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The British Mountaineering Council (BMC) exists to promote the interests and protect the freedoms of climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers, including ski mountaineers. 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. It is a company limited by guarantee (no. 2874177) without a share capital, and has over 76,000 members. The BMC is recognised by government as a National Governing Body of sport and is grant supported by Sport England.



Elected Officers

Scott Titt	President
Ed Douglas	Vice President
Kate Phillips	Vice President
Mike Watson	Vice President
David Lanceley	Honorary Treasurer (to 27 April 2013)
John Simpson	Honorary Treasurer (from 27 April 2013)

Executive Committee

All Elected Officers plus:

Dave Turnbull	BMC CEO
Neil Foster	National Council Rep
Beverley Jowett	National Council Rep (from 9 February 2013)

Patrons

Sir Chris Bonington CBE
 Lord Chorley
 Lord Greaves
 Ian McNaught-Davis
 Doug Scott CBE

Honorary Members

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

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Honorary Legal Advisors

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 Martin Wragg

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Dr Charles Clarke
 Dr David Hillebrandt
 Dr Jim Milledge

Mission Statement

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

- Negotiate access improvements and promote cliff and mountain conservation.
- Promote and advise on good practice, facilities, training and equipment.
- Support events and specialist programmes including youth and excellence.
- Provide services and information for members.

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.

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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President's Message

The headline news for the year was the appointment of the first-ever BMC Ambassadors. Sport England funding will allow Fran Brown, Shauna Coxsey, Hazel Findlay, Steve McClure, James McHaffie, Calum Muskett, Molly Thompson-Smith, and Chris Townsend, to help us raise the profile of the BMC with new audiences.

England East and England West officers Jane Edwards and Will Harris are now in post and are working with clubs and young people in the north of the country. The decline in club memberships and our under representation amongst young people are concerns for the BMC; fortunately Sport England concurs and has provided funding for these posts.

Changing the image of the BMC is our new hill walking officer, Carey Davies. Hill walkers have already commented on the improved coverage in Summit and on our website. We hope to expand on this work in 2014.

Congratulations to our competition climbers. Terrific results from many of our teams and team members are reported later in this report, the depth and breadth of achievement is grand to see.

The heavily subsidised courses at Plas y Brenin have proved popular and will continue in 2014; book up and help fill those spare spots. New courses

added in 2013 included hill walking, scrambling and winter skills, complementing the existing rock climbing courses. The Mountain Training Trust is making progress after a tough settlement from Sport England, the more customers we can send them the easier their job.

Specialist committee reports later on will give details of their myriad achievements; I will highlight just one, the decision of Peak Park to keep the management of Stanage in-house. It is always hard to quantify the impact of our lobbying, but this was a gratifying result. Less pleasing has been lack of progress on the rolling out of the England coast path. Two wet winters have let loose many landslips closing the South West Coast path in many places; the "roll-back" provisions of the Marine and Coastal Act would make diversions a simple process.

During the year the BMC made a new commitment to the Mountain Heritage Trust (MHT); we will fund the archivist's post for three years. This stability, coupled with new trustees, has invigorated MHT. In the autumn the trust hosted a wonderful "Night on the Ogre". Chris Bonington and Doug Scott enthralled a generous audience at the Law Society in London, raising £30,000 to fund, among other things, an administrative assistant.

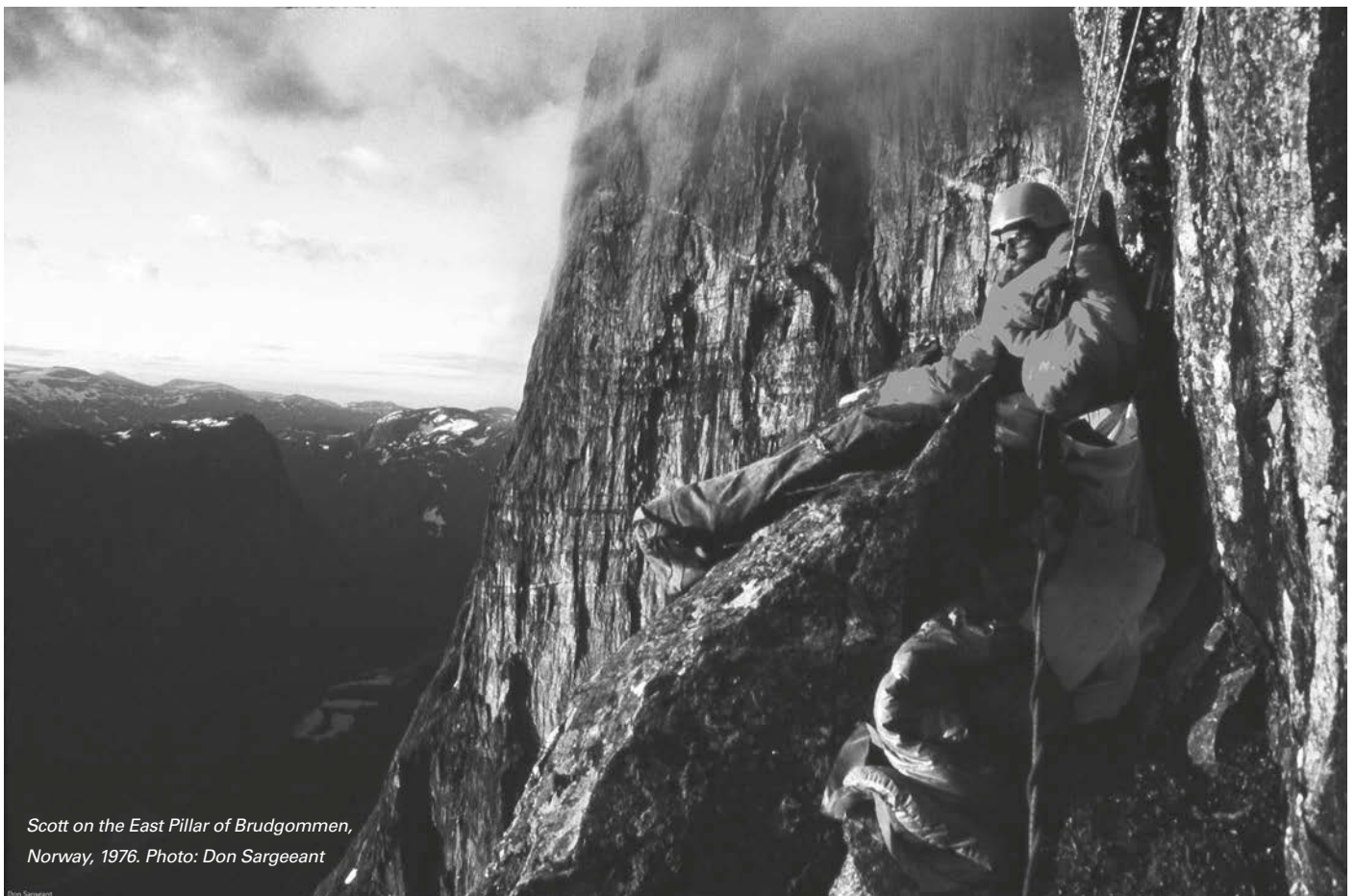
The BMC committed additional funds to the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS) for its important access work that so many of us "southerners" benefit from. Landscape protection is high on the MCofS work plan; it is busy lobbying the Scottish government with the help of some excellent publications.

Facebook (40,000+ likes) and Twitter (16,000+ followers) are increasingly important in our efforts to communicate with our members. Recent growth in attendances at area meetings seems to confirm the usefulness of these media. New in 2013 was BMC TV, a new website built to carry a wide variety of offerings. Custom BMC content including interviews, safety tips, and equipment care is mixed with clips of top performances from around the world.

This is a swift overview of what we have been doing in 2013, I am sure 2014 will bring "more of the same, but different", and new challenges as yet unknown. Above all I hope you have a grand year enjoying our wonderful sport.



**Scott Titt
President**



*Scott on the East Pillar of Brudgommen,
Norway, 1976. Photo: Don Sargeant*

Staff Team & Responsibilities

Officers

Dave Turnbull	CEO
Nick Colton	Deputy CEO; Child Protection & International
Rob Adie	Competitions & Climbing Walls Officer
Carey Davies	Hill Walking Development Officer; Equity (from April 2013)
Rob Dyer	Access & Conservation Officer (England Regions)
Jane Edwards	Regional Development Officer (England West); Clubs (from April 2013)
Cath Flitcroft	Access & Conservation Officer (Policy)
Tina Gardner	Press & PR Officer
Jon Garside	Training Officer (BMC / MTE); Youth; Clubs (to April 2013)
Rob Greenwood	Regional Development (England East) (from April 2013)
Niall Grimes	Guidebook Officer
Elizabeth Holley	Regional Development Officer (London)
Elfyn Jones	Access & Conservation Officer (Wales)
Dan Middleton (PT)	Technical Officer; Huts

Managers

Alan Brown	Financial Controller
Alvin Foy	IT & Database (from June 2013)
Andy Gowland	Marketing Manager
Alex Messenger	Digital Communications Manager

Co-ordinators

Kate Anwyl (PT)	HR & Office Co-ordinator
Suzanne Jones	Project Co-ordinator
Becky McGovern (PT)	Events Co-ordinator
Tony Ryan	Publications Co-ordinator

Assistants

Yas Prabakaran	Finance Assistant
Tim Waterhouse (PT)	IT & Web Support Assistant
Amii Wilkes	Office Assistant (from August 2013)

Membership Services Team

Lynda Buckley	MST & Office Manager
Clonagh Delderfield (PT)	Administrator
Jim Krawiecki	Administrator (Insurance)
Arun Patel	Senior Administrator
Ray Perry (PT)	Administrator (Insurance)
Hannah Skeldon	Administrator

Breakdown of 31 staff: 25 full-time staff; 6 part-time (PT) staff.

National Council

National Council is the BMC's main policy making body. It is made up of BMC officials and representatives from each of the BMC Areas.

In 2013 National Council meetings were held in London, the Lake District, Pembroke and Manchester.

The following substantive issues were debated and / or agreed during the course of the year:

- BMC Memorandum & Articles of Association: agreed amendments to enable the appointment of independent directors and to update the constitution in line with the 2006 Companies Act; new Terms of Reference for the BMC Executive Committee were also agreed.
- Equality Policy review: the BMC Equality & Diversity Policy (2007) was reviewed, and an updated policy agreed.
- Position Statement on Drilled Equipment: conducted a review and amendment of the BMC Drilled Equipment Policy (1992).

- Position Statement on Dry Tooling: discussed the growing activity of dry tooling, for which the BMC does not currently have a policy or position statement, and produced a draft position statement.
- Membership subscriptions: after holding subscriptions level since 2009, it was agreed to propose to the 2014 AGM an increase to subscriptions in 2015.
- Specialist Committee review: reviewed the Terms of Reference and membership of all BMC Specialist Committees; agreed a restructuring of the Access, Conservation & Environment Group (ACEG) into a smaller committee, the Access Management Group, with a strategic management remit; agreed changes to the operating procedures of the Clubs Committee.

National Council Voting Members

President	Scott Titt
Vice-President	Ed Douglas
Vice-President	Kate Phillips
Vice-President	Mike Watson
Treasurer	David Lanceley (to April 2013)
Treasurer	John Simpson (from April 2013)
Chief Executive	Dave Turnbull
Cymru Wales	Tom Hutton, Gareth Tucker, Ray Wood
Lakes Area	Ted Rogers, Steve Scott
London & South East Area	Rupert Fleming, Christian Lund
Midlands Area	Charles Gameson, Claudia Sarner
North East Area	Alan Hinkes
North West Area	Nick Bond
Peak Area	Neil Foster, Rick Gibbon
South West Area	Colin Knowles, Richard Moss
Yorkshire Area	Beverley Jowett, James Rowe

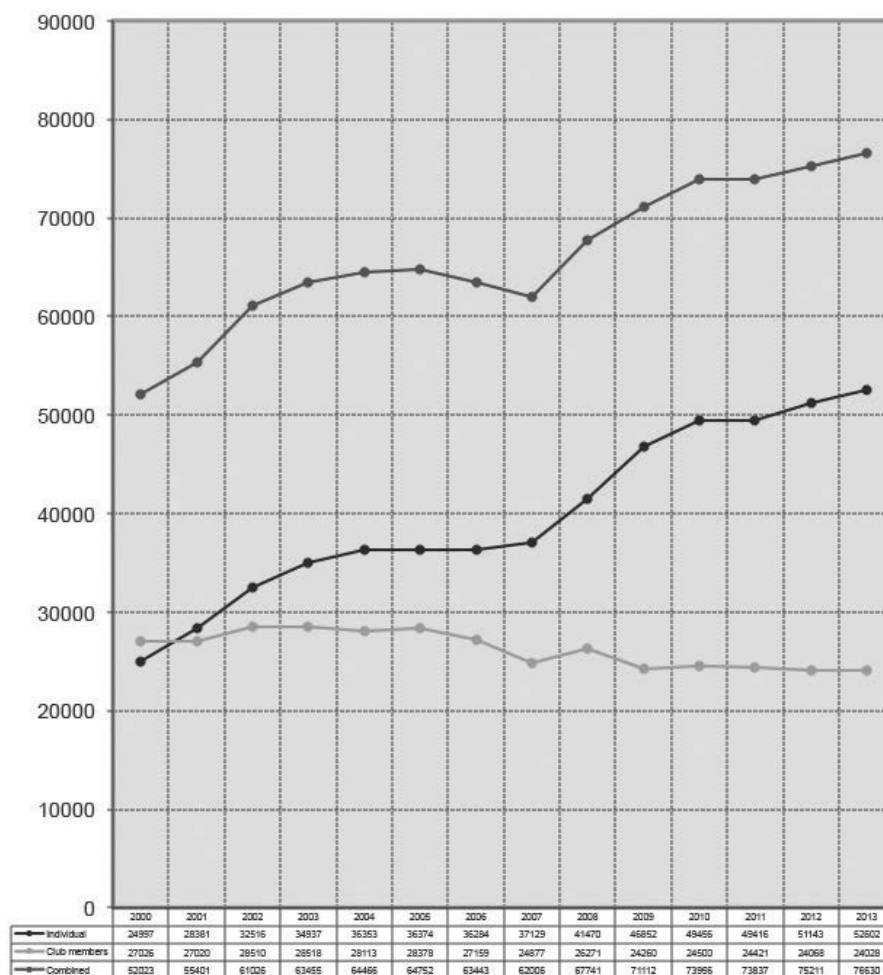
Observers

Mountain Training England	Andy Say
Mountain Training Wales	Andy Boorman
Plas y Brenin	Martin Doyle
Access Management Group	Nick Kurth
Climbing Walls Committee	Nick Bond
Clubs Committee	Rob Greaves
Competitions Committee	Ian Walton
Equity Steering Group	Kamala Sen
Finance Committee	Graham Richmond
Guidebook Committee	Ian Carr
Huts Group	Craig Harwood
International Committee	Dave Wilkinson
Technical Committee	Philip Tootill
Training & Youth Committee	Andy Newton

Membership Information

We finished the year with a combined total of 76,630 members, an increase of 1,419. The breakdown of this is 52,602 individual members (an increase of 1,459) and 24,028 club members (a decrease of 40). The number of clubs affiliated decreased by 13 to a total of 270, which included 37 student clubs. The number of club upgrade members was up by 18 and totalled 1,511.

BMC Membership 2000 to 2013



BMC Service Charter

The BMC is a busy organisation with a large workload and a focused staff team. This team provides membership services, specialist work and co-ordination with volunteers on the various development programmes. The BMC staff team is committed to working to the highest standards and efficiency and welcomes comments on the service provided.

The BMC staff 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 working days.
- Support the BMC's policy of encouraging a positive approach to equal opportunities and ensure that all visitors to the BMC office are greeted promptly and dealt with politely and efficiently.
- Treat all database information in strict accordance with the Data Protection Act.
- Meet payments and issue invoices promptly in accordance with agreed payment terms with a target to pay within 30 days.

Finance Report

John Simpson, Honorary Treasurer

Having set an original budget to produce a surplus of £3k, the 2013 accounts show an actual deficit of £52k. The main reasons for the difference were due to planned additional expenditure authorised by National Council: it was agreed to make an additional contribution to support the Mountain Heritage Trust, the cost of which was £17k; and £25k was pledged as a contribution to the refurbishment of the Glen Brittle Memorial Hut. The remaining difference was mainly due to the fall in insurance income exceeding the increase in membership revenue.

Subscription income increased by 2% overall, fees having been unchanged. Fees remain the same for 2014, but due to a downturn in revenue from insurance sales, it is proposed to increase subscriptions by £1.50 for most members in 2015, subject to approval at the 2014 AGM. The half price direct debit offer continues to attract new members; 85% of individual members now pay by direct debit. Travel insurance income in 2013 was down on 2012 by 9%.

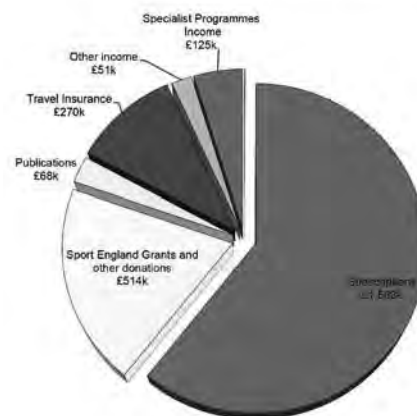
Sport England grant income during 2013 was significantly higher than the previous year due to funding for the two new Regional Development Officers and the Hill Walking Officer.

Careful control and monitoring of expenditure continues but always with a view to ensuring that services to members do not suffer. Staff costs have increased by 9% year on year due to additional members of staff and index-linked salary increases. IT costs have kept within budget, but website activity has increased generally by 95% over the previous year. Percentage increases have been greater through Facebook, Twitter and other means of social networking.

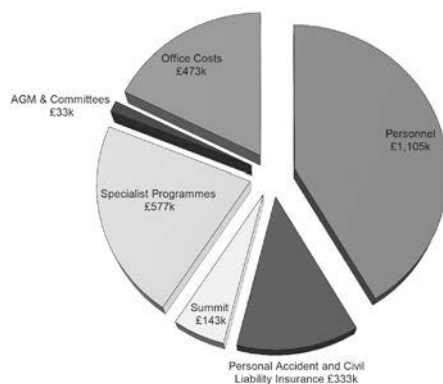
Postage costs are higher than budget due to rate increases and additional membership. Expenditure on marketing and publicity exceeded the budgeted amount, but this was covered by grants received.

Cash reserves are slightly lower than the previous year due to the deficit and timing differences. As always the security of these reserves is continually monitored and we have spread funds across a number of UK government backed financial institutions. Income from interest has remained in line with the previous year.

Summary of income 2013 (£2,611k)

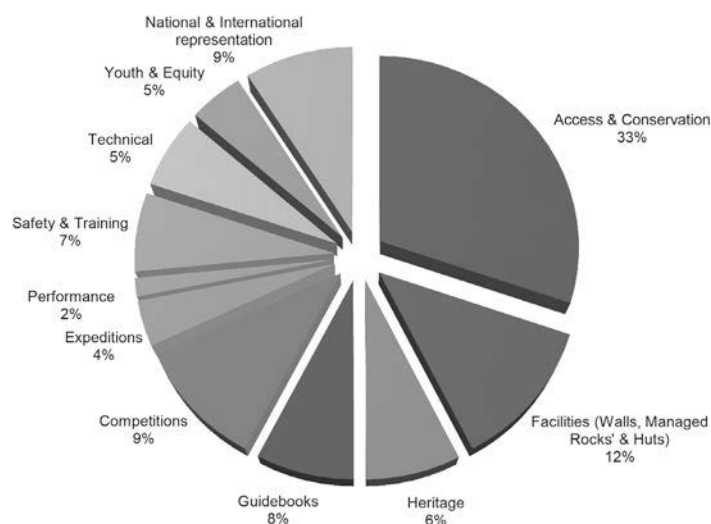


Summary of Expenditure 2013 (£2,664k)



Net cost of Specialist Programmes after allocation of overheads, grant income and other income

2013 (£760k)



Finance Committee at 31/12/13

Graham Richmond	Chair	Dave Turnbull	CEO
David Lanceley	Honorary Treasurer (to April 2013)	Alan Brown	FC
John Simpson	Honorary Treasurer (from April 2013)	Andy Say	MTE
Tim Raffle		Scott Titt	President (paper member)
Iain Dickinson		Ed Douglas	Vice-President (paper member)
Deidre Collier		Mike Watson	Vice-President (paper member)
Charles Gameson		Kate Phillips	Vice-President (paper member)
Jen Turner		Beverley Jowett	Director (paper member)
Naomi Cockell		Neil Foster	Director (paper member)

How staff and overhead costs are spread

	Person Year	Staff %	Allocated overhead %
Membership Services	3.1	11%	19%
Trading Activities	3.4	12%	22%
Headquarters	8.0	27%	0%
External Recovery	0.2	1%	2%
Specialist Programmes	14.2	49%	57%
Total	28.9	100%	100%

Specialist Committees

Access Management Group

Over the past 12 months, the BMC has seen many changes to the way the access & conservation work has been guided. In particular, the creation of the Access Management Group (AMG) which replaces the Access, Conservation & Environment Group (ACEG), and the advice coming from the four access sub-groups who are looking at specific issues (Landscape, Group Use, Quarries, and Climbing & Conservation).

The AMG monitors the work of the BMC access officers, offering advice, support and guidance on issues of national and/or significant importance (in particular, BMC consultation responses, campaign and policy work, and access and conservation publications) and on our relationship/communication with external organisations. It also oversees the work of the sub-groups and provides a steer on government and legislative proposals as and when these arise.

In 2013, the access team had some notable achievements. These included:

- Publication of the BMC Landscape Charter, and we set out our principles and proposals for Government action in our Access Manifesto in time for the political party conferences. We also produced a winter climbing conditions short film highlighting how to avoid environmental damage.
- Continued support for the ClimbBristol project which has significantly improved climbing in the Avon Gorge area and has developed links with Bristol City Council to ensure climbing is firmly on its agenda.
- Access negotiations across the country and in some places, for instance at Baggy Point, Devon and in Pembroke, successful negotiations to reduce the number and extent of climbing restrictions.
- Numerous successful crag restoration days at various locations across England & Wales.
- Continued liaison with Parliament through the All Party Parliamentary Group on Mountaineering, for which the BMC acts as the secretariat.
- Responses to numerous consultations on issues such as forestry, biodiversity offsetting, the future of the Common Agricultural Policy and the Welsh Government Decadal Review of CROW.

Landscape Working Group

The Landscape Working Group will work to ensure that developments and landscape change in our upland and mountain areas do not have a negative impact on access to and enjoyment of climbing or walking areas. In 2013, the group, made up of 11 volunteers, produced a Landscape Charter which covers the BMC's role and responsibility in campaigning to protect

landscapes from developments. The charter sets out a framework for dealing with landscape issues on a case-by-case basis through the local area structure with support from the BMC national team. Find out more at www.thebmc.co.uk/landscapecharter. In 2014, we will produce guidance notes that will ensure members and local groups have all the tools and information necessary to make representations on developments in their area that pose the greatest impact on our wild areas. In the first instance, notes on Energy & its Infrastructure as well as Minerals & Quarrying will be produced.

Group Use Working Group

The Group Use Working Group has been focusing its efforts in 2013 on drafting three pieces of new guidance. One will look at the issue of challenge events and aims to provide advice to organisers of large-scale events such as the Three Peaks Challenge on how to minimise their impact in the uplands. The other two publications focus on providing guidance to all types of group on how to minimise their impact, with one aimed at climbers and the other at walkers. Good progress has been made in 2013 and the process of refining the draft text in conjunction with a wide range of stakeholders will continue this year. We hope to publish all three by winter 2014.

Quarries Working Group

Britain is unique in that some of the more popular climbing venues are disused quarries, including such well-known places as Millstone Edge, the Llanberis slate quarries and Horseshoe Quarry. The Quarries Working Group is working with local authorities, minerals planners, the Health & Safety Executive and mineral extraction companies to identify existing working quarries that have the potential to become climbing venues when commercial activity at those quarries ceases. This is particularly useful in such areas as Leicestershire where there is only a limited amount of natural rock available for climbing. There are many legal, planning and health & safety issues that need to be resolved in order for this to happen and this group, which is made up of specialist volunteers from the climbing and academic worlds and the quarrying industry is hard at work to resolve the issues and identify sites that have the potential to become climbing venues for future generations.

Climbing & Conservation Working Group

Many of the very best climbing areas in England and Wales are also very fragile and sensitive designated conservation venues that are legally protected. Climbing (both in winter and

summer) has the potential to harmfully impact on these sites, so the Climbing & Conservation Working Group is there to advise and support the BMC's access team on what guidance and restrictions are required to enable climbing and conservation to co-exist. The group, composed of experienced and expert ecologists, botanists and bird specialists, as well as climbers, discusses such issues as how to minimise the impact of winter climbing on rare, protected alpine plants, the extent and need for seasonal restrictions to protect nesting birds, and crucially how climbers are made aware of these restrictions and agreements.

Access Management Group

Nick Kurth	Chair
Dave Musgrove	Vice-Chair
Ruth Chambers	
Andy Tickle	
Ray Wood	

Landscape Working Group

Tom Hutton	Chair
Cath Flitcroft	Secretary/BMC staff
Mark Aitken	
Ruth Chambers	
Alan Dougherty	
John Deakin	
Henry Folkard	
Dan Harris	
Neil Hewertson	
Dan Matthewman	
Dave Unwin	
Sophie Wynne-Jones	

Group Use Working Group

Dick Peart	Chair
Rob Dyer	Secretary/BMC staff
Jon Garside	
Steven Higgins	
Charlie Kelly	
Andy Newton	
Tom Parkin	
Mark Quest	
Mike Raine	

Quarries Working Group

Miles Hillmann	Chair
Neil Hewertson	Secretary
Les Ainsworth	
Shirley Everett	
Henry Folkard	
Lord Tony Greaves	
Geoff Mason	
Dave Musgrove	
John Peate	
Bill Renshaw	
David Walker	

Climbing & Conservation Working Group

Barbara Jones Chair
Elfyn Jones Secretary/BMC staff
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Mathew Croney
Mark Courtiour
Andy Godber
Libby Houston
Peter Latimer
Adam Long
Ray Roberts
Simon Webb

Land Management Group

The BMC's Land Management Group consists of legal and land management specialists and individuals who advise the BMC on the management and care of its owned and managed sites, of which currently there are seven crags directly owned by the BMC and another four where the BMC has management responsibilities.

The Group also advises the BMC on the implications of any potential acquisitions. It remains the BMC's position that buying land or acquiring leases of crags is seen as a "last resort" in order to secure access to nationally important venues and that currently all other options will be explored before the BMC considers taking on direct ownership or management of a crag. Ownership or leases of land can place considerable long term obligations on the BMC with associated demand on resources and funds.

The group normally meets formally twice a year but also regularly gives expert advice to the BMC's officers and local volunteers on both technical and day to day management issues.

Key tasks achieved by the group in 2013 included:

- The programme of site inspections and risk assessments were completed at all BMC owned/leased sites.
- Bolt inspection programmes were undertaken at Harrison's Rocks and Upper Pen Trwyn and replacement belay and anchor stations repaired or renewed as required.
- Review of BMC "insured" sites carried out and discussion undertaken with the BMC's insurers regarding the management of these sites.
- A substantial rock fall occurred at Aldery Cliff and the geo-technical specialist on the group gave invaluable support and advice to the BMC.
- The group discussed and reviewed the options for the future management of the Harrison's Rocks car park, campsite and toilet block ahead of the expiration of the current lease held between Sports England and The Forestry Commission.

- Tremfest 2013 attracted over 60 BMC volunteers to clear paths and carry out maintenance work in April 2013 at Craig Bwlch y Moch (and quite a few routes were climbed as well!).
- A BMC organised climbing festival was held at Wilton with nearly 100 attendees.
- All sites had necessary maintenance work undertaken by a combination of voluntary work and contractors.
- The storms and gales of late 2013 and early 2014 saw some considerable damage to trees on BMC sites which led to some extra costs to remove fallen or dangerous trees particularly at Bwlch y Moch and Harrison's Rocks.
- The group strongly advised the BMC to initiate a system of inspecting all fixed abseil and belay stations on BMC owned/managed sites. A process for implementing and recording this will be initiated in 2014.

In light of increasing costs and resources associated with land management, the group aims to produce comprehensive management plans for its owned sites during 2014, including conservation objectives, legal obligations and costed work programmes.

Land Management Group

Bill Renshaw (Chair)
Elfyn Jones (Secretary/BMC staff)
Rupert Davies
Henry Folkard
Bob Moulton
Ian Nettleton
Martin Wragg
Dave Turnbull (BMC CEO)
Rob Dyer (BMC staff)

Climbing Walls

The Climbing Wall Committee offers advice and support for the management and sustainable development of new and existing climbing walls through a network of area representatives. The committee met once in 2013, and many issues were also discussed by email.

Key achievements & outputs for 2013

- New Climbing Wall Directory (published Oct 2013).
- Rob Adie advised on numerous wall projects, ranging from school traversing walls to major dedicated centres including Awesome Walls Sheffield, Huddersfield Climbing Centre, Blackpool Climbing Centre, and Broughton Climbing Wall.
- National Performance Centre criteria put into action with Awesome Walls Sheffield becoming the first title holder and other projects showing interest.
- Climbing Walls section of BMC website continually updated.

- Updated BMC wall database with new walls and more accurate contact details.
- Continued collaboration with the ABC Training Trust on the development of the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme into the GCSE syllabi and the development of the National Indoor Bouldering Award Scheme, which is due to launch in early 2014.
- Progressing with the five-year review process of the European Standards for climbing walls: EN 12572 Part 1; EN 12572 Part 2; and EN 12572 Part 3. All three parts of EN 12572 are now under review and three meetings have taken place in discussion of the changes to be made to the standards – the current focus is on parts 2 & 3, as they have not been reviewed before.
- Safer Indoor Bouldering and BMC Participation Statement posters were re-printed, due to being out of stock.
- All bolt-on BMC signs – Check Your Knot, Check Your Harness, Check Your Partners Knot and Holds May Spin – were re-printed, due to being out of stock.

Forward plan 2014

- Pursue the national performance centre project, collaborating with more prospective applicants.
- Produce BMC Climbing Wall Directory, Oct 2014.
- Rob Adie to continue advising on potential wall projects.
- Continued collaboration with ABC and ABC TT on NICAS/NIBAS
- Develop website content for climbing walls section.
- Continue work on the EN 12572 standard review
- Look at the future of the BMC climbing wall accident database and progress project dependant on outcome.

Climbing Wall Committee

Nick Bond Chair
Rob Adie Secretary/BMC staff
Damon Clark London & South East
Claudia Sarnar Midlands
Mark Goodings North East
Mark Hounslea North West
Jon Ratcliffe Wales (North)
Gary Lewis Wales (South)
Steve Taylor South West
Jonathan Richardson Yorkshire
Ian Dunn Individual Member
Kate Phillips BMC Executive Committee

Observers

Guy Jarvis ABC Training Trust
Steve Mayers Association of British Climbing Walls
Andy Reid Association of British Climbing Walls
Kelvyn James Climbing Wall Manufacturers' Association

Paper Members

Kev Howett	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Calvin Torrans	Mountaineering Ireland
Andy Say	Mountain Training England
John Hartley	Bendcrete
Don Robinson	DR Climbing Walls
Colin Boothroyd	Entre-Prises UK
Paul Myers	Rockworks

Clubs

The clubs committee would first like to thank Rob Greaves for all the work he has done in chairing the committee over the past couple of years. He has helped to get a number of activities in place as a result of information gained from the club survey including:

- Instigating the design of a template for clubs to use for designing club website pages.
- Organising a unique club members training programme that provides affordable training based at club huts around the country in areas such as first aid, self rescue, winter skills, scrambling and website development. We have now delivered some 36 courses over three years (approx. 360 people) and as interest is growing we are increasing the range of courses, standing at 12 courses in 2014.
- Producing guidance notes for those running clubs including health and safety, recruitment and retention of members, and club status; these are available on the BMC website.
- Running a successful Clubs Seminar with over 30 clubs attending.
- Encouraging a review of the level of increase in subscriptions rates.
- Working with BMC staff to improve access to and the content of the club section of the BMC website.

The committee has faced a number of challenges this year, such as building an effective relationship with the new regional development officers (who have as part of their remit the development of club membership), executive decisions that impact clubs, and the election of committee members who are active. We have now recruited a number of new members from around the country and we have agreed that the 2014 agenda will include:

- Developing a marketing strategy with the regional development officers to help increase club membership.
- Building greater awareness of the issues that impact clubs of proposed BMC policy decisions.
- Improving the marketing of BMC activities relevant to clubs such as grants and training.
- Reviewing the constitution and make-up of the committee.

Clubs Committee

Rob Greaves	Chair, and Cymru Wales
Jane Thompson	Secretary/ BMC staff
Martin Dale	Lake District
Tony Williams	London & South East
Malcolm Rowe	North East
Richard Toon	North West
David Brown	Peak
Paul Exley	Yorkshire
Fiona Silberbach	National Clubs
John Farrow	National Clubs
Tom Bond	Student Clubs
Evan Russell	Student Clubs

Paper Members

Iain McCallum Huts Group Chair
All BMC affiliated clubs

Competition Climbing

In 2013, British climbers recorded an impressive series of results in international competitions, and domestically the popularity of competition climbing continues to grow, with more competitions and yet more competitors.

The GB Climbing Team not only goes from strength to strength, but has increased in size too, with a full-size Junior Bouldering Team and a Paraclimbing Team now in operation, making a total of five teams under the GB Climbing Team banner.

In addition to running successful national championships in lead climbing, speed climbing, bouldering, paraclimbing and youth, we also hosted a round of the IFSC European Youth Cup Lead & Speed, as well as an IFSC Paraclimbing Cup event.

Awesome Walls Sheffield became the first holder of the BMC's National Performance Centre designation, meeting the criteria to provide elite training facilities and host major climbing competitions.

Climbing was one of eight sports shortlisted for inclusion in the 2020 Olympics, and presented its case to the IOC in May, but was not chosen to go forward to final voting round in September, where wrestling won out over baseball and squash. Nevertheless, climbing's Olympic bid certainly helped to raise awareness of the sport amongst mainstream media.

There were a number of changes during the year to management personnel amongst the five GB climbing teams: Gaz Parry replaced Nick Clement as Boulder Team manager; Tony Smith replaced John Ellison as Junior Lead team parent rep; Ellie Howard was added as Senior Lead Team manager; and Rebecca Dent stepped down as Junior Team assistant manager.

The committee met four times in 2013 with an average attendance of ten.

Key Achievements & Outputs for 2013

- 20 members of the GB Climbing Team (50% of the team) recorded top ten world rankings in their respective categories.
- Successfully ran the British Lead Climbing Championships, British Speed Climbing Championships, British Bouldering Championships, BMC Leading Ladder, IFSC European Youth Cup in Lead & Speed at EICA Ratho, IFSC Paraclimbing Cup at Westway London, two Open Youth Events, two rounds of the Junior British Bouldering Championships and the BMC Paraclimbing Series.
- Ran the BMC Youth Climbing Series (now following IFSC age categories), with 330 competitors in the national final and large increases in numbers in regional rounds across all areas. The London & South East Area was split into separate north and south regions, due to the increase in popularity.
- Overhauled the Leading Ladder rules in response to competitor feedback.
- Ran a three-round Paraclimbing Series with events in Manchester, Newcastle and London, crowning champions in five different categories from a larger field of competitors than in 2012.
- Ran numerous training days for Junior Lead Team, Junior Bouldering Team and Paraclimbing Team (national and regional training trips).
- Ran numerous training days for Senior Bouldering Team.
- Administered team travel and entry to international events.
- Maintained GB Climbing Team website.
- Organised significant clothing sponsorship deal for all teams with Sherpa Adventure Gear; renewed the sponsorship deal with NICAS for the Junior Lead Team.
- Maintained the use of the online application process for entering competitions on the BMC website – over £130k taken in competition entries since its inception.
- Organised a route setting course re-assessment day in conjunction with a BMC Open Youth Event competition.
- Continued collaboration with the Mountaineering Council of Scotland on organisation of the GB Climbing Team and running of the Junior British Bouldering Championships.
- Development of ice climbing team.
- Development of a speed climbing team with qualifying times.
- British climbers and officials were involved in helping to run IFSC events overseas: Percy Bishton was chief route setter for the Kitzbuhel Boulder World Cup in Kitzbuhel and for the European Bouldering Championships in Eindhoven; Jamie Cassidy was the chief

route setter for the Boulder World Cup in Toronto; Tim Hatch was Jury President at two World Cups; Graeme Alderson was the Technical Delegate at seven Boulder World Cups, two Lead World Cups, the European Championships Lead & Speed, and the European Championships Boulder.

- Andy Coltart was elected President of the IFSC Paraclimbing Commission.

Forward plans for 2014

- Start BMC Elite ladder – high level routes set for teams to train on at various walls around UK.
- Continue development of ice, speed and ski racing teams.
- Continue the development of the Senior Lead Team.
- Raise the profile of the British Team and continue to seek external funding to support their efforts.
- Run Team training sessions including international event selection days.

Competitions Committee

Ian Walton	Chair
Percy Bishton	Vice-Chair
Rob Adie	Secretary/BMC staff
Mike Watson	BMC Vice-President
Nick Colton	BMC Deputy CEO
Gaz Parry	Bouldering Team Manager
Dave Mason	Bouldering Team Deputy Manager
Tom Greenall	Junior Bouldering Team Manager
Ellie Howard	Senior Lead Team Manager
Ian Dunn	Junior Lead Team Manager
Ruth Dunne	Junior Lead Team Deputy Manager
Graeme Hill	Paraclimbing Team Manager
Dave Barrans	Competitors' Rep
Tony Smith	Junior Parental Rep
Graeme Alderson	IFSC Rep
Percy Bishton	Route Setters' Rep
Tom Randall	

Paper Members

Clive Phillips	Junior Bouldering Team
Lucy Whittaker	Junior Bouldering Team
Andy Coltart	Paraclimbing Team
Ian Alderson	Legal Advisor
Alan Cassidy	MCofS Junior Bouldering Team
Robbie Phillips	MCofS Junior Lead Team
Kevin Howett	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Pamela Millar	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Lucy Creamer	
Audrey Seguy	

2013 GB Climbing Team

Senior Boulder

David Barrans
 Claire Bell
 Shauna Coxsey
 Leah Crane
 Edward Feehally
 James Garden
 Mina Leslie-Wujastyk
 Diane Merrick
 Tom Newman
 Jonathan Partridge
 Gill Peet
 Michaela Tracey

Senior Lead

David Barrans
 Natalie Berry
 Junior Boulder
 William Bosi
 Rachel Carr
 Peter Dawson
 Sidonie Graham
 Tara Hayes
 Edward Mabon
 James Mabon
 Gracie Martin
 Nathan Phillips
 Hamish Potokar
 Molly Thompson-Smith
 Alex Waterhouse

Junior Lead

William Bosi
 Connor Byrne
 Peter Dawson
 Charlotte Garden
 Tara Hayes
 Rebecca Kinghorn
 Buster Martin
 Sarah Pashley
 James Pope
 Molly Thompson-Smith
 Alex Waterhouse
 Jennifer Wood

Paraclimbing

Fran Brown
 Sianagh Gallagher
 Thomas Perry
 Reanne Racktoo

Equity

“The BMC aims to ensure that all people, irrespective of their gender, religious belief, marital status, age, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or disability, have a genuine and equal opportunity to participate in climbing, hill walking and mountaineering at all levels and in all roles.”

The Equity Steering Group (ESG) is the committee with specific responsibility to ensure

that the BMC lives up to the above statement, and in 2013 it had a larger than ever complement of enthusiastic members, old and new, with which to carry out its responsibilities. The issues considered were as usual related to three main groups: ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, and women.

On the subject of disability, the major event of the year was the Disability Symposium, run in partnership with the Calvert Trust. The Symposium was very well received by the 80 people who attended, with an excellent article by one of the attendees being published on the BMC website. Besides this special event, work continued as usual on disability awareness training, and ESG members took part in organising paraclimbing competitions including a national series. In addition, the committee was able to provide a pool of specialist equipment for the use of climbers with disabilities.

An ongoing task on the theme of ethnic minorities has been a literature search to discover what work has already been carried out in the field of minority participation in outdoor activities. A solid start on this project was made this year and the results should prove useful. An event of note was the outreach conference held in Birmingham in December, an inspiring event at which barriers to participation were discussed together with experiences and ways of overcoming those barriers. Similar events for other target audiences may be held, as well as the larger Equity Symposium planned for 2014. The ESG also supported the provision of Sport England-funded Walking Group Leader courses to people of BME backgrounds.

The 2013 Women's Climbing Symposium, organised by Shauna Coxsey and others, was again given some financial support by the BMC. Some ESG members intended to go along, but other commitments intervened. Otherwise, women's issues have not been prominent in the committee's work this year.

The ESG has started to define what assistance it can offer minority participants in climbing and hill walking, as well as the criteria for that support. This should help the committee to remain accountable, while not raising unrealistic expectations, as requests for it to supply funding increase.

Equity Steering Group

Kamala Sen	Chair
Carey Davies	Secretary/BMC staff
Andy Coltart	
John Crosbie	
Graeme Hill	
Stuart Holmes	
Fida Hussain	
Nick Liley	
Mahroof Malik	
Bob Moulton	
Yassar Mustafa	
Andy Say	Mountain Training England
Susan Shyllon	
Claire Turner	
Nicola Underdown	

Paper Members

Jamie Andrew
Kabeer Bostan
Karen Darke
Marcus Drummond
Elizabeth Holley BMC staff
Tim Marshall
Trevor Massiah
Farah Rehman
Bill Renshaw
Rehan Siddiqui
Dalvinder Sohdi
Ken Wilson
Fredelina Yong
Adnan Zaman
Mohammed Ziarat

Guidebooks

The Guidebook Committee produces definitive rock climbing guidebooks for the Peak District and surrounding areas, and also assists other groups to publish guidebooks.

The committee met formally on four occasions in 2013. Informal meetings and crag events were also held, to forward the research and production of the books within the guidebook programme.

No new guidebooks were produced in 2013. However, there has been significant progress on guidebooks in preparation.

Peak District Limestone: Work on the new limestone series under the authorship of Gary Gibson and Ian Carr is well underway. Due to the huge scope of this project, which involves combining three guides from the old series into a modern, usable, inspiring and cost-effective product, the decision has been made to produce two volumes – Peak Limestone North and Peak Limestone South. The more popular North volume will be produced first followed by South. Significant layout work has been done on both volumes.

Lancashire Rock: Les Ainsworth has been heading up the team in researching, correcting, reassessing and photographing all the crags in this monster guide and progress has been excellent. Scripts are now virtually all written, most crags photographed and work is underway to combine these into an updated design of guide to showcase this fine region. This is, like the limestone guide, is a particularly big project.

In order to speed up the production process a volunteer, a product of the BMC Volunteer Open day, has come on board to help with topos, layout etc.

Guidebook Committee

Ian Carr Chair
Niall Grimes Secretary/BMC staff
Les Ainsworth
Nick Bond
Neil Foster
Lynn Robinson
Dave Turnbull BMC CEO
Richard Wheeldon

Huts

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

In 2013 the group met once, to discuss current issues and to review matters relating to the three national huts: the Don Whillans Memorial Hut (DWMH) for which the BMC holds the lease; and the Alex MacIntyre (AMMH) and Glen Brittle (GBMH) Memorial Huts, both of which are held in trusts for members of the BMC and MCoFS.

During the year, the group's chair attended meetings of the AMMH Committee and liaised directly with both the DWMH and GMBH Committees.

Visibility of hut-related information on the BMC website was improved. A new hut guidelines document, on Employers' Liability Insurance, was drafted but not finalised.

At the end of the year, Iain McCallum stood down as chair after a 15-year term, but remains as a member, and Craig Harwood was appointed as the new chair.

Huts Group

Iain McCallum Chair
Dan Middleton Secretary/BMC staff
Rob Greaves
Michael Hunt
Ken Jackson
John Leftley
John Scarborough
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 2013

- Grant aid and support to 13 overseas expeditions, and approval of eight others.
- Giving Julie Tullis Memorial Awards to three expeditions, and recommending a Jeremy Willson Mountain Exploration Grant to one of the above eight approved expeditions.
- Holding a successful international rock climbing meet in Cornwall.
- Close liaison with the Mount Everest Foundation (MEF), Welsh Sports Association (WSA), Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCoFS), and Alpine Club (AC), on the distribution of overseas expedition awards.
- Continuing to update the electronic database of expedition reports on the BMC website.
- Publicising international meets on the BMC website.
- Publicising British expeditions on the BMC website.

- Working with the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation (UIAA) on international/ expedition policy.

In 2013 the committee was able to award a total of £12,950 of BMC money in grants to 13 expeditions planning first ascents in the world's mountain ranges. Two other expeditions that were offered financial support were unable to take place, and so the funds initially allocated to those expeditions will be carried over into 2014. In addition we were able to offer approval to eight more teams, awarded three Julie Tullis Memorial Awards totalling £3,500, and recommended a Jeremy Willson Mountain Exploration Grant of £1,000 to one of the 8 approved trips.

Expedition objectives lay in Antarctica, Alaska, Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, the Atlas, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, the Karakoram, the Ladakh range, west Nepal and Greenland.

Notable successes included the following:

- In Patagonia, Mike (Twid) Turner's party attempted the first ascent of the south face of the South Tower of Paine, reached the top of the difficulties, but were forced to forego the summit when an archetypal Patagonian storm forced retreat.
- In the Djangart region (Kyrgyzstan/China border), George Cave's party completed first ascents of seven peaks, including a 5,025m peak "Pic Currahee", grade D-.
- In west Greenland, an Oxford University party did the first ascent of the "Horn of Upernavic", an impressive coastal rock feature, which other parties had failed on, giving 1,200m of hard rock climbing, by two routes, and several other rock routes on cliffs rising c. 800m straight out of the sea.
- Guy Wilson and party visited the Chandhi Himal, a relatively unexplored range in far west Nepal. After an attempt on one of the main peaks, they claimed a consolation of a first ascent of a lower easier peak marked as 6,024m. Heavy snowfall then led to the team's helicopter evacuation to Kathmandu, abandoning much of their equipment.
- One of our three Julie Tullis awards this year went to an Alpine Club party, who visited the Antarctic Peninsula, where they made first ascents of six peaks up to 2,200m in height.

Every year, an international meet is organised in the UK, either in summer or winter. In 2013, this meet was a summer rock climbing event held over a week in May, based at the Climbers' Club hut at Bosigran, Cornwall. Each international guest was teamed up with a British host who showed them the delights of British trad climbing. The meet included 66 climbers from 22 countries in five continents,

male and female, age 20 to 65. Some had only experienced bolted climbing before. Some very wet and windy weather was encountered, but mostly fair to good. In all, 20 crags were visited, and over 140 routes were climbed, many having multiple ascents. Grades ranged from diff to E6, and included a number of new routes. Evenings included two lectures plus a wide range of less formal socialising, in and out of the hut. Feedback was very positive – a good time was had by all.

The International Committee includes some of the leading figures on the world mountaineering scene, and liaises closely with other grant giving bodies. It has two representatives on both the MEF's Screening and Management Committees. It also has a representative on the WSA Overseas Expedition Panel, which administers Sports Council for Wales funding. A representative from the MCofS, which awards mountaineering and climbing bursaries, also attends International Committee meetings, as does a representative from the AC, which awards expedition grants through its Climbing Fund. In addition, the committee provides three representatives on the UIAA, located on different bodies within this large organisation, and liaises with the AC as a fellow UIAA member.

In 2013, the committee held two meetings at the BMC offices in Manchester, one in March and one in November, and dealt with other business throughout the year by email, for matters where that form of discussion was thought appropriate.

International Committee

Dave Wilkinson	Chair
Lindsay Griffin	Vice-Chair
Nick Colton	Secretary/BMC staff
Rab Anderson	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Anne Arran	UIAA Management Committee
Paul Braithwaite	UIAA General Assembly
Andy Cave	Alpine Club
Ed Douglas	BMC Executive Committee
Pat Littlejohn	
Andy MacNae	
Calum Muskett	
Ian Parnell	
Adele Pennington	
Doug Scott	UIAA Adventure Climbing Working Group
Stephen Sustad	

Paper Members

Kevin Howett	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Bill Ruthven	Mount Everest Foundation
Mike Turner	

Technical

The BMC Technical Committee provides an informed source of technical knowledge and advice to climbers and walkers on safety related mountaineering equipment and its use. The committee met five times in 2013 with an average attendance of ten.

In 2013, three equipment incident reports were published: a broken rope contaminated by acid; a broken karabiner; and two camming devices with stem cable failures. Website news items and features were published regularly throughout the year, and a series of video shorts were shot for BMCTV, covering various aspects of equipment care and inspection. A recall and safety alert register was kept updated on the website, and we published three Summit magazine Tech Skills articles.

The Better Bolts Campaign continued to donate bolts to regional bolt funds, with a further £10k invested in the 2012-3 round of funding, and a bolt workshop was held for the ClimbBristol project.

In October, we held an equipment seminar, in conjunction with climbing equipment manufacturer DMM, at the BMC Student Seminar at Plas y Brenin in North Wales. Demonstrations of the BMC portable equipment tester were given at the Mountain Training Association Conference in March and at two BMC area meetings.

A decision was taken to merge the Technical Committee and Equipment Investigation Panel, which were previously separate, although overlapping groups, in order to increase the range of input into technical matters. Neville McMillan and Megan Hadley resigned from the committee, and we welcomed Chloe Burton, Jamie Grieg, John Parish, Isabel Hadley and Paul Knowles as new members. Fred Hall, Steve Long, Mark Taylor and Richard Terrell moved from Members to the Paper Members list; Petra Ernst, Rob Allen, Dave Brook and Trevor Hellen were removed from the Paper Members list.

The committee continues to nominate and brief delegates to other appropriate bodies. Rob Foster is the UK representative on the UIAA Safety Commission, leading the work on Via Ferrata EAS (UIAA 128); Rob also represented BSI Technical Committee SW136/5 at CEN TC136/WG5 Mountaineering Equipment; Ben Lyon is the Chairman of SW136/5; Fred Hall attends CEN TC136/WG5 as a manufacturer.

Technical Committee

Phillip Tootill	Chair
Dan Middleton	Secretary/BMC staff
Chloe Burton	Independent Expert
Rob Foster	UIAA/CEN
Jamie Grieg	Independent Expert
Isabel Hadley	Independent Expert
Alan Huyton	Independent Expert
Paul Knowles	Independent Expert

Ben Lyon	Manufacturer
Kunal Masania	Independent Expert
Stu McAleese	Plas y Brenin
Oliver Milling	Independent Expert
John Parish	Mountain Rescue England & Wales
Dan Robinson	Association of Mountaineering Instructors
Virgil Scott	Independent Expert
Bill Stronge	Independent Expert

Paper Members

Jane Blackford	Independent Expert
Fred Hall	Manufacturer
Steve Long	Mountain Training UK
Mike Margeson	Mountain Rescue England & Wales
Heather Morning	Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Paul Seddon	Independent Expert
Mark Taylor	Independent Expert
Richard Terrell	Mountain Rescue England & Wales
Jim Titt	Independent Expert
Scott Titt	BMC President
Nick Williams	British Caving Association

Training & Youth

The Training & Youth Committee (TYC) had a productive year. The FUNdamentals of Climbing workshops were more popular than ever, the new Regional Academies were launched for talented young climbers and the Safety on Mountains booklet was adopted by Mountain Training to support its new Hill and Mountain Skills courses.

Regional and National Academies

Building on the success of the national academies our regional academies went live in 2013 with 28 events delivered across the country. The 30-strong regional teams selected from the regional rounds of the Youth Climbing Series (YCS) national final were invited to attend four regional academies in their area. Four national academies also ran for the children who did well at the YCS national final. Funding from Sport England supports the academy programme, and the purpose of these days is to support and develop talented young climbers. Parents were invited too, and provided with information on appropriate and inappropriate climbing training for children. See www.thebmc.co.uk/regionalacademies and www.thebmc.co.uk/nationalacademies

FUNDamentals of Climbing and Physical

Training Workshops 2013 was a bumper year for the three BMC coach education workshops, with over 500 course places filled. Further workshops are in development and form part

of the training for Mountain Training's coaching scheme. Further coach education workshops will be developed in 2014.

www.thebmc.co.uk/fundamentals

Student Safety and Good Practice Seminar

Over 30 volunteers delivered good practice talks and practical workshops to over 100 student representatives. Hosted by Plas y Brenin, the seminar is now in its nineteenth year, and is very much an annual fixture on the BMC events diary, with high demand for places demonstrating the great service that the volunteers provide.

www.thebmc.co.uk/studentseminar

Winter and Alpine Lectures

Sponsored by Lowe Alpine, Neil Johnson and James Thacker delivered the Winter Lectures for the first time. The BMC Alpine Lectures, sponsored by Berghaus, were delivered by BMG Guide Tim Neill and seasoned alpinist Rob Greenwood.

www.thebmc.co.uk/winterlectures

www.thebmc.co.uk/alpinelectures

Rock Climbing Masterclasses

Now an annual fixture on the BMC events calendar, Naomi Buys delivered these Cotswold Outdoor-sponsored workshops for the second time, and will be doing them again in 2014.

www.thebmc.co.uk/masterclasses

Other work

TYC discussed a range of other issues at its five meetings including Mountain Training's coaching awards, which were launched in 2013, and their Hill and Mountain Skills courses to be launched in 2014 and for which the BMC Safety on Mountains booklet is the participant handbook. TYC also oversees the BMC Child Safeguarding Group.

Training & Youth Committee

Andy Newton	Chair
Jon Garside	Secretary/BMC staff
Ed Allaway	
Martin Chester	
Nick Colton	
Mal Creasey	
Mark Dennison	
Mark Dicken	
Ian Dunn	
Ian Fenton	
Stephanie Heeley	
Tim Hogan	
Wil Kilner	
Dominic Oughton	
Jake Oughton	
Dawn Pegg	
Mike Rosser	
Claudia Sarner	
John Simpson	
Jon Wilson	

Paper Members

Anne Arran
Juan Avendano
Dave Binney
Iain Blanche
Aaron Cox
David Farrell
Tina Heselden
Stuart Holmes
Kevin Howett
Beverley Jowett
Steve Long
Mike Margeson
Heather Morning
Simon Rawlinson
Ifan Roberts
Paul Russell
Andy Say
Paul Smith
Paul Swail
Paul Walters
Ian Walton
Jim Watkin

Child Safeguarding

The Child Safeguarding Group is a sub group of the Training & Youth Committee, and oversees the implementation of the BMC Child Protection Policy and the provision of advice and support to BMC Affiliated Clubs and BMC staff on Child Safeguarding issues.

The Group met four times in 2013 and produced guidance for BMC Affiliated Clubs on child safeguarding and child protection issues. Child protection and other specialist training days were delivered to key BMC youth volunteers. The group is currently reviewing the BMC's internal child protection policy and procedures. The BMC has achieved the Advanced Standard of the Child Protection in Sport Unit's Standards for Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport and is now working on their Post Standard Framework to embed and maintain those standards.

Child Safeguarding Group

Christine Scarborough	Chair
Nick Colton	Secretary/BMC staff
Ian Dunn	Junior Climbing Team Manager
Tom Greenall	Junior Bouldering Team Manager
David Allen	Parent
Emily Allen	Junior (under 18)
Iain McCallum	

Paper Members

Mark Alderson
Dave Binney
Matthew Brown
Dick Green

Areas

Cymru Wales

2013 has been another active year for the BMC in Wales with good weather drawing many out into the hills and to the local area meetings. North, Mid and South Wales have all had four local area meetings. Attendance at these meetings has increased in Mid and South Wales whilst numbers have remained fairly static once again in the North.

The BMC Cymru Wales Facebook page has more than doubled in 'likes' and site visits since 2012 to 409 'likes' with more posts and information than previous years.

Four issues of a newly formatted newsletter were produced, packed full of information on access and conservation as well as detailing local events, climbing wall news and new routes across Wales.

On the local access front there have been no major gains or restrictions implemented in 2013. However, the big news is an Access Legislation Review in Wales. This new legislation could lead to a 'Scottish style' of open access being implemented across Wales and BMC Access & Conservation: John Norman; Steve Quinton; Matt Woodfield. Officer for Wales Elyfn Jones has been working to help guide this legislation through to fruition.

The Tremadog and Gower climbing festivals both proved to be popular events once again, and on top of the yearly clean-up at Tremadog, Llanbradach also received a spring clean by dedicated local climbers.

Planning applications have been put through for many small hydro schemes in Snowdonia National Park. Many of these are small-scale developments which will have little effect on the surrounding area; nevertheless it has been agreed in local area meetings to follow progress and help to minimise environmental impacts where possible. Also concerns have been shown over development of a new wind farm at Nant y Moch on the flanks of Pumlumon in Mid Wales.

Cymru Wales Area Notes

North – 4 meetings, average attendance: 26

Mid – 4 meetings, average attendance: 15

South – 4 meetings, average attendance: 25

Chair: Tom Hutton

Secretary: Calum Muskett

National Council: Tom Hutton; Will Kilner; Ray Wood

Access & Conservation:

Climbing Walls: Jon Ratcliffe

Youth: Mark Dicken; Ifan Richards

Mountain Training Wales: Kate and Ross Worthington

Mountain Training UK: Andy Boorman

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	14	18
With club membership of	1,236	1,295
Share of national clubs	714	701
Individual members	3,218	3,073
Total members in area	5,168	5,069

Lake District

2013 was again a busy year in the Lakes. Turnouts have generally been good, and moving our meeting venues around the area seems to work well for this; we held meetings in Kendal (February), Langdale (June), Penrith (September) and Staveley (November).

Following on from the bolt chopping incident at 'The Works' in April, and discussion at the area meeting in June, a Winter Ethics Committee was established, to discuss the issues facing the area, and draw up some guidelines and advice for winter climbing in the Lakes. The guidance booklet can be downloaded from the BMC website at www.thebmc.co.uk/lakes-winter-guide.

The Lakes Mountaineering Festival, held in the Duddon valley in June, was not the success we were hoping for, but plans are afoot for 2014, perhaps moving the venue to Wasdale.

Replacing bolts has continued, and further discussions about adding new bolts to Tilberthwaite Quarry have taken place, but currently nothing is planned. The issue of installing bolts for abseiling at Cathedral Quarry was raised again, but it was felt that more evidence was needed to see if this would reduce erosion on the trees.

New guidebooks have been published, including the new edition of the Fell & Rock Climbing Club's Langdale guide. The Climbers' Club is developing a new guidebook app for IOS devices.

There have been no major access issues this year, although the new landowner at Church Beck is now charging groups to go ghyll scrambling.

Lakes District Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 23

Chair: Ewen Turner

Secretary: Polly Sullivan

Treasurer: James Brumby

National Council: Ted Rogers; Steve Scott

Access & Conservation: Max Biden; John

Burrows; James Brumby; Mike Hornby; Ron

Kenyon; Peter Latimer; Jim Loxham; Al Phizacklea;

Ben Whiteley

Clubs: Martin Dale

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	8	8
With club membership of	613	624
Share of national clubs	354	338
Individual members	1,572	1,630
Total members in area	2,539	2,592

London & South East

The area met five times in 2013, in January, April, June, September and November. All the meetings were held at the Alpine Club's headquarters in central London.

Along with discussions of local and national issues, the meetings provided entertaining and educational presentations from BMC access officer Rob Dyer, exploratory mountaineer Gareth Mottram, and Mark Rogers from the Met Office.

The future of the car park, toilet block and campsite at Harrison's Rocks was one of the year's major discussion points. At present there is an agreement between the Forestry Commission and Sport England to manage and maintain these facilities, but with the agreement and the funding to manage the facilities due to expire in November 2014, the toilets and campsite may have to close unless a viable alternative is forthcoming. Many local climbers feel strongly that a way to keep the facilities open must be found.

The area contains by far the largest proportion of members of any BMC area, but relatively little rock climbing and hill walking, so many members travel further afield on a regular basis. The area fully endorsed the BMC Stand up for Stange campaign to gather support for safeguarding its future, and felt that we should approve, in principle, allocating a significant sum of money for a national campaign to further raise awareness.

The BMC draft position statement on dry tooling was discussed at length, even though it's not a major issue for the area. We didn't want to deter future 'Mick Fowlers' from adventures on the chalk sea cliffs, neither did we want to give a green light to dry tool what might be a viable future rock climbing project.

London & South East Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 10

Chair: Rupert Fleming

Secretary: Ralph Ranford

National Council: Rupert Fleming; Chris Lund

Access & Conservation: Graham Adcock; Rob

Gibson; Robin Mazinke; Bob Moulton; Tim

Skinner; Chris Tullis

Climbing Walls: Damon Clark

Clubs: Tony Williams

Youth: Ben Esterson; Cassie Gaskell; Tom Mulder;

Freddie Naish; Robin O'Leary

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	81	89
With club membership of	4,470	4,709
Share of national clubs	2,582	2,549
Individual members	16,809	16,010
Total members in area	23,861	23,268

Midlands

The area met four times in 2013: in Wolverhampton (February and September); Loughborough (June); and Birmingham (November).

As in 2012, the Leicestershire Quarries Project remains the key focus of the area, working with the quarrying industry to promote the restoration of hard rock quarries for recreational use, particularly rock climbing. At the June meeting, a quarries sub-group was formed, dedicated to championing climbing in quarries in the Midlands.

The revised BMC Position Statement on Drilled Equipment was thoroughly discussed at the February meeting and considered to be generally appropriate and useful. Later in the year, at the September meeting, the draft position statement on dry tooling was given similar treatment.

The area welcomed the appointment in April of the two BMC Regional Development Officers for England (East) and England (West), who between them cover the whole of the Midlands Area, and who will support the transition of newcomers from indoor climbing to outdoor climbing and into clubs.

Midland Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 7

Chair: Charles Gameson

Secretary: Claudia Sarner

National Council: Charles Gameson; Claudia Sarner

Access & Conservation: Miles Hillman; Richard Law

Climbing Walls: Claudia Sarner

Clubs: Phil Wilkinson

Youth: Iain Blanch

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	35	38
With club membership of	2,014	2,142
Share of national clubs	1,163	1,160
Individual members	5,233	5,177
Total members in area	8,410	8,479

North East

Four area meetings were held during the course of the year: at Newton Aycliffe (March); Newcastle (June and November); and Durham (September).

The area has had a good year, holding its first North East Climbing & Walking Festival at Belford in Northumberland in July, which provided an opportunity for local climbers and walkers to welcome newcomers to the outdoors, and to showcase 'the County' to people from further afield. This was followed by a second Crag Lough clean-up in September, continuing the restoration of some classic routes at a crag which has fallen out of fashion in recent years but which deserves to get more attention. Both events were promoted on the newly established area Facebook page. There was also a crag clean-up at Ravensheugh in June, co-ordinated by the Northumbrian Mountaineering Club.

Attendance at meetings is healthy; during the year, meetings discussed a range of issues including BMC position statements on drilled equipment and dry tooling, and climbing's bid for inclusion in the 2020 Olympics. The only cause for concern at present is a proposed wind farm at Belford Burn, close to the crags of Bowden Doors and Back Bowden, which the majority of local climbers and hill walkers oppose.

At the end of the year, Tom Parkin stepped down as National Council rep access rep for the northern half of the area. We would like to thank Tom for his support.

Energies are now being put into planning a second climbing & walking festival based in Wooler this coming July.

North East Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 11

Chair: Jon Punshon

Secretary: John Herron

National Council: Alan Hinkes; Tom Parkin

Access & Conservation: Peter Hay; Tom Parkin

Climbing Walls: Mark Goodings

Hill Walking: Paul Mitchinson

Youth: Ian Walton

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	7	8
With club membership of	566	523
Share of national clubs	327	283
Individual members	1,868	1,896
Total members in area	2,761	2,702

North West

2013 was another productive year for the North West Area, as far as the English weather would allow.

Meetings continued to rotate around the area. Attendances, however, continued to be low at the start of the year despite the large number of members within the area.

The limited access meant that all the hard work carried out at Hoghton over the past couple of years could not be continued at the same rate, and extended access to this major crag remains work in progress.

The BMC owns two crags in the area, and maintenance work was undertaken during the year. Craig y Longridge has had repairs to its gate and fencing and the base of the crag was sprayed with weedkiller on several occasions. The right-hand end of the crag is still being slowly cleaned and developed. Its popularity as a high quality bouldering crag seems to be on the increase. Wilton, with the help of the management committee and volunteers, continues to be 'well looked after' with routes being cleaned and rhododendrons being cleared.

The new Lancashire Rock guide continues to move forward and 2014 will see completion of what is a best-seller in the BMC publications list. 2014 will also see a dedicated bouldering guide to Lancashire published for the first time.

The major event of the year was the first ever 'WiltonFest', attended by over 100 climbers. The sun shone, and many routes all over the quarry were climbed. Beer was drunk, and burgers and black pudding scoffed. Many thanks must go to the organisers (Nick Bond and Bev Murphy) and support from the BMC office, and to all the volunteers who helped out on the day. As a result of this festival the profile of the North West Area Meetings was raised, with 50 people attending the first meeting of 2014.

In conclusion, we hope that 2014 will bring more members attending meetings and getting involved in the work of the BMC, with a fresh approach to BMC issues, both local and national. Many thanks must go out to all the BMC volunteers who gave their time within the area throughout 2013.

North West Area Notes

2 meetings, average attendance: 5

Chair: Nick Bond

Secretary: Harold Walmsley

National Council: Nick Bond

Access & Conservation: Les Ainsworth;

Mark Hounslea

Climbing Walls: Mark Hounslea

Clubs: Richard Toon

Youth: Stuart Holmes

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	29	30
With club membership of	2,051	2,139
Share of national clubs	1,185	1,158
Individual members	5,856	5,733
Total members in area	9,092	9,030

Peak District

In 2013 we once again met three times at The Maynard Arms in Grindleford, supplemented by meetings at Ramshaw in Staffordshire, and Glossop, where the beer is remarkably cheap, and the hot pot tasty and plentiful.

Local access issues have continued to dominate the agendas at Peak Area Meetings, though we have interspersed these discussions with light relief in the form of debates on Dry Tooling, Fixed Equipment and Guidebooks, amongst others.

The Peak Area is lucky to have a well-connected and well-respected team of access reps, and it is gratifying to note that some of the most important landowners and land managers are now approaching us to ask if they can attend our meetings and seek our views, rather than the other way round.

Certainly our relationship with the Eastern Moors Partnership of the National Trust and RSPB - which is now doing a sterling job of proactively managing such iconic climbing sites as Froggatt, Curbar and Birchens - has been extremely positive. That partnership, which was lucky enough to be awarded a long term lease to manage the 'Eastern Moors', at the time the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) introduced a policy of asset disposal, has become a model of good practice, and it is gratifying that the BMC Peak Area has been directly involved in both the planning and much of the work which has happened on the ground.

I say lucky, because despite the great success of the Eastern Moors, and the leasing of the Roaches and Hen Cloud estate to the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, the PDNPA has recently had a change of heart. At the end of a process characterised by confidential reports, Part B papers and a general

lack of meaningful consultation, the Authority did an about turn and decided that the estate about which climbers care the most – North Lees, which of course contains Stanage Edge – was to be kept in house after all. It remains to be seen how the Authority will plug the shortfall in funding which led to the asset disposal policy in the first place, and climbers will be keeping a very wary eye to make sure the Park doesn't seek to exploit commercial potential which would detrimentally affect us.

On wider landscape and access issues, our access co-ordinator Henry Folkard was guest speaker at both the Sheffield Moors Masterplan and High Peak Moors Vision and Plan events, and has been active in creating better linked access routes within the Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area.

We have continued to publish an area newsletter which is typically available for download about two weeks before each area meeting. This is a great source of information, particularly on the wide range of access issues preoccupying our reps, but which we don't always have time to cover at the actual meetings. Martin Wass does a great job of compiling and laying this out, but I know he would love to have more material to work with.

Finally I should mention Peak Rock, the impressive coffee table book of Peak District climbing history, which finally hit the shops last December. It was over 20 years in the making, but has been well worth the wait, and I'm pleased that the BMC was able to support the publishing costs for a venture, the profits of which will go to support the Mountain Heritage Trust.

Peak District Area Notes

5 meetings, average attendance: 47

Chair: Neil Foster

Secretary: Lynn Robinson

National Council: Neil Foster; Rick Gibbon; Simon Lee

Access & Conservation: Dave Bishop; Henry

Folkard; Jon Fullwood; Rick Gibbon; Louise

Hawson; Adam Long; Ian Milward; Andi Turner

Newsletter Editor: Martin Wass

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	22	21
With club membership of	1,253	1,244
Share of national clubs	724	673
Individual members	3,765	3,679
Total members in area	5,742	5,596

South West & Southern

As well as addressing access issues which cropped up, much energy was spent (and hot air generated) on regeneration of Avon Gorge, access to Cheddar Gorge, and the rights and wrongs of placing drilled equipment.

The year got off to a false start in February with a poorly attended meeting in Wareham. More successfully that month, the annual Avon Gorge clean-up was held and a day was spent successfully

clearing scrub from underneath Main Wall.

At the April meeting in Bristol, elections were held for local area representatives. Martin Crocker, Project Officer for the ClimbBristol (Avon Gorge Climbing Regeneration) Project, gave a thorough update on progress made in developing sound working relationships with landowners, statutory authorities and conservation bodies, as well as in raising awareness of, and support for the project by climbers.

A special meeting was held in May in Bristol, to provide an opportunity for climbers to comment on an updated draft of the 1992 BMC Drilled Equipment Policy. The meeting also discussed a proposal to construct a cable car in Cheddar Gorge and what implications, if any, this might have for rock climbing in the gorge.

The area hosted the BMC International Sea Cliff Climbing Meet in May, which was based at The Count House, the Climbers' Club hut at Bosigran. 66 climbers from 22 countries were paired up with British hosts for a week of climbing adventures, showcasing the uniqueness of British climbing, its ethics and traditions.

In June, a meeting was held in Pendeen, where it was agreed to hold another Cornish Climbing Festival, following the successful 2012 event based near Land's End; and so local BMC volunteers duly hosted the 2013 Cornish Climbing Festival, a weekend of climbing and socialising attended by more than 40 people in early September on the Culm Coast.

Bovey Tracey was the location for the September meeting, which included a debate on a draft BMC position statement on dry tooling. In November, we returned to Bristol, where the meeting included a review of access arrangements in Cheddar Gorge, an update on ClimbBristol, and discussion of a proposal to hold a major climbing festival in Avon Gorge in summer 2014.

South West & Southern Area Notes

6 meetings, average attendance: 10

Chair: Matt Goater

Secretary: Philip Wilson

National Council: Colin Knowles; Richard Moss;

Gareth Palmer

Access & Conservation: Rick Abbott; Ian

Butterworth; Martin Crocker; Jeremy Dyke;

Simon Fletcher; Martin Hallett; Neil Heanes; Dave

Henderson; Rick Sowards

Climbing Walls: Steve Taylor

Clubs: Will Wykes

Youth: Tina Hesleden

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	25	24
With club membership of	1,705	1,576
Share of national clubs	985	825
Individual members	6,431	6,233
Total members in area	9,121	8,634

Yorkshire

The area met four times in 2013, in February, May, September and November; all the meetings took place in Pool in Wharfedale.

Meeting attendance, while not poor, could be improved, and to that end, a change in venue for the meetings, to a place that would permit presentations from guest speakers, has been agreed and is being actively looked for.

No significant new access issues have occurred, on either gritstone or limestone, but some existing access problems at certain limestone venues (dating from previous years) have still to be resolved.

The large disused limestone quarry at Threshfield is part of a collaborative project to bring it back into public use - climbing should be part of this. Negotiations are ongoing, but the process is slow. Hopefully this will make it a model for other 'end-of-life' hard rock quarries in the UK.

Conservation work included the removal of graffiti at Baildon Bank, and the placement of belay stakes at Chevin Quarry. Several crag clean-ups have occurred, but often organised outside of the 'usual channels' meaning that any help that the BMC could offer was circumvented - this is something we hope to address in 2014 by using the BMC's improved social media presence to leverage more local engagement.

Indoors, regional rounds of the BMC Youth Climbing Series were once again very popular. Outdoors, the appointment of a BMC Hill Walking Officer and the more visible promotion of the BMC's role representing hill walkers was noted positively.

Yorkshire Area Notes

4 meetings, average attendance: 16

Chair: James Rowe

Secretary: Mark Beecher

National Council: Beverley Jowett; James Rowe

Access & Conservation: Mick Johnson;

Dave Musgrove

Climbing Walls: vacant

Clubs: Paul Exley

Hill Walking: vacant

Youth: Dave Farrell

Area Membership	2013	2012
No. of clubs in the area	20	22
With club membership of	1,168	1,270
Share of national clubs	675	687
Individual members	3,534	3,447
Total members in area	5,377	5,404

Trusts

BMC Access and Conservation Trust

The BMC's Access and Conservation Trust (ACT) is a charity which funds projects to protect our cliffs and mountains.

ACT has helped fund worthwhile projects in the mountains for over 15 years, yet it is not widely recognised as the BMC's charity. The online donation facility now makes it easier for people to support ACT's valuable work and a legacy leaflet explains how members can let the conservation of our uplands be their legacy.

Eight projects were supported in 2013. These included a donation to Fix the Fells in the Lake District for footpath restoration work on Scafell Pike as well as the path from Dalehead Tarn to Dalehead summit. ACT has also helped establish the Cwm Idwal Winter Climbing Information Project with Natural Resources Wales. This is a project to pilot a bespoke remote ground and air temperature sensor that will take hourly readings of turf 'winter' conditions – this will be linked to a web page that will provide information to winter climbers – for more details visit www.thebmc.co.uk/idwal

The Trust is extremely grateful to all its supporters without whom none of its work would be possible. The Trust very much welcomes corporate donations and would like to acknowledge those from Colchester Climbing Club, Yorkshire Mountaineering Club, EAH Recycling, Ascent Marketing, UK Climbing Ltd, Synergy Ltd and KM Media Group. Many thanks also to everyone who has made an individual contribution; these are vital for the work of the Trust. Please visit the website for further information – www.thebmc.co.uk/act

Mountain Heritage Trust

by Julie Summers, MHT Chair

The key role of the Mountain Heritage Trust (MHT) is to ensure that British mountaineering's fascinating heritage is preserved. Under our remit, artefacts, history and traditions are conserved, documented, made accessible and communicated to as wide an audience as possible.

In 2013 Mountain Heritage Trust underwent a significant change. Three long serving trustees: Professor Terry Gifford (former chairman), Paul Braithwaite and Ron Kenyon stepped down to make way for new trustees. Their contribution to MHT and the work they did on the trust's behalf is warmly appreciated. Chris Bonington also resigned as a trustee and has been elevated to the role of Patron, alongside Joe Brown.

In June the BMC's National Council made the decision to support MHT further in its work by taking over the payment of our archivist's salary. This has made a great difference and it has allowed trustees to concentrate on fundraising and broadening the reach of MHT, as requested in exchange for this commitment.

MHT has continued to raise its profile during 2013 and encourage the public, as well as the mountaineering community, to understand the value of the work we do. Following the success of the 'Show us Your Nuts' event at Kendal Mountain Festival in 2012, we had a display in the Malt Room at the 2013 festival, which gave us an even better opportunity to show off material from the collections. As ever, our highly qualified archivist, Maxine Willett was on hand to answer questions.

In March 2013 the Chorley Hopkinson Mountaineering Library, gift to MHT by Lord and Lady Chorley, was opened in the Coleridge Room of Allan Bank, a National Trust property in Grasmere. It is a beautiful setting for a very important mountaineering library and the National Trust has allocated Library Interns to help to keep an eye on the collection when the house is open to the public.

Our relationship with the National Trust continues to develop and we are working closely with Jeremy Barlow, who is a co-opted member of the MHT board, to develop a display in Stickle Barn which we hope to pilot in 2014 and secure funding for a more major installation in 2015. A meeting with National Trust regional managers in the autumn proved that there was considerable interest in working with MHT to develop programmes in other areas of the country.

Work on Keswick Museum and Art Gallery is progressing and installation of the exhibition will take place in March/April 2014. The gallery will be fully up and running by the summer. Our first exhibition will be about Lakeland climbing pre-First World War with a focus on the first ascent of Central Buttress by Siegfried Herford.

A bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to work on the Joe Tasker Collection, which the Tasker family has donated to MHT was successful and they have agreed to fund the project for two years.

In October MHT held a successful dinner at the Law Society in London which raised some £28,000 for the work of the trust and will help us to develop our exhibition work with the National Trust, an education programme to be rolled out country-wide in 2014-15, and to secure a part-time administrative assistant for Maxine Willett.

On an archival level, Maxine continues to liaise with and advise archivists and librarians from climbing clubs such as the Alpine Club, Climbers' Club, Fell & Rock Climbing Club, Pinnacle Club, Polaris Club and Rucksack Club. If any clubs require advice and guidance on capturing their history, either orally or in archive form, impartial advice is available from MHT Collections Manager and Archivist Maxine Willett who has enormous experience in all aspects of archives, including oral history.

On a personal note MHT Trustees were enormously proud that founder trustee, John Innerdale, who has retired and joins Chris Bonington and Joe Brown as a Patron, was recognised in the New Year's Honours for his contribution to mountain heritage and becomes an MBE.

Mountain Training Trust (Plas y Brenin)

by Martin Doyle, Chief Executive

In 2013 Plas y Brenin worked closely with the BMC contributing to the work of the National Council, Training & Youth Committee, Coaching Technical Group, Technical Committee and NICAS workshops.

The BMC, Mountain Training UK and Mountain Training England set up the Mountain Training Trust in 1997. Since then the trust has operated Plas y Brenin on behalf of Sport England, run by mountaineers to serve the mountaineering community.

A series of summer and winter hill and mountain courses in Snowdonia are specifically offered for BMC members and are very popular. The BMC website features offers at Plas y Brenin for members on a regular basis. Climbing and walking club members receive preferential rates in the two bunkhouses at Plas y Brenin for club meets. Other benefits include discount on last minute accommodation.

As part of the initiative to increase participation Plas y Brenin offered a series of training weekends subsidised by Sport England. The 'Ready to Rock' courses were oversubscribed and additional events were laid on. In 2014 Plas y Brenin and the BMC will also offer to members winter skills and summer hill skills courses.

BMC events hosted by Plas y Brenin included the Student Seminar, Clubs Seminar and Huts Seminar as well as a National Council meeting. We also hosted a successful BMC AGM and Annual Dinner in April 2013, as well as a busy NICAS conference in February.

30% of all the mountain qualification courses (MTUK) in the UK were delivered at Plas y Brenin as well as a lot of informal training for club members and event organisers. MTT continues to administer the 180 Jonathan Conville Memorial Trust (JCMT) training places in alpine and winter climbing skills which take place in Snowdonia, the Cairngorms and Chamonix. The BMC also support these courses with £4k contribution a year.

In January Plas y Brenin hosted an expedition seminar which brought together recipients of BMC grants in 2012 to describe their experiences and mountaineering trips as well experienced mountaineers to provide guidance for newcomers. The event also raised funds to add to those available for the future.

In 2013 the Mountain Training Trust seconded the Director of Training for three months to bring to conclusion the development of the new climbing coaching qualifications. The Foundation and Development Coach levels were launched successfully in October – an initiative the BMC has driven for three years which will improve and standardise the quality of climbing coaching.

Additional Sport England funding has subsidised training for volunteer leaders to address the budget cuts taking place elsewhere and to promote participation. Investment in the fabric of the building also upgraded accommodation and broadband access facilities at Plas y Brenin so that it will continue to be a prime location for mountaineering based courses, conferences and events.

Other Reports

British Mountain Guides

By Hannah Burrows-Smith, Secretary

The British Association of Mountain Guides (BMG) is the national association that trains and assesses mountain guides in all forms of climbing, mountaineering and ski mountaineering.

BMG has 188 members spread between Scotland, the Lake District, North Wales, the Peak District and the Alps. Members are involved in climbing, mountaineering and skiing activities world-wide, both guiding and for personal adventure, so have a broad collective experience of mountain conditions and activities which they are always happy to share. We have 17 candidates going through the various stages of the BMG training scheme at the present time.

The BMG is a member of, and enjoys good relations with the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations (IFMGA), which ensures parity of standards, best practice and good relations between all the 24 member countries.

The annual gathering of the BMG was held in November, this time at Windermere, Lake District. The Association was delighted to welcome guests from our valued partners: Tim Hill from Arc'teryx and Matt Davies from Gore. We also enjoyed the company and photography of Klemen Gricar from the Slovenian Guides Association as well as our friends from other mountaineering bodies.

We are now delighted that our sponsorship partner Arc'teryx has been able to renew their partnership with us for a further three years. Their funding has helped us develop our training programme further.

The Association welcomed four newly qualified guides - Matt Stygall, Tania Noakes, Bruce Poll and Matt Spenceley (who, while pleased to be presented with their well-earned diplomas, appeared more pleased to discover that they came with a very smart BMG/Arc'teryx softshell!). We honoured two particular guides, Terry Taylor and Geoff Arkless, who were presented with certificates as Honoured Guides, and enjoyed a series of humorous anecdotes that highlighted the long-standing contribution to British guiding made by these two unique characters.

Back in 2009 a Collaboration Working Group was begun to bring together each of the mountain training associations operating in Britain. Representatives from the BMG, Association of Mountaineering Instructors, British Association of International Mountain Leaders and the Mountain Training Association all sit around a table and talk, sharing their different layers of work and experience. Great progress has been made in these past few years and now we have a new, glossy, quarterly magazine – The Professional Mountaineer Magazine – which goes out to all 4,500 members of the collaboration. After a trial run of three issues the magazine is set to continue into 2014.

The British Mountain Guides recognise the excellent work undertaken by the BMC and are fully committed to supporting the Council where we can.

ClimbBristol

by Martin Crocker, Project Officer

2013 saw ClimbBristol, otherwise known as the Avon Gorge Climbing Regeneration Project, crank up its work to improve conditions for climbing in Avon Gorge and raise climbing's profile. With funding from the BMC's Access and Conservation Trust a Project Officer spearheads the two-year project while being ably supported by the ClimbBristol volunteer group.

'Networking' has been the buzz word and meetings and representations have progressed with key parties from Bristol City Council (BCC) including the Mayor, Natural England, Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust, and the National Trust. Bristol North West MP Charlotte Leslie was chaperoned on Avon's historic The Arête, her first climbing experience duly shared with Bristol's commuters via Radio Bristol. And Sir Chris Bonington and Hazel Findlay were signed up as climbing champions.

In 2013 ClimbBristol became recognised by conservationists and politicians as a stakeholder in plans for Avon Gorge, including for the Avon Gorge (Bristol Side) Management Plan (2015-2020). BCC has said that climbing is a key sport in the city, a big leap recognised in its new five-year sport strategy (Sport4Life).

ClimbBristol has its own popular Facebook page and a website, and it also secured a spread on the website of Destination Bristol, a high-profile business-linked partnership. Two leaflets and a poster have been produced and are being targeted where most influence can be achieved.

The group has been active on the cliffs clearing scrub and loose rock in accordance with statutory consents issued by Natural England; the consents ensure methods are in place to protect the SSSI interest, including the gorge's rare botany. Operations were undertaken in conjunction with highways engineers during the annual closures of the Portway, and intensively in important areas (e.g. Main Area). Natural England has said: We really appreciate the planning, care and attention given to this work and that there will clearly be a benefit to climbers as well as to the interest of the site. And many climbers have already taken advantage of the improved conditions.

The project has inspired the starting-up of a large programme of fixed gear replacement entirely implemented by skilled volunteers. That work will continue throughout 2014.

Wide and sustainable volunteer involvement is vital to the aims of the project and access to the site, and it is envisaged that the ClimbBristol identity will remain a feature of the Bristol-centred climbing community. At the time of writing volunteers are rallying round to plan the

Bristol Climbing Festival (26 July 2014) which will showcase the unique city climbing site that is Avon Gorge!

International Federation of Sport Climbing

by Robert Adie, BMC representative on IFSC Plenary Assembly

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

In 2013, Robert Adie was the BMC's representative on the IFSC Plenary Assembly. Graeme Alderson was the Technical Delegate at seven IFSC Boulder World Cup events, two Lead World Cups, the European Championships Lead & Speed, and the European Championships Boulder. Andy Coltart was elected President of the IFSC Paraclimbing Commission. Two British route setters were selected by the IFSC to work at World Cups and Continental Championships last year; Percy Bishton was chief route setter for the Boulder World Cup in Kitzbuhel and for the European Bouldering Championships in Eindhoven; Jamie Cassidy was the chief route setter for the Boulder World Cup in Toronto. Tim Hatch was Jury President at two World Cups. Ian Alderson is President of the Disciplinary Commission which deals with such things as Doping Offences; Ian had one case to deal with in 2013 which involved a minor.

Sport Climbing was shortlisted for the 2020 Olympic Games, but the IOC decided against the sport becoming part of the Olympic family in May 2013. The IFSC will continue to push for inclusion, and came one step closer to this goal with the sport's inclusion in the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, which will be held in Nanjing, China in August. The IFSC ran a very successful set of World Cups in lead, speed and bouldering, as well as Continental Championships and a World Youth Championships in Sannich, Canada, where GB was very well represented. All of the GB teams moved up the international rankings and all are well within the top ten in the world; we now have 50% of all GB team members ranked in the top ten in the world.

Mountaineering Council of Scotland

by David Gibson, Chief Officer

The increasing encroachment of wind farms into Scotland's core mountain areas often seems inevitable as government policy and financial incentives promote the drive to erect more turbines.

Our pro-renewables policy is emphasised by the fact that we have opposed a modest 5% of proposals to date, but we are committed to protecting the mountains. Doing so is costly in terms of staff

and volunteer time, and access to authoritative landscape, planning and legal expertise, as anything less than well-researched responses will be ignored by planners. In this context we are pleased to recognise the financial and policy support provided by the BMC for this work.

At a strategic level we continue to work with other organisations to influence opinion, and our publicity has bolstered an increasing awareness that core mountain areas must be protected. This groundswell of support was demonstrated through responses to the Scottish Natural Heritage Wild Land Map consultation, but wind farm industry reaction again emphasised the challenge we all face with their attempts to dilute both the map and the limited levels of protection proposed by the Scottish Government.

A few landowners persist in trying to find ways around Scotland's hard-won access legislation, including intimidation of walkers. We issued advice on what action to take if threatened, while campaigning for access rights to be respected and pursuing solutions to specific issues through the appropriate channels.

We make increasing use of both mainstream and social media to promote mountain safety, and the rights of mountaineers to enjoy the hills, and our press releases receive good coverage. Working with other mountaineering organisations, we developed a winter safety media pack as a reference source to assist reporters covering mountain-related stories.

In sport development, our Coaching Development Group (CDG) worked with the BMC to develop the Physical Training and the Advanced Technique workshops, and with Mountainging Training UK/BMC to see the successful launch of the Coach Awards. We have five children selected on the GB Lead and Boulder Teams. We also hosted a round of the Junior Bouldering Championship and partnered BMC with the Grand Final of the Youth Climbing Series.

Mountaineering Ireland

by Ross Millar, Chair of the Board of Directors

The mountains of Ireland have been cherished places by visitors and locals alike for centuries. The term 'mountain landscape' engenders thoughts of wildness, rugged rock and bog and is ingrained in our national psyche and reflected in art and folklore.

Over the past number of years, and during 2013 in particular, Mountaineering Ireland has been working to address some of the threats to Ireland's mountain landscape. The Helping the Hills initiative and the 'Uplands Working Group' are both lead by Mountaineering Ireland to support appropriate management of the uplands.

I am extremely proud of the role Mountaineering Ireland had in convincing the Government not to sell Coillte's, the state forestry company, harvesting rights. The tipping point for me was when Mountaineering Ireland's CEO led a packed briefing of TDs, Senators and their advisors in the Houses of

the Parliament, a briefing which had an immediate impact. The success of the Oireachtas and Northern Ireland Assembly event in the Mourne Mountains in June further highlights the strong relationships Mountaineering Ireland has developed throughout the island and our on-going work at a lobbying level, work which we will continue.

A public information leaflet on access and occupiers' liability, initially drafted by Mountaineering Ireland, was signed off by the Attorney General's office and published by Comhairle na Tuaithe (Countryside Council). The Recreation in the Irish Countryside leaflet provides clear information about property rights and access, rights of way, the responsibility of recreational users and occupiers' liability.

2013 saw the development of supports for coaches and leaders with coaching workshops, Club Training Officer workshops, a Scouting Ireland Leaders Moot and a Mountain Training Conference provided for the benefit of those both volunteering and working within our sport. A new Development Squad structure has been established to harness the potential of young climbers and provide further assistance to their development and I look forward to their continuing success locally and on the international stage.

Following the adoption of the Strategic Development Plan 2014-2017 at an Extraordinary General Meeting, the direction of travel for Mountaineering Ireland is now set out for the next four years.

Finally, I wish all Mountaineering Ireland members and fellow mountaineers an adventurous and enjoyable 2014.

Mountain Rescue England and Wales

by David Allan, Chairman

The past year has been one of some disappointment. Despite diverting more time and resources towards prevention and education the same inexorable rise in incidents due to lack of the wherewithal to navigate, estimate time and distance and assess the weather has occurred. Even an awareness of the onset of darkness seems to be a challenge to some parties.

It is difficult to know how to counter this situation. At least one contributory factor appears to be the large number of casual hill goers who have no commitment to acquiring a measure of hill craft. For them the mobile phone continues to be the panacea for all eventualities.

The same locations present problems. Tryfan heads the list with, on more than one occasion, three groups needing delivery from being crag fast and or lost in one day. The ridges of Hellvellyn seem to present the same challenges.

Teams remain able to cope but with some responding to 150 incidents per year there is a serious concern for the future if the current upward trend continues.

The development of systems such as SARCALL and SARLOC have been of enormous benefit in getting teams onto the hill and in locating parties whose whereabouts are a mystery to

them. Having been developed within mountain rescue it is pleasing to record their adoption by other SAR services. There is no doubt that further development will see wider use and greater benefit to the whole SAR community.

Mountain Training England

By Andy Say, Executive Secretary

2013 has been yet another busy year for MTE; and a real time of transition. The work of the Board has been very much focused on development and delivery of awards that are up to date and relevant.

One of the major tasks undertaken through the year was the continuation and conclusion of the review of the Mountain Training walking awards. This thorough overhaul has borne several fruit. The Mountain Leader Award has had some amendments made to the syllabus to bring it into line with the latest thinking; those changes were implemented in the autumn of 2013 and have been well received. Of more significance, however, was the decision to revise and rename the Walking Group Leader Award and also to introduce not only a new leadership award but also to develop Mountain Training Skills Courses. A great deal of work has gone into these developments not only by board staff but also by a large number of volunteers and 'co-optees' who gave freely of their time and expertise.

This work should bear fruit in 2014 when the new schemes are launched to the public but the interest shown by the volume of applications made by prospective providers has been reassuring. The future vision for the awards is a clear pathway through Lowland and Moorland to Mountain with awards named to reflect where the holder operates. A further innovation is the development of an optional 'Expedition Skills' module which can be added to either Lowland or Hill and Moorland Leader Awards to create a really flexible system that should be able to accommodate most needs. The Hill and Mountain Skills Courses are generating a similar amount of interest and whilst primarily aimed at giving people the confidence and basic competence to just 'get out and do it for themselves' they will also serve as an introduction to Mountain Training and a possible route into the leadership awards.

Whilst we are still seeing some pressure on registration numbers it is reassuring to see that the recent decline has to some extent slowed down – with some awards even showing an increase through the latter half of the year. The work of the Marketing Working Party has started to be implemented – especially in the way in which all of the Boards present their combined work to the public – and has its most visible feature in the newly designed website which has, along with the continual development of the Candidate Management System, drawn much praise.

One final thing to report is that we have now finally embraced the digital age and the registration process which so many candidates go through each year has now become completely paperless. From the start of 2014 there will be no need for us to issue paper logbooks and handbooks for the schemes as

the development of a digital logbook system has reached fruition; candidates can now record all of their walks, routes and visits to walls on-line.

Mountain Training UK

by John Cousins, Chief Executive Officer

As the UK co-ordinating body for mountaineering qualifications we've seen a number of significant developments in 2013. The development of our Coaching Scheme was finalised during the summer, thanks in particular to the secondment of Martin Chester from Plas y Brenin, and this culminated with the launch of the scheme in October. 19 providers began the delivery of Foundation Coach and Development Coach training and assessment courses in the autumn and by the end of the year 350 candidates had already registered for the scheme. We're particularly grateful to Jon Garside and Nick Colton for their assistance in this project and for the way we are able to rely on the existing FUNdamentals programme delivered through the BMC (and MCofS) as part of the training pathway.

A major review of all of our walking awards was completed in 2013 with significant improvements to existing qualifications and the creation of new awards and training opportunities. The Mountain Leader and Winter Mountain Leader schemes have had small but valuable changes made to their training and assessment content and agreement was also reached on a name change from the Walking Group Leader Award to what we hope is a more descriptive title of the Hill and Moorland Leader. After much consideration we have also agreed to the creation of a Lowland Leader Award, due out at the beginning of April 2014, which then gives a very clear and comprehensive set of qualifications.

2013 was our first full year of operating our online Candidate Management System, unified website and simplified ways of interacting with would-be candidates, trainees, providers and award holders – see www.mountain-training.org. We worked closely though the year to enable our candidates to join the BMC at the point of registration and at the very end of the year further simplified the website and focused on the activities of walking, climbing and mountaineering, similar to the BMC's own site.

The website is also home to our Mountain Training Association (MTA) as well as providing links to the other membership associations who collectively worked very closely together throughout the year. A joint quarterly magazine has been produced throughout the year by MTA, Association of Mountaineering Instructors, British Mountain Guides and the British Association of International Mountain Leaders and is a very tangible piece of further collaboration between these organisations.

MTUK's range of textbooks continues to flourish with the new 'International Mountain Trekking' proving to be a great success as the fifth title in our series (all are available from the BMC online shop). Thanks again to Jon Garside for his assistance with editing and photos.

The management board of Mountain Training UK has met three times during the year, in winter at Glenmore Lodge, a spring visit to Tollymore Mountain Centre in Northern Ireland and an autumn meeting at Plas y Brenin. Board membership includes BMC representatives and the other Councils, plus all the training boards, national centres and the leader, instructor and guide associations. Finally we've had excellent support from everyone at the BMC, but in particular, Jon Garside, Dave Turnbull, Nick Colton and Mick Johnson, most notably in the work programmes supported by Sport England and the lead up to our 50th Anniversary in 2014.

Sport and Recreation Alliance

The Sport and Recreation Alliance is the umbrella body for sport and recreation in the UK and represents more than 300 members.

The British Mountaineering Council has continued to play an active leadership role within the Alliance this year, with the BMC's Will Renshaw chairing both the Outdoor Pursuits Division and the working group, whose role it is to co-ordinate the sector's efforts to improve access.

Over the past 12 months, the Alliance's work has included:

- Working in partnership with the Forestry Commission to improve access to the UK's woodland and forests. The Alliance has promoted recreational use of forest and woodlands by publishing a guidance document for Commission staff. The Alliance has also kept members abreast of changes to the structures of public forest management and has acted as a forum for communication with senior Commission staff.
- Developing an outdoor recreation policy platform, with the aim of providing a common lobbying agenda for the sector in the lead up to the 2015 General Election. The policies have been developed in consultation with members and will form the core of the Alliance's campaigning work in 2014-15.
- Supporting members to improve their governance, by offering training and networking opportunities for governing bodies and promoting the Voluntary Code of Good Governance.
- Working closely with HMRC to protect and improve the terms of the Community Amateur Sports Club scheme to maximise its benefit to a full range of sport and recreational activities.

The Alliance is also making changes to the way it does business. As well as adopting a bold new vision and mission, we have new executive leadership and we will be doing things in a noticeably different way in the months and years to come. We're taking a series of practical and substantial steps to re-organise, to put our members at the centre of what we do and to make membership of the Alliance more rewarding - so we will look forward to working with the BMC even more closely in 2014-15.

Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme

by Anne Arran, UIAA Management Committee member

The BMC continued to be well represented within the UIAA and its specialist commissions during 2013, with one President (Medical) and a Chair (Training Standards Working Group) being directly funded by the UIAA.

Clare Bond stood down due to family commitments and Anne Arran began work with other members of the UIAA Management Committee focusing on strategies to encourage retention of smaller member federations and making joining the UIAA easier with benefits more apparent. Doug Scott was influential chairing the Traditional Climbing Working Group and on behalf of the Access Commission's Expeditions Working Group showed a selection of iconic photos and spoke of the problems now occurring 60 years on from the first ascent of Everest at the UIAA General Assembly in Pontresina. Money was also raised by auctioning signed photographs for the family of Sona Sherpa who was killed at Nanga Parbat base camp.

In October, 44 countries attended the UIAA General Assembly in Pontresina, and the organisation is in a healthier situation financially. Good news from Pontresina was that both the German and Austrian mountaineering federations rejoined the UIAA. In November, the new UIAA Board including President Peter Farkas, Vice-President Helène Denis, Pier Giorgio Olivetti and Thomas Kaehr appointed a new office manager, Florian Jean Richard, who has since decided not to stay on past the probationary period, but leaves a new structure in place made up of existing staff.

The UIAA's financial position improved significantly for 2013-2018 with the signing of a sponsorship agreement for UIAA Ice Climbing World Cup events with Goldwin Korea, who launched The North Face in Korea. In 2013, Pavel Shabelin secured a spot for ice climbing as a demonstration sport at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics for the first time, and a bid will be made for ice climbing to be included in the 2022 Winter Olympics.

2013 BMC support to the UIAA

- UIAA Management Committee: Anne Arran
- UIAA General Assembly: Paul Braithwaite
- Mountaineering Commission: Steve Long (Training Standards Panel Chair); Doug Scott (Traditional Climbing Working Group Chair); Martin Wragg, Anthony Rich (Legal Experts Working Group); Phil Wickens
- Access Commission: Dr Catherine Flitcroft (Corresponding Member)
- Medical Commission: Dave Hillebrandt (President); Jame Milledge; Audry Morrison, (Corresponding Members)
- Safety Commission: Rob Foster
- Youth Commission: Mark Dennison (Corresponding Member)

Club & Associate Members 2013

BMC Affiliated Clubs

Club Name No. of Members

2 Degrees Climbing Club.....	44
Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club.....	191
Adventure and Expedition Society.....	174
AGC Mountaineering Club.....	22
Aldermaston Mountaineering Club.....	25
Alpine Club.....	1,263
Alton Mountaineering Club.....	25
AMI (England and Wales).....	712
Anabasis Mountaineering Club.....	41
Army Mountaineering Association.....	40
Avon Mountaineering Club.....	141
Aylesbury Climbing Club.....	77
Barnsley Mountaineering Club.....	56
Barrow Mountaineering & Ski Club.....	85
Basingstoke Climbing Club.....	64
Bassetlaw Hill & Mountain Club.....	32
Battle Climbing Club.....	20
Bedford Mountaineering Club.....	32
Beeston Hill & Mountain Club.....	34
Bewdley & District Mountaineering Club.....	24
Bowline Climbing Club.....	122
Brathay Exploration Group Trust.....	60
Brecon Beacons Climbing & Mountaineering Club.....	44
Bremex Mountaineering & Climbing Club.....	39
Brighton University Mountaineering Club.....	20
British Airways Mountain Walking & Trekking Club.....	43
Bromsgrove & Redditch Mountaineering Club.....	45
Burghley Mountaineering Club.....	21
Burnmoor Lodge Club.....	49
Buxton Mountaineering Club.....	69
C.A.M.S (ClubAZ Mountaineering Section).....	28
Calderdale Mountaineering Club.....	34
Cambridge Climbing & Caving Club.....	81
Cambridge University Hillwalking Club.....	121
Carlisle Mountaineering Club.....	102
Castle Mountaineering Club.....	51
Cave & Crag Club - Climbers Section.....	38
Cerberus Speleaeological Society.....	20
Ceunant Mountaineering Club.....	173
Chamois Mountaineering Club.....	196
Chelmsford Mountaineering Club.....	62
Cheshire Amateur Ramblers Club.....	20
Chester Great Outdoors Club.....	89
Chester Mountaineering Club.....	224
Christian Rock & Mountain Club.....	64
Cleveland Mountaineering Club.....	204
Cliffhangers Climbing Club.....	26
Climbers' Club.....	1,657
Clingons Climbing Club.....	20
Clitheroe Mountaineering Club.....	85
Clogwyn Mountaineering Club.....	76
Clwb Dringo Antur Menai.....	20
Clwb Mynydda Cymru.....	310
Clwyd Mountaineering Club.....	138

Colchester Climbing Club.....	100
Congleton Mountaineering Club.....	30
COPA.....	20
Cornwall Climbing Club.....	21
Coventry Mountaineering Club.....	64
Craven Mountaineering Club.....	62
Cromlech Club.....	67
Croydon Mountaineering Club.....	55
Dacorum Adventure Group.....	44
Derby Mountaineering Club.....	24
Derbyshire Pennine Club.....	42
Derwent Mountaineering Club.....	75
Dobroyd Mountaineering Club.....	20
Dockyard Venturers.....	24
Dorset Youth Climbing Academy.....	51
Durham Mountain Sports.....	107
East Grinstead Climbing Club.....	36
East Pennine Outdoor Club.....	47
East Yorkshire Climbing & Mountaineering Club.....	39
Eden Valley Mountaineering Club.....	55
Edge Hill University Climbing & Mountaineering Club.....	22
Edge Outdoor Club.....	32
ELC Hill Walking Club.....	33
Exeter University Climbing Club.....	100
Exploration Group of North Somerset.....	89
Extreme Sports Central.....	20
Forest of Dean Hillwalkers.....	25
Frayednotts Mountaineering Club.....	28
Fylde Mountaineering Club.....	168
G S Exiles Mountaineering Club.....	20
Gentian Mountaineering Club.....	59
Gloucestershire Mountaineering Club.....	140
Gorphwysfa Club.....	61
Gritstone Club.....	119
Guernsey Mountaineering Club.....	61
Guildford Mountaineering Club.....	77
Gwent Mountaineering Club.....	97
Gwydyr Mountain Club.....	108
Hampshire Mountaineering Association.....	56
Harpenden Expedition Club.....	48
Hastings Rock & Fell Club.....	49
Hereford Climbing Club.....	22
Hereford Mountain Club.....	43
Heron Outdoor Pursuits.....	41
Hertfordshire Mountaineering Club.....	122
Herts & Essex Climbing Club.....	60
Highdown Hillwalking & Mountaineering Club.....	41
Hillingdon Mountaineering Club.....	21
Hinckley Mountaineering Club.....	72
Ibex Mountain & Hillwalking Club.....	129
ICAS Climbing Club.....	53
Innominata Mountain Club.....	74
Ipswich Mountaineering Club.....	89
Jersey Rock Climbing Club.....	72
Junior Mountaineering Club of Scotland.....	44
K Fellfarers.....	129
Karabiner Mountaineering Club.....	138

Kendal Mountaineering Club.....	87
Keswick Mountaineering Club.....	80
Kings College London Mountaineering Club.....	63
Kingston University Mountaineering Club.....	20
Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club.....	202
Lancashire Mountaineering Club.....	160
Lanchester Mountaineering Club.....	48
Leeds Mountaineering Club.....	127
Leicester University Mountaineering Club.....	75
Lichfield Mountaineering Club.....	23
Lincoln Mountaineering Club.....	46
Lindsey Climbing Club.....	22
Liverpool University Mountaineering Club.....	20
Lloyds TSB Outdoor Sports Club.....	20
London Mountaineering Club.....	379
London Rockhoppers Mountaineering Club.....	142
Loughton Mountaineering Club.....	30
Maidstone Mountaineering Club.....	35
Malvern Mountaineering Club.....	20
Marjon University Mountaineering Club.....	28
Marylebone Mountaineering Club.....	74
MBDA Sports & Social Club - Climbing Section.....	20
Mercian Mountaineering Club.....	48
Merseyside Mountaineering Club.....	210
Midland Association of Mountaineers.....	536
Milton Keynes Mountaineering Club.....	67
Mountaineering Club of Bury.....	43
Mountaineering Club of North Wales.....	63
MPMC LTD.....	35
Mynydd Climbing Club.....	193
Newbury Mountain Club.....	48
Nimrod Mountaineering Club.....	20
Nor' West Sgurramblers.....	21
Norfolk Hillwalking Club.....	20
North East Wales Mountaineering Club.....	42
North Kingston Hillwalking Club.....	50
North Leicestershire Mountain Club.....	44
North London Mountaineering Club.....	220
North Wales Youth Climbing Academy.....	49
North Yorkshire Fell Club.....	45
Northampton Climbing Club.....	31
Northumbrian Mountaineering Club.....	139
Norwich Climbing & Mountaineering Club.....	45
Not So Trad - Southern Lesbian & Gay Climbers.....	88
NotThe MLC Mountaineering Club.....	20
Nuneaton Mountaineering Club.....	30
Ohjac Club.....	20
Open University Mountaineering Society.....	40
Oread Mountaineering Club.....	137
OutThere.....	34
OverThe Hill Club.....	107
Oxford Mountaineering Club.....	86
Oxford University Mountaineering Club.....	153
Oxford University Walking Club.....	97
Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association.....	32
Peak Climbing Club.....	64
Pembrokeshire Climbing Club.....	43
Peterborough Hospitals Walking Club.....	20

Peterborough Mountaineering Club	79
Phoenix Mountaineering Club	38
Pinnacle Club.....	156
Plumpton College Mountaineering Club.....	20
Polaris Mountaineering Club	50
Powers Mountaineering Club	40
Preston Mountaineering Club.....	67
Reading Mountaineering Club.....	67
Red Rope Walking & Climbing Club.....	256
Robinwood Mountaineering Club.....	20
Rock & Heather Club	23
Romsey Climbers	38
Royal Air Force Mountaineering Association.....	587
Royal Navy & Royal Marines Mountaineering Club	744
Royal Veterinary College Mountaineering Club.....	55
Rucksack Club.....	423
Rugby Mountaineering Club.....	56
Salford University Mountaineering Society.....	46
Saltley Hillwalking Group.....	20
Scunthorpe Mountaineering Club.....	20
Shrewsbury Mountaineering Club.....	118
Skyline Mountaineering Club	5
Slough Mountaineering Group	39
Solihull Mountaineering Club.....	57
South Cheshire Climbing Club	23
South Devon Mountaineering Club	163
South Wales Mountaineering Club.....	142
Southampton Rats Climbing Club.....	21
Southampton University Mountaineering Club...	100
Southern Trekking & Mountaineering Club.....	27
Southfields Mountain Sports Club.....	35
Sphinx Mountaineering Club.....	27
St Helens Mountaineering Club.....	54
Stoke Damerel Climbing Club.....	32
Sunderland Mountaineering Club.....	26
Super Drooper Mountaineering & Caving Club....	37
Surbiton & Kingston Mountaineering Club	60
Swindon Mountaineering Club	40
Taunton School Climbing Club	20
Team Solent Climbing.....	42
Thames Valley Climbing Club	29
The Barcap Climbing Club.....	20
The Chapel Mountaineering Club	35
The Fell and Rock Climbing Club	1,145
The Heights Climbing Club	20
The LMC Mountaineering Club	25
The Mill Climbing Club	20
The Mountain Club.....	56
The Outcasts.....	25
The Warminster Adventure Sports Club.....	27
Tuesday Climbing Club.....	39
Tunbridge Wells Mountaineering Club	44
Tyne Valley Mountaineers.....	22
UAL Climbing	36
Unemployed Climbers Club (Craggers)	26
University College London Union Mountaineering Club	20
University of Birmingham Mountaineering Club...	90
University of Bristol Explorers Club.....	80
University of Bristol Mountaineering Club	134

University of Derby Mountaineering Club.....	20
University of East Anglia Fell Club	20
University of Glamorgan Climbing & Mountaineering Club	20
University of Greenwich Climbing Society	34
University of London Graduate Mountaineering Club.....	167
University of Northampton Climbing Club	20
University of Nottingham Climbing Club.....	45
University of West England Climbing Club	100
University of Hertfordshire Mountaineering Club .	20
University of Manchester Hiking Club	147
University Sport Nottingham Mountaineering Club	42
UWFRA Outdoor Club.....	31
Vagabond Mountaineering Club.....	84
Vertigirls	30
Vibram Mountaineering Club	39
W.T.F.A.I. Club	20
Walking & Adventure Group (WAG)	25
Wanneys Climbing Club	48
Warwick Climbing Club.....	97
Warwick University Climbing Club.....	44
Wayfarers.....	202
Wellingborough Mountaineering Club.....	44
Wessex Mountaineering Club.....	160
West Bromwich Mountaineering Club.....	137
West Cumbria Mountaineering Club	43
West Lancashire County Scouts Mountaineering Group	20
Wirral Outdoor Education Association	33
Wok and Rice Club.....	20
Wolverhampton Mountaineering Club.....	94
Worcester Mountaineering Club	43
Wrekin Mountaineering Club.....	102
Yeovil Mountaineering Club.....	32
Yeti Club.....	20
York Alpine Club.....	51
York Mountaineering Club.....	60
York St John Climbing Club	35
Yorkshire Mountaineering Club.....	185
Yorkshire Ramblers Club	163
Yorkshire Walkers & Climbers Club.....	20
Yr Hafod Scout Mountaineering Fellowship.....	24

BMC Associate Members

Climbing Wall:

Arethusa Climbing Wall
Awesome Walls
Bourne End Junior Sports Club
Kirklees Active Leisure
Llangorse Multi Activity Centre
Redpoint Climbing Centre
The Ackers
The Castle Climbing Centre
The Warehouse
West View Climbing and Leisure Centre
Westway Sports Centre

Local Authority:

Wirksworth Leisure Centre

Mountain Rescue:

Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team
Lake District Mountain Rescue Association

Multi Activity Group:

Bicton College
Dynamic Adventures Ltd
Eldon Leisure Centre
LiveThe Adventure Ltd
Portsmouth Youth Activities Committee
The Bendrigg Trust

National Body:

British Association of Mountain Guides
Fire Service Sport & Athletics Association
Girlguiding UK
Scout Association
The Reach

Other:

Barclays Bank Rambling & Climbing Club
HF Holidays Limited
Swaledale Outdoor Club
The Gateway Academy

Outdoor Training/Expedition:

Calshot Activities Centre
Consett YMCA Ltd
Hagg Farm Outdoor Education Centre
ICICLE Mountaineering Ski & Adventure
Lake District Calvert Trust
Manor Adventure
Nantmor Mountain Centre Association
Northants Association of Youth Clubs
Outdoor Lads
Urdd Gobaith Cymru
YHA Edale

Trade:

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Buffera Ltd
D R International Climbing Walls Ltd
Entre-Prises (UK) Ltd
Lyon Equipment Ltd
Mountain Equipment
Rockworks
Warners Group Publications

Youth/School/Group:

Blue Coat School
Herts Young Mariners Base
Highgate School DofE Scheme
Millfield School
Oakham School
Simonside Outdoor Adventure
St Albans School
The College of St Mark & St John
Wolsingham School & Community College

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