

### **BMC South West Area Report 2017/18**

The past year has yet again been something of a turbulent one for the BMC and this has been reflected in the activities of our and other local areas. A great deal of volunteer time and efforts as well as local area meeting's time have been taken up with matters such as BMC articles saga, the MONC and the preliminary parts of the organisational review.

What then of your local area?

During the past year these activities and events have taken place in the South West Area:

- Re-equipping of sport climbing venues in Dorset and Devon is still on-going. Nick Baron has put in a huge amount of time and effort at Torbryan and is now beginning to get started at Anstey's Cove.
- New guidebooks have been published by the Climbers' Club for Cornwall's South Coast and the Lizard and also South Devon. These have been well received and provide a huge amount of up to date information for climbers visiting and operating in these areas. Guidebook launches for both provided opportunities for a coming together of local climbers for food, beer and lectures by pioneers.
- BMC Youth Climbing Series ran successfully with many young climbers involved.
- Rescue, sea-cliff safety and incidents have seen discussion, and work is ongoing. The new structure of the Coastguard may provide an opportunity to make this more successful.
- Sea Cliff Essentials films have been made and released on BMC TV as has accompanying article in Summit. These should provide clear information and ideas for climbers operating on any sea cliffs.
- Huge numbers of access and local issues have been tackled by access reps and other local volunteers.

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