

Hill Walking Report for the BMC Yorkshire Area Meeting on 7th September 2015

1. Yorkshire Climbing and Hillwalking festival 2016 – this is to be discussed at the meeting. We need volunteers for a sub-committee to come up with some plans but will also need help during the weekend.
2. Hill walking rep role – for those of you new to BMC meetings, the Hill walking rep's role is:
 - To ensure hill walking appears on Area Meeting agendas regularly and to suggest ways the Area can develop its hill walking work (e.g. by identifying key local issues, suggesting debate topics, and inviting speakers)
 - Act as a focus for hill walking members in the area. Help hill walking-interested members with queries, concerns or requests for support to find the right BMC staff or volunteers who might be able to assist them.
 - To assist the Area in addressing hill walking-related access issues.
 - Communicate developments coming from the HWWG back to Areas and in turn relay opinions on priorities from Areas back to the HWWG.
 - Be on the look-out for opportunities to include hill walking in existing area events (get-togethers, mini-festivals, clean-ups etc) and, if feasible, suggest ideas and opportunities for new local hill walking events, helping where possible.
3. Area Hillwalking Meet – This took place on the 12th July. Four of us had a good walk up Ingleborough. I am happy to arrange another walk if there is interest.
4. I am a member of the HWWG (hill walking working group), which has been formed to put hillwalking more on the BMC agenda at national and area meetings. I have met recently with other hillwalking reps and Carey Davies the BMC hillwalking officer. The latest BMC initiatives on Hillwalking are:
 - More hillwalking content in Summit – see next edition
 - Reviewing BMC offer specifically for hill walkers
 - Videos on BMC TV – hillwalking skills with Chris Townsend and Great Walks in the lake district with TV presenter called Mary-Ann Ochota
 - Possible Partnership work with Trail Magazine
 - 'Mountain Magpie' campaign. This is the brainchild of a Lakeland-based guide called Matt le Voi who recently coined the idea of encouraging people to take photos of litter they've cleaned up and tag it [#mountainmagpie](#)
 - Looking at opportunities to assist BMC's [Access and Conservation Trust \(ACT\)](#) in their work repairing, restoring and regenerating of footpaths
 - Hill and Mountain Skills (HAMS) courses
 - Next meeting is 14th - anyone with thoughts on what national BMC should be doing for walkers can email me to bring up at the group.

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