

BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Mon 1 December 2014

FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

AREA: YORKSHIRE

- 1. Location & Attendance:** Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley. 40 attendees.
- 2. BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** Nick Colton & Deirdre Collier
- 3. New postholder(s) & situations vacant:**

Paul Redding elected as new Hill Walking representative.
All other postholders re-elected.

Situations Vacant: Climbing Wall & Youth Outdoors Representatives

- 4. Key issues discussed:**

Almscliff – Work ongoing to reinstate notice & incorporate mention re dog fouling & litter.

Caley – Local climber who is tree surgeon going to help with tree overgrowth- sometime in the New Year.
Re Himalayan Balsam, the Otley Chevin Forum is aware & willing to help with control. Noted that some York based climbers (including 2 more tree surgeons) would like to assist also with all this work. Also noted that at present only tools to be used are hand tools & not power tools.

Mick Johnson is going to try & set up a land management arrangement there & suggested that interested people should contact him.

The Roost – Contrary to earlier reports access is not banned but will be unless the correct access is used & everyone was asked to spread the word about this.

Yorkshire Gritstone Guide Volume 2 – Please see bullet points below.

Limestone Access – Not many new issues so little to report. Noted that the new Rockfax Northern Limestone Guide is due out soon which it is thought will increase climbing in the Area.

Youth. Had a good year in the Youth Category. Two new climbers made it to the British Team and our best finish in the Youth Climbing Series ever, with a second place finish overall.

Dry Tooling Competition at Leeds Wall. Approximately 20 competitors & only one round but felt to be a great success.

Clubs. Report from the Clubs Committee Meeting held on 20 November.

Use of pegs in British climbing. Please see bullet points below.

Meeting – please see bullet points below

Hill walking – Please see bullet points below.

Bullet points for highlighting to the National Council:

- **Yorkshire Gritstone Guide Volume 2.** Now available & offered at a discount along with Volume 1 to meeting attendees. It was noted that each volume had taken 2 years of work & Laurie Morse from Yorkshire Mountaineering Club thanked all involved in the production of the Guide.
- **Hill walking.** New rep elected who is keen to get involved, meet with hillwalkers & do some walks.
- **Use of pegs in British climbing.** Comments made as follows:-
 - That document should also suggest some actions but felt to be unworkable in view of the numbers of pegs.
 - Article in Summit re final guidance
 - Include information in guidebooks
 - Suggest to instructors that they pass on the information when they take out new climbers.
- **Meeting.** New attendance record of 40 people – great atmosphere & several favourable comments. We'd like to think it's enthusiasm for the AGM but Nick's presentation was of course the main attraction – very well received ☺