



**Cyngor Mynydda Prydain**

**Avoiding Rocky Outcomes**

***The BMC's experience as a  
landowner.***

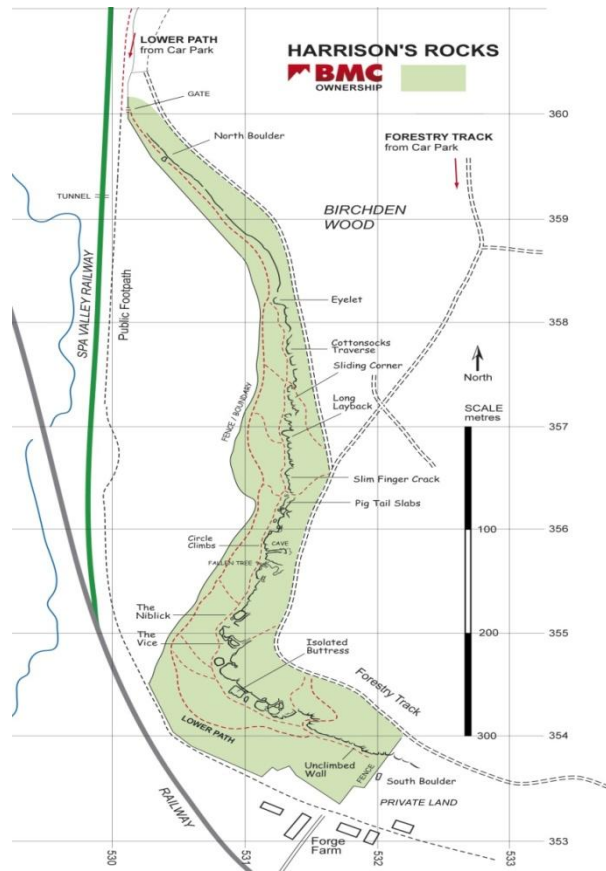
# BMC's Portfolio

- Own 7 Sites
- Lease 1 abandoned quarry
- Formal agreements on a number of others.
- A range of unusual and potentially risky sites
- A number of disused/abandoned former quarrying sites

# Horseshoe Quarry, Peak District



# Harrison's Rocks, East Sussex



# Wilton, Lancs



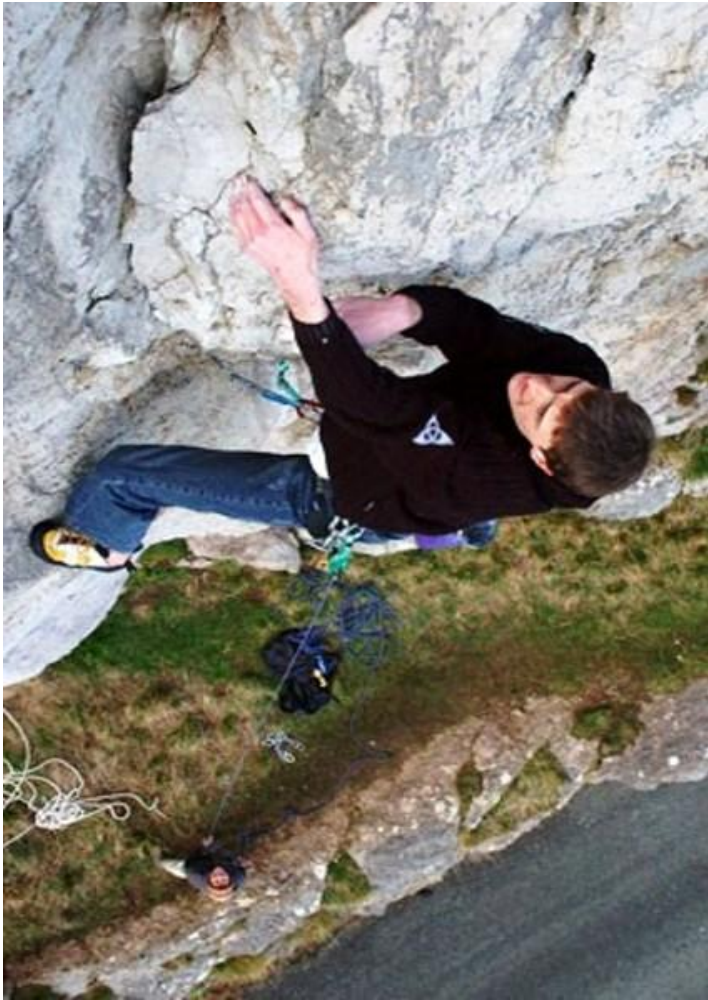
# Craig y Longridge (Greenbank quarry) Lancs



# Craig Bwlch y Moch Tremadog



# Pen Trwyn – Great Orme's Head





# Management policy

- Overseen by Land Management Group
- Day to Day management supervised by officers
- Property Files maintained by officers
- In practice day to day surveillance and minor works delegated to local volunteers
- Local management groups established in many cases

# The approach

- BMC's View
  - Climbers willingly accept the risks
  - Participation statement
  - Most hazards are obvious
  - Most hazards are “natural”
- The Issues
  - Rock-fall
  - Tree safety
  - Fixed equipment
  - Dealing with non-climbers

# Activities

- Annual documented site inspections
- Issues have mainly been general management – boundaries, signage woodland work
- Some sites have high (legally designated) conservation status
- Accident recording (if known about)

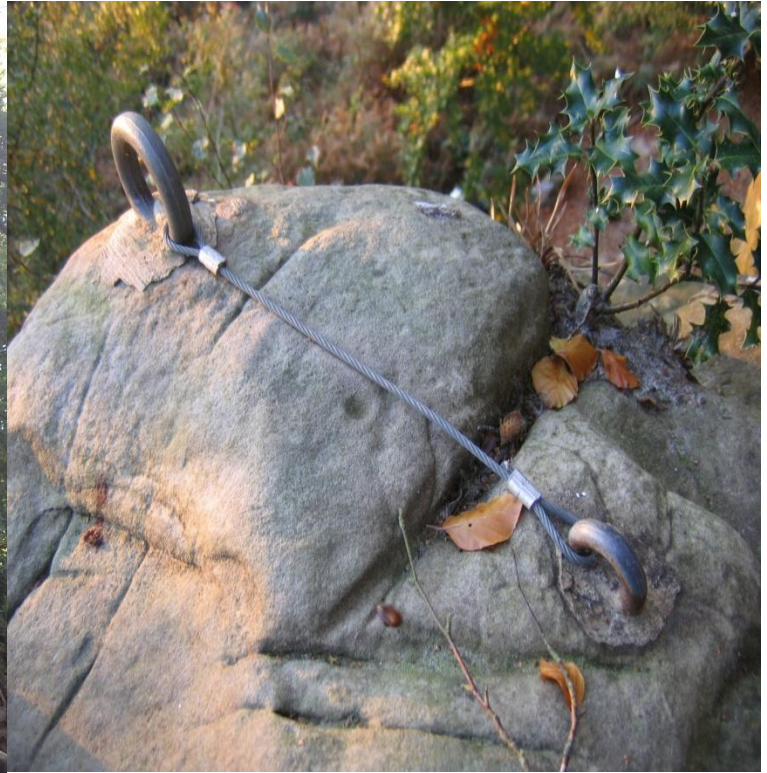
# Issues

- Policy to dedicate as open access under CROW Act – reduces liability.
- Fixed equipment monitoring and responsibility
- Conservation Management
- Signage
- Duty of care to non-climbers
- Trees!!

# Rock-fall and dangerous trees



# Bolts and Beech Trees



# Warnings – useful or should we do more?



# **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.**