (*Vice President*)
- Youth Commission – Anne Arran (*President*)
- UIAA Climbing Events Commission – Graeme Alderson (*Director*)
- UIAA Climbing Rules Commission – Tim Hatch

Membership Services



BMC Service Charter

The BMC is a busy organisation with a large workload and a focused staff team. This team provides membership services and 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.

2006 Update

In 2006 we welcomed Cath Flitcroft (A&C Officer) in January; Tina Gardner (Press & PR) in February; Helen Adams (Project Co-ordinator) and Dan Middleton (Technical Officer) in May and Paul D'Ambra (IT and Database Co-ordinator) in October.

We also said goodbye to Ian Hey (Technical Officer) in January and Simon Hurley (IT) in September.

Membership

2006 membership grew at a slower rate compared with 2005. At year end the BMC had 63,443 members, 1,309 less than 2005. This was made up of 36,284 individual members and 27,159 club members split between 248 clubs and 65 student clubs, a total of 313 clubs. The total number of club members who have now taken advantage of the reduced rate and upgraded to full individual membership since this category was introduced in 2004 is 1,848. Insurance premiums were lowered for the year and sales grew by 2% for the number of policies sold. Integra database went live with the introduction of the sales console at the beginning of August.

BMC OFFICER TEAM 2006

CEO - Dave Turnbull
 Deputy CEO - Nick Colton
 Access & Conservation Officers - Cath Flitcroft, Guy Keating
 Walls & Competitions - Graeme Alderson
 Web & Summit Manager - Alex Messenger
 Technical Officer - Dan Middleton (3 day week)
 BMC/MLTE Training Officer - Jon Garside
 Guidebooks Co-ordinator - Niall Grimes
 Volunteers' Officer - Martin Kocsis
 Press & PR Officer - Tina Gardner (3 day week)

BMC CO-ORDINATOR TEAM 2006

Projects & Events - Kate Owen, Becky McGovern, Helen Adams
 Information Co-ordinator - Tony Ryan
 Financial Controller - Alan Brown
 Finance Assistant - Yas Prabakaran
 Marketing Manager - Andy Gowland
 Marketing Co-ordinator - Ana Jolly (2 day week)
 IT & Database Co-ordinator - Paul D'Ambra
 Membership Services Manager - Lynda Buckley

MST 2006

Jim Krawiecki, Arun Patel, Simon Manns, Ray Perry (3 day week).
 Hannah Skeldon, Clonagh Delafield (1 day week)

Breakdown of 27 staff

Full time staff - 23
 Part time staff - 3 @ 3 day week, 1 @ 2 day per week, 1 @ 1 day per week

CLUB & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 2006

• ABMSAC-Ass'n Brit	• Guernsey MC	20	• Philips Components	39	Activities Club	39	Other
• Mbrs-Swiss Alpine Club	• Guildford MC	38	• Sports & Social Club	16	• Wanneys Climbing Club	31	• ICAS Ltd
• Achille Ratti Climbing Club	• Gwent MC	127	• Phoenix MC	46	• Warwick Climbing Club	63	• Simonside Youth Initiative
• Afan MC	• Gwydyr Mountain Club	91	• Pinnacle Club	151	• Warwick Mountains	44	Centre
• AGC MC	• Hampshire Mountaineering	30	• Polaris MC	52	• Wayfarers	218	• Barnstondale Centre
• Aldermaston MC	• Association	40	• Powers MC	43	• Wellingborough MC	82	• Outdoor Industries Association
• Allen & Overy Climbing Club	• Hastings Rock & Fell Club	46	• Preston MC	75	• Wessex MC	252	• St John Ambulance
• Alpine Club	• Hereford Climbing Club	25	• Queen Mary & Westfield	20	• West Bromwich MC	264	• Barclays Bank R and C Club
• Altitude	• Hereford Mountain Club	36	• College MC	120	• West Lancashire County		
• Alton MC	• Heron Outdoor Pursuits	35	• Reading MC	13	Scouts Mt Group	20	Outdoor Training/
• AMI (England and Wales)	• Hertfordshire MC	126	• Reading University	13	• Wolverhampton	97	Expeditions
• Anabasis MC	• High Peak Climbing Group	21	• Graduate MC	343	• Wolverhampton Rail		• Bowles Outdoor Centre
• Arete MC	• High Peak Womens	13	• Red Rope Walking &	46	Rovers Walking Club	25	• Joint Services Mountain Training
• Avon MC	• Climbing Group	58	Climbing Club	31	• Worcester MC	35	Centre
• Aylesbury Climbing Club	• Highdown Hill walking & MC	27	• Robinwood MC	25	• Yeovil MC	62	• Longtown Centre
• Barnsley MC	• Hillingdon MC	56	• Rock & Heather	20	• Yeti Club	24	• Rhos-y-Gwaliau Outdoor
• Barrow Mountaineering	• Hinckley MC	69	• Club - Nottingham	31	• York Alpine Club	60	Education Cent
& Ski Club	• Ibex Hill Walking & MC	45	• Romsey Climbers	25	• York MC	23	• Fairbridge
• Basingstoke Climbing Club	• Imperial Medics MC	129	• Rossmore Youth	20	• Yorkshire MC	168	• Birmingham Boys & Girls Union
• Battle Climbing Club	• Innominata Mountain Club	129	• Climbing Academy	511	• Yorkshire Ramblers Club	175	• Derbyshire County Council
• Beeston Hill & Mt Cb	• Ipswich MC	28	• Royal Air Force	403	• Yorkshire Walkers &		Youth Service
- Formerly Siemens	• Jersey Rock Climbing Club	31	• Mountaineering Asso	20	• Climbex Club	22	• PGL Travel Ltd
• Bewdley & District MC	• John Clare MC	41	• Royal Navy &	530	• Yr Hafod Scout	34	• Peak Training For Management
• BHMC - Bassetlaw	• Junior MC of Scotland	143	Royal Marines MC	40	Mountaineering Fellowship		Ltd
Hill & Mountain Club	• Karabiner MC	25	• Rucksack Club	20	Climbing Walls		• Northants Asso Yth Clubs
• Bowline Climbing Club	• Kendal MC	20	• Rugby MC	22	• The Ackers		& Action C
• Bridgend Mountain Club	• Kernow Climbing Club	85	• Saitley Hillwalking Group	94	• Urdd Gobaith Cymru		• Calshot Activities Centre
• Bromsgrove & Redditch MC	• Keswick MC	17	• Sandstone Climbing Club	23	• Upper Limits		• The Horstead Centre
• Buxton MC	• Kodak Walking	219	• Shrewsbury MC	51	• Llangorse Rope Centre		• Nantmorn Mountain Centre
• Calderdale MC	& Climbing Club	139	• Skyline MC - Burton on Trent	27	• Liangorse Sports Centre		Assoc
• Cambridge Climbing	• Lancashire Caving &	52	• Slough Mountaineering Group	145	• High Performance Sports Ltd		• Plas Gwynant Outdoor Educ
& Caving Club	Climbing Club	11	• Solihull MC	38	• Arethusa Climbing Wall		Centre
• Cambridge University MC	• Lancashire MC	27	• South Cheshire Climbing Club	57	• King Kong Climbing Walls Ltd		• Bryntysilo Outdoor Centre
• Cardiff Medics Climbing Club	• Lancashire MC	29	• South Devon MC	93	• Mile End Climbing Wall		• Storey Arms Outdoor Educ
• Carlisle MC	• Landlopers Mountain Club	11	• South Wales MC	27	• Kirklees Active Centre		Centre
• Castle MC	• Lands End Climbing Club	13	• South Yorkshire Police	37	• Huddersfield		• The Dartmoor Centre's
• Cedars MC	• Leeds MC	21	• Mountaineering	40	• The Mill Adventure Centre Ltd		• YHA Edale
• Cerberus Spelaeological	• Leicester University MC	140	• Southampton Rats	13	• The Bristol Climbing Centre		• Maes Y Lade Outdoor Education
Society	• Leicestershire Mountaineers	13	Climbing Club	26	• West View Leisure Centre		Centre
• Ceunant MC	Association	27	• Solihull MC	50	• The Stoke Climbing Centre		• Adventure Dolphin
• Chamois MC	• Lichfield MC	29	• Sphinx MC	13	• The Sands Centre		• Manor Adventure
• Chelmsford MC	• Lincoln MC	11	• St Helens MC	26	• Activate Outdoors Ltd		• Hagg Farm Outdoor
• Chester Great Outdoors Club	• Lindsey Climbing Club	13	• Stoke Damerel Climbing Club	37	• Entre-Prises (UK) Ltd		• Arcturus Expeditions Limited
• Chester MC	• Liverpool Outdoor Club	21	• Summit MC	40	• Medina Leisure Centre		• Calvert Trust Adventure Centre
• Christian Rock &	• Llangorse MC	415	• Sunderland MC	38	• Roefield Leisure Centre		• Consett YMCA Ltd
Mountain Club	• London MC	120	• Super Drooper				• In2venture
• Cleveland MC	• London Rockhoppers MC	45	• Mountaineering & Caving				• Whichham Thorns Outdoor
• Cliffhangers Climbing Club	• Loughston MC	30	• Surrey Scout and				Activity Centre
• Climbers' Club	• Maidstone MC	72	Guide MC				
• Clingons Climbing Club	• Malvern MC	116	• Swansea Inst of				
• Clitheroe MC	• Manchester Pedestrian Club	95	Higher Ed Climbing Club				
• Clogwyn MC	• Manchester University MC	20	• Swindon MC				
• Clwb Mynydda Cymru	• Marylebone MC	24	• Thames Valley Climbing Club				
• Clwyd MC	• Meadhurst MC	38	• The Grange School				
• Colchester Climbing Club	• Mercian MC	66	Climbing Club				
• Congleton MC	• Merseyside MC	172	• The Heights Climbing Club				
• Coventry MC	• Milton Keynes MC	64	• The LMC MC				
• Cragsrats MC	• Mountain Activities Club	98	• The Mountain Club, Stafford				
• Craven MC	• MC of Bury	20	• The Outcasts				
• Cromlech Club	• MC of North Wales	29	• The Potteries				
• Croydon MC	• Mynydd Climbing Club	24	• Mountaineering Group				
• Dacorom Adventure Group	• Newbury Mountain Club	39	• The Uberwoody				
• Derby MC	• Newton Rigg Mountain	19	• The Walking Club				
• Derwent MC	Activities Club	64	• Truro College Climbing Club				
• Duke of Edinburgh Society	• Nimrod MC	20	• TSB Outdoor Sports Club				
• Durham Mountain Sports	• Nor' West Sgurrangers	26	• Tuesday Climbing Club				
• Durham University MC	• Norfolk Hill walking Club	29	• Tunbridge Wells MC				
• East Grinstead Climbing Club	• North Kingston	39	• Tyne Valley Climbers				
• East Pennine Outdoor Club	Hill walking Club	20	• UEA Rockclimbing & MC				
• East Yorkshire	• North Leicestershire	20	• Unemployed climbers				
Mt and Climbing Club	Mountain Club	238	Club (Craggers)				
• Eden Valley MC	• North London MC	56	• Univ College London MC				
• Edgehoppers Climbing Club	• North Yorkshire Fell Club	178	• Univ of Birmingham MC				
• Education in the	• Northumbrian MC	25	• Univ of Chester Outdoor				
Environment C&C Club	• Norwich Climbing & MC	19	Pursuits Club				
• ELC Hill Walking Club	• Ohjac Club	20	• Univ of East Anglia Fell				
• Exploration Group of	• Oldham MC	101	& Cave Club				
North Somerset	• Open University	185	• Univ of London				
• Fell & Rock Climbing Club	Mountaineering Society	60	Graduate MC				
• Forest of Dean Hillwalkers	• Oread MC	129	• Univ of Teesside MC				
• Frayednotts MC	• Out There	120	• Univ of Warwick Hill &				
• Free Barbarian Climbing Club	• Over The Hill Club	24	Mt Walking Club				
• Fylde MC	• Oxford MC	28	• UWFRA Outdoors Club				
• G S Exiles MC	• Patterdale Mountain	98	• Vagabond MC				
• Gaerwen Walking	Rescue Association	24	• Vertically Challenged				
& Leisure Society	• Peak Climbing Club	28	Climbing Club				
• Gentian MC	• Pembrokeshire Climbing Club	16	• Vibram MC				
• Gloucestershire MC	• Peterborough Hospitals	138	• Walking & Adventure				
• Goats MC	Walking Club	26	Group (WAG)				
• Green Lane MC	• Peterborough MC	26	• Walsall Rock & Ice MC				
• Gritstone Club	• Pfizer Climbing Club		• Wanderers Outdoor				

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