

BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Mon 9 June 2014

FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

AREA: YORKSHIRE

1. **Location & Attendance:** Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley. 23 attendees.

2. **BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** Carey Davies

3. **New postholder(s) & situations vacant:**

New NC Rep – Deirdre Collier

Situations Vacant: Climbing Wall & Youth Outdoors Representatives

4. **Key issues discussed:**

Ruin Bank Woods – lots of routes, now overgrown, private land with public footpath running through beyond climbing area.

Guissecliff – suggestion re a clean up. Peregrines currently nesting on Buttresses 3 to 5 & issues re whether or not Buttress 6 is on private land.

Oxenber – Suggestion re clean up at Oxenber. The wood & the limestone pavement noted to be very sensitive site re plants. Enquirer & Limestone A & C rep (Dave Musgrove) to discuss.

Blue Scar Access – Noted that the situation hasn't changed, is unlikely to, & that the landowner requires anyone wishing to climb there to apply annually for permission.

Foredale Quarry – The National Park now believes that the farmer has recently acquired ownership of the quarry from the estate of former owners.

Feizor Nick – Notice now fixed to crag stating climbing prohibited at all times due to unstable rock face. Evidence of 2 minor rock falls at left of crag. Crag on Open Access land & notice has no legal standing. Ongoing problem.

Malham parking – climbers parking on Cove Road beyond village – as per UKC posting.

Hillwalking – Presentation by Carey Davies – Yorkshire's first presentation ☺ Interesting & well received!

BMC Area Structure – NC paper received too late to inform discussion so discussion based on expectations/requirements of Area Structure, on good points & on possible areas for improvement.

New venue – General approval! Only complaint was ratio of sandwiches to chips – too many chips!

5. **Bullet points for highlighting to the National Council:**

- **Area Structure expectations/requirements** - should facilitate timely 2 way communications between Areas & the BMC. Important to be able to discuss issues at Area & for reps to then be able to report back.

Good points - Communications - generally felt to have improved greatly but important to have as many lines of communication as possible.

Possible areas for improvement - Concern re timing of NC info – eg Area Structure paper – unable to discuss issues & questions in document as it wasn't received in time. Ongoing problem.