

## **BMC North West Area News: May 2019**

Some recent news and information which may be of interest to BMC members in the North West.

### **ACCESS & CONSERVATION**

#### **Hoghton Quarry**

Hoghton is expected to open to climbers in late June after the Peregrines fledge; keep an eye on [BMC Regional Access Database](#)). When it does open, visiting climbers are asked to report any off-road motorbikes seen in the quarry to the BMC.

#### **Denham**

There has recently been a clean-up at the quarry, and the rockfall affecting the route *Narrow Slab* had been cleared up.

#### **Local litter pick – venue suggestions welcome**

Area volunteers are looking to arrange an event in support of the [BMC Hills 2 Oceans](#) campaign. If you have a suggestion for a location in the North West Area which would benefit from a plastics / litter pick, please contact Volunteer Area Hill Walking Rep [Steve Charles](#), so that we can discuss and decide on a venue at the June area meeting.

### **GUIDEBOOKS**

Les Ainsworth is producing a booklet documenting recent new routes and crags in Lancashire, which is expected to be available by late June. The booklet will also include first ascent information for Lancashire routes.

### **EVENTS**

WiltonFest, the popular annual event held in the Wilton Quarries will take place this year on Saturday 31 August. Activities will include masterclasses, a bouldering workshop, and an orienteering course for the little ones, not forgetting the barbecue. Exhibitors include Active Nation Chorley, Bolton Mountain Rescue, Boreal, Campcraft, Climbing Services Ltd, Climbers Against Cancer, Cockerel Books, Jane Jackson Sports Therapy, and the Woodland Trust.

North West hill walkers who are active in the Lakes may be interested in the work of the Friends of the Lake District - [www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk); and for those members active in Snowdonia, the Snowdonia Society's MAD (Make a Difference) Weekend takes place on the weekend of 13-15 September – [www.snowdonia-society.org.uk](http://www.snowdonia-society.org.uk)

**The next BMC North West Area Meeting will take place at Sedgley Park Rugby Club in Whitefield, north Manchester on Tuesday 4 June 2019, starting at 7.30pm (food from 7.00pm).**

**[See the BMC Local Areas site for details](#)**